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SACRAMENTS AT ST. LUCY'S

Reconciliation: Saturdays at
4:00PM, or anytime by appointment

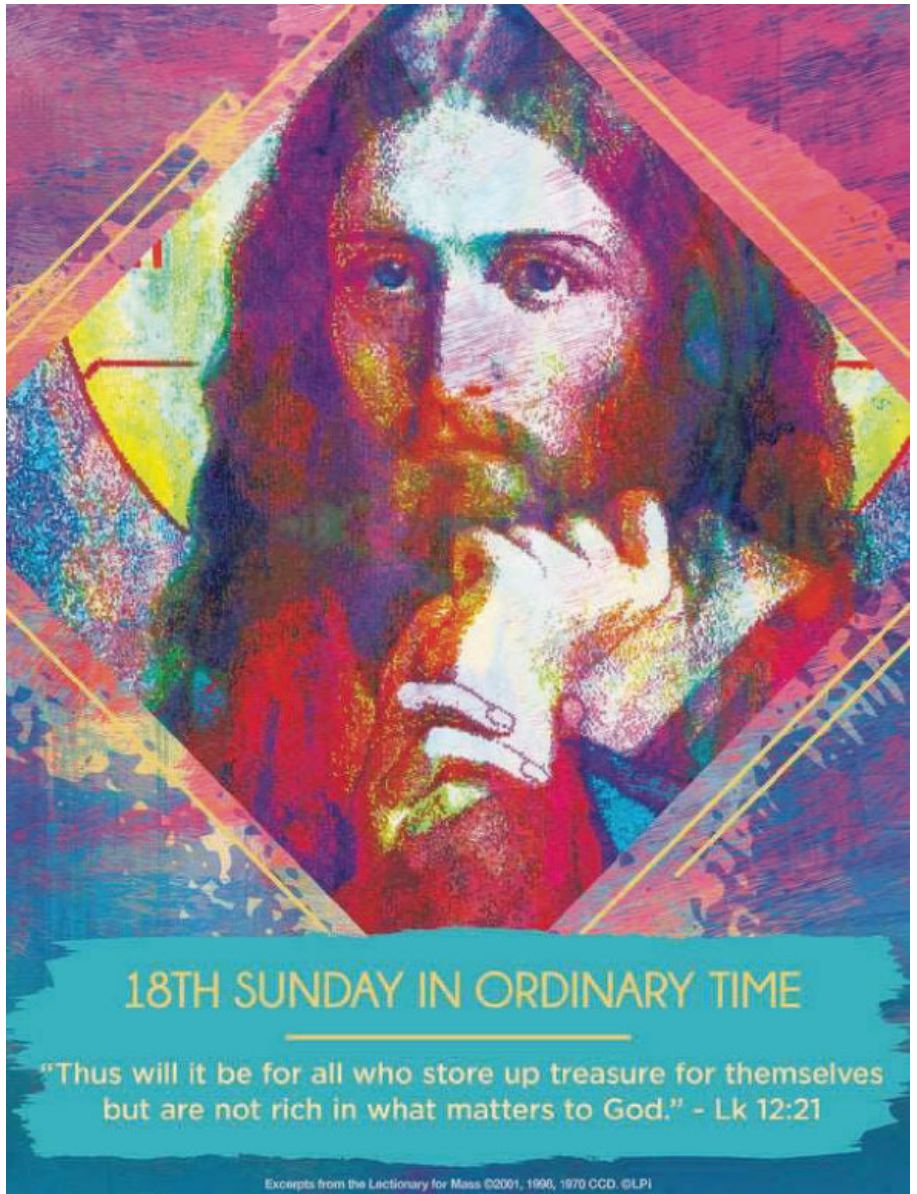
Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated
monthly but must be scheduled weeks
in advance. Active parishioners should contact your parish office to begin preparations.

Marriage: Diocesan requirements state that arrangements should begin at least 6 months to one year before desired date of marriage. Active parishioners should contact the parish office for more details.

Adult Confirmation: Preparation for RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation & Baptism for Adults, begins in October. Candidates are prepared for sacraments at Easter. Contact your parish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Chaplains are available at the local hospital during the day and in the evenings for emergency. Because of privacy issues you may have to ask to see the priest. However, if you know you are going, or know of someone who could use a visit today, please do not hesitate to call your parish priest.

Holy Orders: Is God calling you or someone you know to the priesthood? Look into the invitation by speaking with your parish priest or visit the diocesan vocations office website at www.catholicpriest.com



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MASS INTENTIONS are available. Call the office to have a Mass celebrated for your living intention or the repose of the soul of a deceased family member, or another specific intention. Mass intentions are published so the entire community may pray at the Lord's table during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since this is a public announcement, "special intentions" or "private intentions" are not appropriate to be published here but should be brought to Mass on your own. Likewise, we pray for all the departed at every Mass, so Mass intentions "for the souls in purgatory" is redundant.

Saturday, July 30: Vigil of the 18th Sunday O.T.

5:00pm Floyd and Mary Coleman

Sunday, July 31: The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Robert Proulx

10:30am Aurelio & Hilaria Villacorta (Anniversary of death)

Erlinda Loyola

7:00pm For the (living) people of the parish

Monday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00am For healing of the Church in Canada

**Tuesday, August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

9:00am Francis Squittieri (Month's Mind)

Wednesday, August 3: Weekday

9:00am In honor of St. Lucy

Thursday, August 4: St. John Vianney, Priest

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Friday, August 5: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

9:00am Benito "Benny" Evangelista

Saturday, August 6: Vigil, 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

5:00pm Gerry McClanahan (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, August 7: The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am George & Helen Leeber

10:30am

7:00pm For the (living) people of the parish

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

Tuesday, August 2

6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group (Church)

9:45am Helping Hearts (outreach to grieving)

Friday, August 5 (Church)

5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:00pm Benediction



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences - our all-ages Religious Education Program)

I was looking at one of my books entitled *Everyday Kindness* [365 Days to a Peaceful Life]. No sooner had I put it down, my thoughts went to today's gospel. In Luke we are told to guard against greed for though one may be rich, one's life doesn't consist of possessions.

The person in the gospel chose to tear down and build bigger barns to store up his fortune so to feel secure for a long time. When trying to decide what he should do with his great harvest of grain he totally could have answered, *I've more than I need, so I'll share my good fortune with someone who is struggling.* Or another response the person could have had was, *I'll give thanks to God, focusing on God's goodness and asking to be more trusting in God's love while sharing what I have with others.* The heartbreak in this story is that the man would die that night and his plans for a secure life would be folly.

Today's gospel offers us a wonderful opportunity to take stock of our lives and to re-align our perspective. What do I hold onto: material possessions, status, or success? Do I find it difficult to share what I have? From *Everyday Kindness* (© 2017 Bounty Books): *"Kindness doesn't have to involve a radical overhaul of your life. You don't need to sell all your worldly goods and go overseas to dedicate your life to a worthy cause, just the smallest acts of kindness that you can easily weave into your everyday life can make a real difference."*

Freedom and security are experienced when we humbly place our lives in God's care. Trusting in God's love for us can be a tremendously freeing experience and a source of all happiness. Waaaay back in the late 70's/early 80's was a much used phrase: let go & let God! May each one of us let go & let God!

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

REQUIRE ASSISTANCE AT COMMUNION TIME?

Are you physically challenged coming forward for Holy Communion at Mass? Perhaps you struggle walking yet make an effort just to get to Mass. Please let Father Codega know upon arrival and he or one of the assigned Ministers of Holy Communion will come to you. If you are able to sit in the front pews, or stand during this time, that would be a great help in locating you at Mass.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS:

The St. Vincent de Paul conference will meet Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend. We are seeking active and associate members to join our mission, to serve the poor in our community, as well as strengthening our members' spiritual lives. St. Lucy's conference will not meet on Tuesday, Aug. 9 as previously scheduled.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Your donations may be dropped in the SVDP box in the Narthex or mailed to the rectory. For more information please contact us at stlucysvdp@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC) NEWS:

St. Lucy's CAC is again seeking for your help with the annual collection of *Back to School Supplies for Child & Family Services*. We are requesting donations for middle and high school aged students.

Any type of school supplies are appreciated including sturdy backpacks, calculators, binders, notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, etc. Please place items in the bins marked school supplies. *If you would prefer making a monetary donation or provide a gift card, please mark the envelope "C & F School Supplies." Checks should be made payable to Child & Family Services. Thank you for your continued support; we truly appreciate it!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1,2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1,3;3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

DAILY MASS - 9:00 AM
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your life.**

HELP WANTED

St. Lucy parish has an immediate opening for a part-time **bookkeeper / business manager**. Flexible hours, school hours, nights or weekends OK. Knowledge of QuickBooks or other current software required. For more information contact Father Codega directly at PastorStLucyRI@gmail.com



CONSTRUCTION / PROJECT UPDATES

RECTORY WINDOW AND SIDING REPAIRS: The 6 rotting lower-level windows have been replaced. Fortunately there was no damage found at the sill or structure beyond the windows themselves. The work to replace the siding is scheduled to commence Friday August 5. Please feel free to walk around the rectory to see the extent of the damage before this work commences.

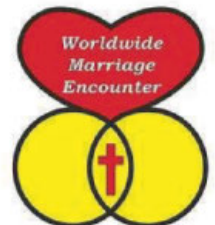
TWO FLAG POLES are slated to be installed the first week of August on the street-side of the church. The two flag poles will fly the American Flag and the Vatican City-State Flag. Details for memorial opportunities for the flags and poles will be available after their installation.

THE PARKING LOT is scheduled to be re-stripped in August. Just in time for the winter season.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

WWME is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe and Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org>.



July 31, 2022

CHURCH SUPPORT

The second envelope in next week's collection is for Peter's Pence.

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PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING:

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NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS?

Welcome. Glad you are with us. Please introduce yourself to Father after Mass.

Dear Fr. Codega:

We are interested in becoming parishioners at St. Lucy's.

Please send us information:

Name: _____

Street _____

Town: _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email: _____@_____

Drop this in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the parish office and we'll send you a welcome package.

“Are Eulogies permitted at Catholic Funeral Masses? Some priests say no, but other churches I have been to allow them. What does the official Church say?”

GLAD YOU ASKED

This is a question that often causes controversy. First, what I think is important is to educate what a Mass of Christian Burial is by first stating what it is not. It actually is not a memorial service for the deceased. The funeral mass, although they are offered for the deceased like all masses, is always about Jesus Christ, salvation and the Eucharist. It is the perfect prayer of our Church offered for the resurrection of the departed. As the perfect prayer of the church, nothing needs to be added or removed.

Although personal words about the deceased rightfully may and should be included in the homily, these words should always point to God's grace through Christ Jesus and the eternal life offered to the Baptism of the deceased.

Unfortunately many of the “eulogies” we have all heard speak of the deceased's hobbies and favorite sports teams but never mention Jesus Christ. They are sometimes theologically incorrect and often contradict church teachings about death, purgatory, and resurrection. People leave the mass remembering the jokes, stories and anecdotes, and forget they have just received the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Although these may be touching remarks, I hope you can see they don't really belong in the Liturgy.

So, the answer is, “no”. In 2003 the Church released the new “General Instruction for the Roman Missal” (the playbook for mass) the Church's position was stated pretty clearly, “At the Funeral Mass there should, as a rule, be a short homily, but never a eulogy of any kind.” An older document from 1989 entitled “Order of Christian Funerals” (OCF) also stated, “A brief homily based on the readings should always be given at the funeral liturgy, but never any kind of eulogy.” [OCF # 141]

So why the confusion if it's so clear? Prior to 1989 Eulogies at Catholic funeral masses may have been more common. Additionally, many protestant churches' memorial services commonly include several eulogies and like the unity candle at weddings these practices have made their way into Catholic Liturgies.

It's my role as pastor to those souls entrusted to my care to teach and preach only Church instructions to the best of my ability. I suggest to families that they may wish to offer a few words of remembrance at the vigil, the grave-side or at the cemetery chapel before the final commendation and committal of the deceased. These are the times when your closest family and friends, those who can best relate to the words are present

In short, please try to see the Wisdom of the Church's teaching before we judge the messenger.

Glad you asked,

Fr. Codega

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