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PARISH STAFF

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am-12:00 pm - 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays *8:00 am M-F
 5:15 pm M-Th
 Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 am. & 6:00 pm
 *Except for school Masses usually on Wednesdays and
 Fridays at 8:30 am.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS SCHEDULE

The night before 5:15 pm
 The day of *8:30 am & 7:00 pm
 *8:00 am if no school

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after morning Mass to 4:30 pm every first Friday. To sign-up, please contact Judy Krasnesky at 454-1634.

BAPTISM: By appointment. Parents anticipating the birth or baptism of their child are expected to attend a Baptismal class. Please visit our website at www.stlukeerie.org for a complete listing of dates, times and parish locations for the classes. Reservations are required.

MARRIAGE: Please contact one of the parish priests six months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Visit our website at www.slserie.org.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE: To act as sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation requires a Sponsor Certificate that can be given only to registered members of the parish who are baptized, confirmed, attend Mass, are at least 16 years of age, and receive the sacraments regularly. If the requesting person is married, the marriage must have taken place in conformity with the laws of the Church.

CARE OF THE SICK: Those confined to their homes by sickness or age may arrange to receive Holy Communion on a weekly or monthly basis by calling the parish office at 825-6920. Our priests and deacons visit all St. Luke parishioners once a week at Hamot and St. Vincent, and other hospitals as requested.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE entrances are located on the east and west sides of the church. Pews are available in the front aisle, middle section. An automatic door and restrooms are located on the east side.

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE: 10:00 am Monday in writing

THE SUNDAY SMILE:

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S DESK

"I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. I prayed to the Lord, my God, and confessed, 'Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, you who keep your covenant and show mercy toward those who love you and keep your commandments and your precepts! We have sinned, been wicked and done evil; we have rebelled and turned from your commandments and your laws. We have not obeyed your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, and all the people of the land.'" (from the Old Testament Book of Daniel, Ch. 9:3-6)

Did you know there are over forty passages in the Bible that associate ashes with mourning and grief? In the Old Testament, people used ashes as a sign of repentance. Often, as seen in the above example from the Book of Daniel, we read where people sit in ashes, roll around in ashes, sprinkle ashes upon their heads, and even mingle ashes with their food and drink (okay, that one is a bit much!). In all these examples, people did this as an outward sign of their inward need to show how badly they wanted to repent.

Due to COVID – 19 restrictions, we will refer to the ancient rite of sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head. It won't be as visible a sign as in previous years, but the meaning remains the same. Ashes has always served as a reminder of two flaws in our personhood – flawed humanity and flawed mortality. Flawed humanity because we are all prone to fall to temptation and sin. Let us be honest with ourselves, we don't always love God as strongly as we should, or maybe it's that we don't always act on that love as we saw in the above passage from Daniel, "*We have*

sinned, been wicked and done evil; we have rebelled and turned from your commandments and your laws." Flawed mortality as each of us has a certain amount of breaths and when they are up, they are up. Even the words of Ash Wednesday remind us of this: "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return."



Ash Wednesday is also one of two obligatory days of abstaining and fasting, Good Friday being the other. The practice of fasting and abstaining are also penitential in nature as both are meant to cause us to break away from our daily routine and realize *why we are abstaining from food we would typically eat and why we are eating only one complete meal and two smaller meals during the day (and nothing in-between).*

Ash Wednesday begins the amazing season of Lent, carved out each year in the church calendar, calling us to look more critically at spiritual areas in which we can grow closer to Jesus and areas of temptation we need to avoid.

Think about it, how fortunate we are to have a time set aside specifically for us to stop and assess how we are doing in our daily walk with Jesus. When we feel the ashes sprinkled upon our heads, we should see this as a sign of humility and the outward expression of our need to begin again.

A "sign" and an "action." I would say that pretty much sums up Ash Wednesday: the sign of ashes and the action of fasting and abstaining. And, I would say if we pay more attention throughout the Lenten Season to the "sign" and the "action" we not only would have a more spiritual experience, but we would no doubt emerge at Easter better people... Easter people!

Peace,
Fr. John

ST. LUKE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collections as of February 7, 2021

Monthly Electronic Contributions	\$4,675.00
Sunday 02/07/2021	\$9,254.00
Sunday 02/14/2021	\$
Sunday 02/21/2021	\$
Sunday 02/28/2021	\$
Total Monthly Collection to Date.....	\$13,929.00

Thank you to those who contribute to St. Luke Church and the special collections, including the Food Pantry, School, Flowers and the Diocesan special collections that help our neighbors both near and far.

DISPENSATION from the obligation to attend Sunday and holy day Masses remains in place. Do not feel as if you must come to Mass if you are not ready to attend public worship. If you stay home, **please continue to join us as we celebrate with Fr. John Sunday Mass each week on our parish website, www.stlukeerie.org; our parish Facebook at www.facebook.com/lukealive and our parish app. The Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook at 4:30 pm every Saturday and will be available throughout the week for your convenience.**

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2020 are available to you when you join Realm, the new church program implemented by the Diocese of Erie, and click on your Giving tab. You may also obtain one by calling the parish office at 814-825-6920. Statements are only emailed or mailed to those who request one.



THE 2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) will be held **next weekend, February 20 & 21**, in our parish. The CSA is an

opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to join together in doing the work of Christ. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church. The church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project of building and expanding the use of technology in our church space to maximize our ability to reach people and bring to them the Good News of Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS - The schedule for March through the end of May will begin soon. If you would like to be included, please let Brenda Pasko know by **today, February 14**. Her contact information is screener2@charter.net or 814-882-7850.



REALM - St Luke Church is moving to a new church record keeping solution called Realm. If the church has an email address on file for you then you should have received your invitation to join Realm. Please click the link that is provided in that email and follow all the steps to set up your own personal account. There are videos to assist you on the church website and the church app. If your invitation has expired, please call the church office 814-825-6920 to have a new invitation sent.

WEEKDAY MASSES, at 8:00 am or 8:30 am and 5:15 pm, are available throughout the months of February, March and April. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call or stop by the parish office. The stipend is \$10.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS will be available **this weekend, February 13 & 14**. If you have six minutes a day that you can devote to our Lord over Lent, then please take a complimentary Little Black Book.

ST. LUKE PARISH COUNCIL is a parish advisory board that meets on the first Monday of each month, except in July, at 6:30 pm for about one and half hours in the parish rectory or via Microsoft Teams during the pandemic. Members are asked to consider being a part of one of the committees on Parish Council which include: Parish Life and Education, Building and Ground, Environment, Service and Bereavement, Youth Ministry, Communication/Social Media and Faith Formation. If you are interested in being a part of Parish Council and/or would like to learn more about it, please contact Ann Carlin, president of Parish Council, at Ann.carlin@erieinsurance.com or 814-460-2783 by **Monday, February 15**. You can also drop the name and contact information of yourself or the person you would like to nominate in the collection basket at Mass.

FOOD PANTRY - Our Food Pantry is a combined effort with Our Lady of Mount Carmel and distributes in a larger area at OLMC, 1553 E. Grandview Blvd. Distribution dates will be the **second** and **fourth** Monday or Tuesday of every month. The next distribution dates are **Monday, February 22, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, or Tuesday, February 23, from 9:30 to 10:30 am.** Please note that the **times have changed.** Recipients will commit to either a Monday or Tuesday pick up day.

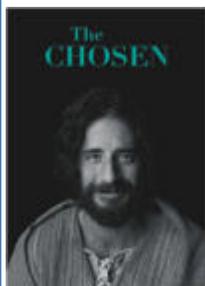
St. Luke Youth Group February Schedule

St. Luke Youth Group is open to any student in grades 5 through 8. We are very excited to welcome you all back and have come up with some guidelines in order to help keep everyone safe. Everyone is being asked to wear a mask as well as have their temperature taken to attend youth group in order to assure the health and wellbeing of everyone. Youth Group will look a little different as we will be rearranging the space in order to maintain social distancing. Additionally, all surfaces will be cleaned before and after youth group as a precaution. Finally, a hand sanitizer station will be set up for everyone to utilize. Please feel free to reach out to Abbie Harrington with any questions or concerns at aeh12@outlook.com.



February 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm will be themed around Love! It is Valentine's Day and in honor of this holiday we will be learning all about how to embrace God's love with J.O.Y. (Jesus, Others, You). We will talk about how to love God, others, and ourselves in our daily lives through prayer, games, and activities. There will also be plenty of Valentine's candy to enjoy!

February 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 pm will focus on preparing for the upcoming season of Lent. We will explore what the season is all about through activities, prayer, and games. We will also discuss what it means to give up or sacrifice something as a way to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.



February 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm will be our first viewing of the new TV show *The Chosen*. *The Chosen* tells the story of Jesus' life unlike ever before as we see Him through the eyes of his friends, family, and followers who came to know Him. We will be watching Episode One: I Have Called You By Name. There will be pizza, popcorn, and snacks to enjoy while we watch. After watching the episode, we will learn about what it means to become a disciple of Jesus through prayer, games, activities, and discussions. Please RSVP to Abbie Harrington by February 27th so I can ensure there is enough food for everyone to enjoy. ☐

OUR LENTEN SACRIFICE

Traditional Lenten practices of **prayer, fasting** and **almsgiving** and other forms of self-denial are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, & GOOD FRIDAY are days of **abstinence** from meat for those 14 years of age and older. **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (except solemnities) outside of Lent remain days of penance. The United States Bishops highly recommend the traditional abstinence from meat, together with fasting, for the cause of peace in the world. However, some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance may be substituted.

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have limited space. Please call for more information.

Pre-registration is required: www.ericatholic.org





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Nick Surkala 814-440-3695





Please pray for the soul of parishioner **Eva Schaaf** who passed away this past week. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

A MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION to the St. Luke Msgr. Goodill Education Fund was received, in loving memory of **Robert Potalivo**, from Barbara Prescott.



THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **Monday, February 15**, in honor of Presidents' Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 16.

ASH WEDNESDAY is **February 17**. Masses are at 8:30 am and 5:15 pm. There will be Distribution of Ashes at 7:00 pm; this is not a Mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every **Friday** during **Lent**

STATIONS of the CROSS beginning at **7:00 pm** in the church. There will also be a link on the church's website and app to watch at your convenience. If you would like the booklet to follow along with the Stations of the Cross on the website and app, please call the church office at 814-825-6920 or email churchoffice@slserie.org. You can stop in the church office to pick up the booklet or it can be mailed to you.

CONGRATULATIONS to these high school parishioners who achieved academic honors for the First Quarter at Cathedral Preparatory School and Villa Maria Academy: First Honors: **Michael Kuzma, Lauren Baloga, Kaitlyn Bruno, Amelia Kuzma, and Leah Markiewicz**. Second Honors: **Owen Callaghan, Eric Cox, Derek Galla, Luke Markiewicz, Joseph Spano, Alexander Vahey, Kasey Wagner, Caitlyn Dugan, Ella Fedor, Madelyn Hilling, Lilia Noonan, Tara Thomas, and Jenna Wagner**.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

4:30 †Stanley T. Widomski (Judy & Lori Krasnesky)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 †Robert Meister (Ann & Mike Carlin)

11:30 †Joan Kuhl (Dale & Karen Winarski)

6:00 Mass for the People

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 (Presidents' Day)

8:00 †Rose Marie Rydzewski (Michael E. Marchini)

5:15 †Buck Swahn (The Donajkowski Family)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 †(Birth) Keith Hedderick (Wife, Cathe)

5:15 †(Birth) Sally Infantino (Jerry & Family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 (Ash Wednesday)

8:30 In Thanksgiving of Prayers Answered

5:15 †Dolores Sznajder (Husband, Ed)

7:00 Distribution of Ashes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 Special Intention of Chuck & Sharon Bond (Jerry & Sue Verga)

5:15 Mass for the People

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 †Mary Louise Ackerman (Jerry & Sue Verga)

7:00 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:30 †(Anniv) Harriet Kaminski (Carole Petrungrar)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 (First Sunday of Lent)

9:00 Mass for the People

11:30 †John Maleski, Sr. (Judith & Michael Henry)

6:00 †Gene & Margaret Carmosino (Family)



The sanctuary candle is burning this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of James Berdis from the Zamiroski family.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

(You are RESPONSIBLE to find your own sub)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 Volunteer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:30 Elizabeth Northern

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 Morgan Tatar

11:30 Mykaela Seneca

6:00 Joseph Agnello



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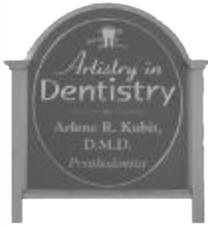
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