

ST. LUKE Catholic Church

Second Sunday
of Advent
December 10, 2023

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. • Wednesday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Friday - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m. - English

7:30 p.m. - Spanish

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. - English

12:00 Noon - Bilingual

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday

6:30 p.m. - Bilingual

Tuesday thru Friday

8:30 a.m. - English

Misa en Español

Jueves 7:00 p.m.

Sabado 7:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thurs. 9 a.m. until Fri. 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:10 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - English

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Bilingual

Wednesday

After 8:30 a.m. Mass

or by appointment

ANUNCIOS PERMANENTES

Platicas Pre-Bautismales

Para niños menores de 7 años. Cada 2^{do} y 4^{to} Sábado del mes a las 5pm en el Salón Social. Los padrinos tienen que ser mayores de 16 años y haber recibido los Sacramentos de: Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Más información se le dará en la clase o llamar al 615-459-9672 Ext.104

Grupo Mujeres de Fátima

Lunes a las 6:30pm

Grupo de Parejas

Martes a las 6:30 p.m.

Misa Mensual de Fieles Difuntos

4.º Jueves de cada mes a las 7 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística continua de 24 Hrs

Jueves a las 8:00 am hasta Viernes 8:00am

Renovación Carismática

Viernes a las 7:30pm

Ministerio de la Adoración Nocturna

3º Sábado del mes, de 9:30 p.m. a

7:00 a.m. del día Domingo.

Llama de Amor

Rosario - 2.º y 4.º Sábado del mes después de misa de 7:30 p.m.

Vigilia mensual - 1er Sábado del mes después de misa de 7:30 p.m.

Programa de Educación Religiosa

Miércoles, Sábados y Domingos



MASS INTENIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m. † Herb Commodore - by Catherine Skarbek
7:30 p.m. † Maria Guadalupe Ledezma - by José Gutierrez

Sunday, December 10

8:00 a.m. † Arman Villarosa
10:00 a.m. † Corazon Vergel De Dios (Sonnie) - by Ofeila Roberts
12:00 p.m. † Juan Canizales

Monday, December 11

7:00 p.m. † Jose Guadalupe Vazquez Ruiz

Tuesday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
6:00 p.m. Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, December 14

8:30 a.m. † Danny Fraley - by Martha Fraley
7:00 p.m. † Yolanda Mujica

Friday, December 15

8:30 a.m. † Bertha and Roy Cox - by Deb and Kevin Cox

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR PARISH NEEDS AND GENERAL OPERATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 26, 2023.

\$ 39,388.55 - Weekly Collection for Parish needs and general operations (includes online giving)

\$ 20,320.00 - Weekly Expenses for Parish needs and general operations

\$ 19,068.55 = Weekly surplus (deficit) for Parish

WEEKLY DESIGNATED DONATIONS:

\$ 938.00 Restricted Designated Donations (Includes online giving).

\$ 1,036.00 Last Resource Deposit (Includes online giving)

\$ 866.00 Food Pantry Deposit (includes online giving)

\$ 42,228.55 Total revenue collected (general operations & designated donations)

\$ 59,330.00 - Weekly Overall Goal for Parish (see formula below)

\$ (-17,101.45) = Overall weekly goal surplus (deficit) for Parish.

(Goal is based on 7.5% of average family income of \$47,000 x 875 families)

LET US PRAY

For the Health & Recovery of our Parish Family

IIIII Marge Hoffman, IIIII Aileen Such, III Belaa Meneses Sequero, III Ace Gonzalez



*Names remain on this list for 6 weeks. Please call the office at 615-459-9672 or e-mail the frontoffice@stluketn.org to add or remove someone on this list.

For Those on Active Duty in the Military

Benjamin Anderson, Cody Hopper, Charles Lane, Michael Leaver, Jeremy Minner, Manuel Pineda, Mike Plouff, Johnathan Stark, Dylan Williams, Matthew Moshea, Alek Nochowicz, Patrick Rissler, Jeff Hineman, Carl Templeton, Justin Laprise, Liam Smith, Caroline Simmons, Logan Garrett, Jeb Sloan, Tom Janssen, Eric House, Cole Liko



TOYS FOR TOTS

The U. S. Marine Corps will be collecting toys for "Toys for Tots" until December 20. Please consider purchasing a toy and dropping it off in one of the boxes that we have located in the Narthex. For more information you may to www.toysfortots.org. Thanks for your support.



Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.



New to the Parish? WELCOME!

To register as a parishioner of St. Luke Catholic Church, Please contact the church office 615-459-9672 or visit our website at : <https://www.saintlukesmynatn.com>

Liturgical Ministry

Anyone interested in being a part of the St. Luke Liturgical Ministry serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server, please contact Laura Nota by email: liturgy@stluketn.org.

To make a quick Online Donation just scan this QR code for Vanco, to the right, with your smart phone!



You may also make a donation by PayPal — just scan this QR code to your left, or log in to your PayPal account and search for stluke123@comcast.net



There will be a 2nd collection on the last weekend of every month for the Bishop's Annual Appeal / Legacy Campaign.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Please come join us in the Social Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Mass for coffee and donuts. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow parishioners. Donations appreciated to help cover the cost. **Thank you!**



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK DEC. 16 & 17, 2023

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Samuel Jones, Jacob and Josaphine Lucas
8:00 AM William, Joseph, and Joshua Krog
10:00 AM Hunter Adams, Hayden Garrett, Owen Garfield

Lectors

4:00 PM Stephanie Byars, Kris Wynn
8:00 AM Jennifer Krog, Don Tillett
10:00 AM Jerilyn Rost, Stephanie Nordhoff

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM J. & C. Jones, B. Stevens, K. Fischer, C. Pineda, S. Byars
8:00 AM Brackman, M. Mason, C. Gartung, S. McBride, K. Sytsma, D. Teaster
10:00 AM JR Gerald, Jr., B. Parrish, J. Rost, J. & C. Noyes, J. Lopez-Starr

Ushers / Greeters

4:00 PM Jonathan Jones, Jack Payne, James and Karen Perkins
8:00 AM Ken and Marian Jordan, Ken and Jean Mills
10:00 AM Rick Frani, Craig Rost, Fannie and Felino Rosario



Primera lectura

Is 40, 1-5. 9-11

"Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios. Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén y díganle a gritos que ya terminó el tiempo de su servidumbre y que ya ha satisfecho por sus iniquidades, porque ya ha recibido de manos del Señor castigo doble por todos sus pecados". Una voz clama: "Preparen el camino del Señor en el desierto, construyan en el paramo una calzada para nuestro Dios. Que todo valle se eleve, que todo monte y colina se rebajen; que lo torcido se enderece y lo escabroso se allane. Entonces se revelará la gloria del Señor y todos los hombres la verán". Así ha hablado la boca del Señor. Sube a lo alto del monte, mensajero de buenas nuevas para Sión; alza con fuerza la voz, tú que anuncias noticias alegres a Jerusalén. Alza la voz y no temas; anuncia a los ciudadanos de Judá: "Aquí está su Dios. Aquí llega el Señor, lleno de poder, el que con su brazo lo domina todo. El premio de su victoria lo acompaña y sus trofeos lo anteceden. Como pastor apacentará su rebaño; llevará en sus brazos a los corderitos recién nacidos y atenderá solícito a sus madres".

Segunda lectura

2 Pd 3, 8-14

Queridos hermanos: No olviden que para el Señor, un día es como mil años y mil años, como un día. No es que el Señor se tarde, como algunos suponen, en cumplir su promesa, sino que les tiene a ustedes mucha paciencia, pues no quiere que nadie perezca, sino que todos se arrepientan. El día del Señor llegará como los ladrones. Entonces los cielos desaparecerán con gran estrépito, los elementos serán destruidos por el fuego y perecerá la tierra con todo lo que hay en ella. Puesto que todo va a ser destruido, piensen con cuánta santidad y entrega deben vivir ustedes esperando y apresurando el advenimiento del día del Señor, cuando desaparecerán los cielos, consumidos por el fuego, y se derretirán los elementos. Pero nosotros confiamos en la promesa del Señor y esperamos un cielo nuevo y una tierra nueva, en que habite la justicia. Por lo tanto, queridos hermanos, apoyados en esta esperanza, pongan todo su empeño en que el Señor los halle en paz con él, sin mancha ni reproche.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio

Cfr Lc 3, 4.

6R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Preparen el camino del Señor, hagan rectos sus senderos, y todos los hombres verán al Salvador.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio

Mc 1, 1-8

Éste es el principio del Evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios. En el libro del profeta Isaías está escrito: *He aquí que yo envío a mi mensajero delante de ti, a preparar tu camino.*

Voz del que clama en el desierto: "Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos". En cumplimiento de esto, apareció en el desierto Juan el Bautista predicando un bautismo de arrepentimiento, para el perdón de los pecados. A él acudían de toda la comarca de Judea y muchos habitantes de Jerusalén; reconocían sus pecados y él los bautizaba en el Jordán. Juan usaba un vestido de pelo de camello, ceñido con un cinturón de cuero y se alimentaba de saltamontes y miel silvestre. Proclamaba: "Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo".

Salmo Responsorial

Sal 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14

R. (8) Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos al Salvador.

Escucharé las palabras del Señor, palabras de paz para su pueblo santo.

Está ya cerca nuestra salvación y la gloria del Señor habitará en la tierra.

R. Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos al Salvador.

La misericordia y la fidelidad se encontraron, la justicia y la paz se besaron, la fidelidad brotó en la tierra, y la justicia vino del cielo.

R. Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos al Salvador.

Cuando el Señor nos muestre su bondad, nuestra tierra producirá su fruto.

La justicia le abrirá camino al Señor e irá siguiendo sus pisadas.

R. Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos al Salvador.

PROFESIÓN DE FE

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible. Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo,

y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;

y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato; padeció y fue sepultado, y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas. Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo Bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro. **Amén**

PROGRAMA DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA



DIVISION DOMINGO

- No habrá clases el 24 de Dic, 31 de Dic y el 7 de Enero
- Las clases regresan el 14 de Enero, ¡Feliz Navidad!

DIVISION MIERCOLES:

- La Clase de Pre-Confirmación ahora es la nueva Clase de Confirmación 2024 (Con24).
- Las clases comienzan el Miércoles 17 de Enero, 2024 a las 6:30p.m.

FIESTA NAVIDEÑA DE SAN LUCAS PARA LOS NIÑOS

Patrocinado por los Caballeros de Colón Council 9168 ¡Invitamos a todos los niños menores de 12 años y sus familias a nuestra Fiesta Anual de Navidad!

DOMINGO 17 DE DICIEMBRE

DE 1:30 P.M. A 3 P.M.

SE SERVIRÁ UN PEQUEÑO LONCHE A LA 1:30 P.M.

Habrà actividades para los niños y un pequeño regalo de parte de Santa Clos y sus ayudantes los elfos. Favor de reservar para el 13 de Diciembre para tener una cantidad exacta. Mande un correo electronico a Lori Kendallat loriannemarie72@gmail.com o por texto 724-575-2301.



Celebrant: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

Celebrant: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Reading 1

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Reading 2

2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia

LK 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Responsorial Psalm

PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten son of God, born of the father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



SUNDAY DIVISION:

- * No classes on December 24, 31 and January 7.
 - * Classes return on January 14, 2024
- Merry CHRISTmas!!

WEDNESDAY DIVISION:

- * Pre-Confirmation Class is now the new Confirmation 2024 Class (Con 24) and Will begin Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

For more info. you can email Religious Ed. at: religioused@stluketn.org.

On Jordan's Bank

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin:
Make straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

Text: Jordanis oras praevia; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876



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Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

**Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord!**

Make straight the road,
raise the valleys, and mountains make low.
Turning from sin, let the broken be whole,
and ready the way of the Lord.

As we wait for you,
give us the strength to walk in your truth,
so we may love more like you
and ready the way for you, Lord.

Let us see your face;
in our hearts we prepare a place.
Come bring this world
your mercy and grace,
as we ready the way for you, Lord.

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Sanctus

**Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.**

**Hosáнна in excélsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini.**

Hosáнна in excélsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; miserére nobis. (Have mercy on us)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; miserére nobis. (Have mercy on us)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; dona nobis pacem. (Grant us peace)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is for any adult who is interested in becoming full participating members of the Catholic Church. Participants will go through the process of studying the gospel and nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with Catholic teaching and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church and receiving the sacraments of initiation; Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. **St. Luke extends an invitation to anyone who is interested in RCIA.** Meetings are held every Thursday evening, beginning in **October 19**, from **7 to 8 pm**, until Easter, 2024. For more information and to register, please contact Deacon Roger Huber at 615-605-6545 or email: rogerhuber258@msn.com.



Do This In Memory Of Me

I am the bread of life
All who believe in Me will have eternal life
I am the bread of life
Come down from heaven
So that all who eat this bread will never die

**Take the living bread of life; Take the cup of sacrifice
Do this in memory of Me
Take the body and the blood given freely out of love
Do this in memory of Me. Do this in memory of Me**

I am the bread of life
Whoever comes to Me will not hunger again
I am the bread of life
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draws them near to Him

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Remembrance (The Communion Song)

Matt Maher and Matt Redman

Oh, how could it be
That my God would welcome me into this mystery
Say take this bread take this wine
Now the simple made divine for any to receive

*By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful*

**Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
We remember You**

See His body, His blood
Know that He has overcome every trial we will face
None too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed,
all are welcome in this place!

**Dying you destroyed our Death!
Rising you restore our life!
Lord Jesus come in Glory!**

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City of God

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!**

Let us build the city of God...
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CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

The Women of Faith has a tradition of collecting donations "in memory of" or "in honor of" friends or family members. The donated money is used to purchase flowers to decorate our parish for Christmas. We will be accepting donations starting November 25th through December 17th.

Please follow the guidelines listed below:

****Envelopes will be available November 25th thru December 17th ****

- **PLACE** your donations in an envelope that is provided by the flower box in the NARTHEX
- **PRINT** your name & the names of those to be remembered on the outside of the envelope.
- **PUT** the envelope in the flower box.

THANK YOU!



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday Vigil, December 24

4:00 p.m. - Childrens (English)

6:00 p.m. - (English)

8:00 p.m. - (Bilingual)

Monday, December 25

9:00 a.m. - (English)

11:00 am - (Spanish)

There will be no 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass on Christmas Day

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)

Monday, January 1, 2024

6:30 p.m. - (Bilingual)

Catholic Gentlemen, do the following questions interest you?

- * How can I be a better man?
- * How can I get closer to God?
- * Do I want to form and strengthen my Faith and Virtue?

If you want to pursue the answers to these questions, email Tom Labrado at 9168cor@gmail.com.

LEGION OF MARY

Dec. 8th - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Dogma was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854.

Dec. 10th - Feast of Our Lady of Loreto was added to the liturgical calendar by Pope Francis on Oct 7th, 2019 which recalls the mystery of the Incarnation.

Dec. 12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Blessed Virgin Mary revealed herself to St. Juan Diego in the 16th century near Mexico City in Mexico.

Dec. 25th, Celebration of the Birth of Jesus, Christmas Day.

Dec. 31st, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Join us on Wednesday Mornings after 8:30 Mass. Adult Ed, Classroom B. **Visitors are welcome.** We also pray the rosary every weekday morning after the 8:30 am Mass.

Our Lady of Light, invites all to pray the rosary every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday at 7:30 a.m. before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We meet in the cry room.

SACRED HEART ENTHRONEMENT

The Legion of Mary offers an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue to be placed in your home for two weeks. Consecrating ourselves to the Sacred Heart is a personal and loving way to renew and live our baptismal vows. We acknowledge Jesus' sovereignty in our lives, pledging our love back to Him who has so graciously and sacrificially loved us. If you are interested, and for more information, please contact the front office at 615-459-9672.

The Knights of Columbus teamed up with The Food Pantry here at St. Luke to provide food for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Pictured in the back is Ken Dougherty and Mark Muenich. In front is Mary Lou Lien, Jen Anderson and Joey Albanese.



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

It's HAM TIME!! Its time for the St. Luke food pantry to start collecting hams for the Christmas holidays. We are beginning the process of signing up families to receive them. You may bring them to church when you come to Mass and put them in the freezer in the kitchen off the Social Hall. Please contact Theresa Stepanek at 615-653-1645 for any questions. Thank you for your donations.



St Luke Parish Children's Christmas Party

Sponsored by St Luke Knights of Columbus Council 9168. We invite all children 12 and under and their families to the Annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17th from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Lunch will be served at

1:30pm There will be activities for the kids and a special treat for each child delivered by Santa and his elves. We kindly ask you to RSVP by Wednesday, December 13th, so that we have enough gifts for every child attending. Please RSVP by email to Marshall and Lori Kendall at loriannemarie72@gmail.com or via text 724-575-2301. Please leave Children's first and last names and ages when responding.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY!

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Please join us for this opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season together. **All are Welcome!** Dinner will be catered by Massimo Esposito. You will have a choice of:

Chicken breast stuffed with prosciutto and mozzarella in a mushroom cognac sauce or
Spinach and ricotta manicotti.

When you RSVP, please tell me your dinner choice.

When: Saturday, December 16, 2023
after the 4 p.m. Mass

Where: Parish Hall

Cost: \$25.00 per person

If you plan to participate in the Dirty Santa game, please bring a wrapped present with a \$15.00 to \$25.00 value. This game is a lot of fun. Also, please feel free to bring a wrapped present for a Veteran.

Please RSVP by December 6 to Joey Albanese.

Email: jalbanese01@gmail.com

Phone: 704-493-8600



Please join us in prayer for these expectant mothers in our parish:

~ **Bridget MacAdams**
~ **Megan Steen**
~ **Michelle Blodgett**
~ **Ellen Crabtree**
~ **Ashely Cano**
~ **Mery Hanbury**



If you are expecting a baby we would love to pray for you! Please call Joanne Speer at 615-300-8656 or email her at: joanne.speer@comcast.net to be added to the expectant mothers prayer list.

ST. LUKE HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

St. Luke Homeschool Ministry is for homeschool families to meet the first Wednesday morning of every month from September to May with the goal of attending morning Mass, celebrating the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year, and participating in various clubs and activities. We use Kendra Tierney's Catholic All Year Compendium to guide our monthly events and celebrations. We also have separate clubs and peer-group activities to finish our morning together. Interested families do not have to be a member of St Luke's parish to attend and we have all ages including teens participating each month. Email htgpartyof8@gmail.com for more details.



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS/RELIGIOUS/SEMINARIANS

MONDAY: Fr. Joseph Patrick Edwige Carre
TUESDAY: Fr. Davis Chackaleckel, M.S.F.S.
WEDNESDAY: Fr. Peter Do Quang Chau
THURSDAY: Fr. Rick Childress
FRIDAY: Fr. Jacob Dio, M.S.F.S.
SATURDAY: Fr. Emmanuel Dirichukwu
SUNDAY: Seminarians of the Diocese



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December Knights of Columbus award winners:

Knight of the Month- Ricardo Lainez

This award is presented to a Knights of Columbus member who makes significant contributions to the parish, church and local community.

Family of the Month- The Marlon and Ana Rodriguez Family

This award is presented to a family who makes significant contributions to the parish, church and local community.

Parishioner of the Month - Margaret Guitard

This award is presented to a parishioner who makes significant contributions to the parish, church and local community.

Father Ryan Young Alumni & Senior Lunch (December 18), 11:30 a.m., 700 Norwood Dr., Nashville. Father Ryan invites current seniors and alumni from the classes of 2020-2023 back to campus. Wear your tackiest/festive attire and take part in the Christmas Cookie Decorating Contest. RSVP by Dec. 13: fatherryan.org/youngalumnilunch.

Application for Father Ryan High School is open for the 2024-2025 school year. With large numbers applying for this current school year, we encourage prospective families to apply as early as possible. Info: fatherryan.org/admissions/apply.

Save the Date - Father Ryan Legacy Gala 2024 - Join us on January 27, 2024, at the Music City Center as we honor David '66 and Linda Bohan for their work and service to Father Ryan and the entire Nashville community. Sponsorship opportunities are now available by going to: fatherryan.org/gala. Online tickets will be available in December.

World Marriage Day Wedding Anniversary Mass

WITH BISHOP SPALDING

All married couples are invited to celebrate your wedding anniversary in a special way this year at the World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Spalding at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. Anniversaries of any year are encouraged to attend (special recognition for milestone anniversaries of 25, 50, 60+ years). A reception will follow the Holy Mass. If you would like to attend, please RSVP with how many in your party will be attending to the Office of Marriage and Family Life online at nashvillefaithformation.com/mfl-events or call 615-540-1235.



Retrouvaille is a marriage recovery program for struggling couples who are considering separation or divorce.

It is Catholic in origin and orientation but is open to all married couples regardless of religious background. For confidential information about the program: 800-470-2230 or 615-523-0631 or

nrv3043@gmail.com or www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (INFANT - AGE 7)

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the celebration of this Sacrament. If this is your first child to be baptized, parents are encouraged to participate in a class before a date for the Baptism can be set.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15-3:50 pm (or following Saturday vigil Mass) and any time by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Diocese of Nashville requires a minimum four month preparation period. Contact the office for details.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request this Sacrament and for home or hospital visitation. Anyone anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to being admitted to the hospital.

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