

ST. LUKE Catholic Church

Third Sunday
of Advent
December 17, 2023

PARISH OFFICE: 615-459-9672

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



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MASS INTENIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 16

4:00 p.m. † JoAnn Bardet - *by Tom Kothe*
7:30 p.m. † Manuel Nunez

Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. † Gary Emory - *by The Emory Family*
10:00 a.m. † Peggy Barrett - *by The Lois Johns Family*
12:00 p.m. † Juan Carlos-Garcia - *by Beatriz Garcia*

Monday, December 18

6:30 p.m. Dolly Coffman (Birthday) - *by Ofelia Roberts*

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. † JoAnn Bardet - *by Legion of Mary*

Thursday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Italo Arbilido - *by St. Luke Women of Faith*
7:00 p.m. † Luis Miguel Angulo Maldonado - *by Maldonado Family*

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m. † Kristie Francis - *by Joann McCabe*

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR PARISH NEEDS AND GENERAL OPERATIONS FROM DECEMBER 3, 2023.

\$ 25,416.55 - Weekly Collection for Parish needs and general operations (*includes online giving*)

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

\$ 5,096.55 = Weekly surplus (deficit) for Parish

WEEKLY DESIGNATED DONATIONS:

\$ 1,602.00 Restricted Designated Donations (*Includes online giving*).

\$ 530.00 Last Resource Deposit (*Includes online giving*)

\$ 986.00 Food Pantry Deposit (*includes online giving*)

\$ 28,534.55 **Total revenue collected** (*general operations & designated donations*)

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

\$ (-30,795.45) = 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, IIII Belaa Meneses
Sequeiro, IIII Ace Gonzalez, I Richard Marcrum, I Fred Baggett
I Mike Baggett



*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



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.saintlukesmynratn.com>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2023

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Samuel Jones, Jacob, Lucas, and Nicholas Barnard
6:00 PM Lily and Graham Claytor, Mary Katherine & Jean Patrick Chapleau
9:00 AM **Robbie and Jack Mutter**

Lectors

4:00 PM Jerilyn Rost, Jennifer Krog
6:00 PM Katie Carney, Kris Wynn
9:00 AM **Connie Noyes, Lori Kendall**

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM M. Fell, J. & C. Jones, J. Banker, D. Francescon, (Needing 1 Sub)
6:00 PM M. & E. Dauerer, S. Gerba, (Needing 3 Subs)
9:00 AM **V. & C. Logsdon, C. & J. Noyes, B. Parrish, (Needing 1 Sub)**

Ushers / Greeters

4:00 PM Craig Rost, Joey Albanese, Jonathan Jones, (Needing 1 Sub)
6:00 PM (Needing 4 Subs)
9:00 AM **Jim Noyes, James and Karen Perkins, (Needing 1 Sub)**



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!**

There will be no coffee & donuts served on Christmas Day!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK DEC. 23 & 24, 2023

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Jimmy, Henry, and Christopher Forrest
8:00 AM Hadley Hollingsworth, Karleigh McCoy, Gabe Stanley
10:00 AM Dominic Opie, Matthew and Andrew Lewis

Lectors

4:00 PM Elizabeth Bohan, James Perkins
8:00 AM Cyndi Gartung, Ken Diesburg
10:00 AM Stephanie Nordhoff, Lori Kendall

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM J. Banker, C. Pineda, C. & V. Logsdon, D. & J. Spehn
8:00 AM A. Kornau, J. Speer, A. Stanley, Lt. Col. Brown, S. Gerba, M. Fell
10:00 AM C. Labrado, A. Parker, Macaspac, JR Gerald, Jr., Schultz, K. Sytsma

Ushers / Greeters

4:00 PM Joey Albanese, Mark Moshea, Dave Ristau, Karen Perkins
8:00 AM Johnny Gerald, Carlos Rivera, Gary and Donna Wisniewski
10:00 AM Adam Parker, Ezekiel Opie, Jim Noyes, JR Gerald, Jr.



Primera lectura

Is 61, 1-2. 10-11

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido y me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres, a curar a los de corazón quebrantado, a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos, la libertad a los prisioneros, y a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor. Me alegro en el Señor con toda el alma y me lleno de júbilo en mi Dios, porque me revistió con vestiduras de salvación y me cubrió con un manto de justicia, como el novio que se pone la corona, como la novia que se adorna con sus joyas. Así como la tierra echa sus brotes y el jardín hace germinar lo sembrado en él, así el Señor hará brotar la justicia y la alabanza ante todas las naciones.

Segunda lectura

1 Ts 5, 16-24

Hermanos: Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar, den gracias en toda ocasión, pues esto es lo que Dios quiere de ustedes en Cristo Jesús. No impidan la acción del Espíritu Santo, ni desprecien el don de profecía; pero sométanlo todo a prueba y quédense con lo bueno. Absténganse de toda clase de mal. Que el Dios de la paz los santifique a ustedes en todo y que todo su ser, espíritu, alma y cuerpo, se conserve irreprochable hasta la llegada de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. El que los ha llamado es fiel y cumplirá su promesa.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio

Is 61,1

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí. Me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio

Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28

Hubo un hombre enviado por Dios, que se llamaba Juan. Éste vino como testigo, para dar testimonio de la luz, para que todos creyeran por medio de él. Él no era la luz, sino testigo de la luz. Éste es el testimonio que dio Juan el Bautista, cuando los judíos enviaron desde Jerusalén a unos sacerdotes y levitas para preguntarle: “¿Quién eres tú?” Él reconoció y no negó quién era. Él afirmó: “Yo no soy el Mesías”. De nuevo le preguntaron: “¿Quién eres, pues? ¿Eres Elías?” Él les respondió: “No lo soy”. “¿Eres el profeta?” Respondió: “No”. Le dijeron: “Entonces dínos quién eres, para poder llevar una respuesta a los que nos enviaron. ¿Qué dices de ti mismo?” Juan les contestó: “Yo soy la voz que grita en el desierto: ‘Enderecen el camino del Señor’, como anunció el profeta Isaías”. Los enviados, que pertenecían a la secta de los fariseos, le preguntaron: “Entonces ¿por qué bautizas, si no eres el Mesías, ni Elías, ni el profeta?” Juan les respondió: “Yo bautizo con agua, pero en medio de ustedes hay uno, al que ustedes no conocen, alguien que viene detrás de mí, a quien yo no soy digno de desatarle las correas de sus sandalias”. Esto sucedió en Betania, en la otra orilla del Jordán, donde Juan bautizaba.

TOYS FOR TOTS

El Cuerpo de Marines de los EE. UU. estará aceptando donaciones de juguetes para "Toys and Tots" hasta el 20 de diciembre. Considere comprar un juguete y dejarlo en una de las cajas que hemos colocado en el Nártex. Para más información puede dirigirse a www.toysfortots.org. Gracias por su apoyo.



Misa de Aniversario de Bodas del Día Mundial del Matrimonio

Todos los matrimonios están invitados a celebrar su aniversario de bodas de una manera especial este año en la Misa del Día Mundial del Matrimonio con el Obispo Spalding en la Catedral de la Encarnación el domingo 4 de febrero de 2024 a las 2:30 p.m. Pueden asistir de aniversarios de cualquier año (reconocimiento especial para aniversarios importantes de 25, 50, 60+ años). Después de la Santa Misa habrá una recepción. Si desea asistir, confirme su asistencia indicando cuántos miembros de su grupo asistirán a la Oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar en línea en nashvillefaithformation.com/mfl-events



Salmo Responsorial

Lc 1, 46-48. 49-50. 53-54

R. (Is 61, 10b) Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador.

Mi alma glorifica al Señor
y mi espíritu se llena de júbilo en Dios, mi salvador,
porque puso los ojos en la humildad de su esclava.

R. Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador.

Desde ahora me llamarán dichosa todas las generaciones,
porque ha hecho en mí grandes cosas
el que todo lo puede.

Santo es su nombre y su misericordia llega,
de generación en generación, a los que lo temen.

R. Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador.

A los hambrientos los colmó de bienes
y a los ricos los despidió sin nada.

Acordándose de su misericordia,
vino en ayuda de Israel, su siervo.

R. Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi 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
- La 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.

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 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Reading 2

1 Thes 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Alleluia

Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

In today's readings Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist rejoice because they have Good News. God is with them and working through them. They are anointed, blessed, and sent to do God's will. On this Gaudete Sunday, we, too, find reason to rejoice. Let us rejoice in sharing the Good News of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. (Is 61:10b) My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

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.

Come, O long expected Jesus,

Come, O long expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Free us from captivity.

Israel's strength and consolation,
You, the hope of all the earth,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Come, and save us by your birth.

Born your people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now your gracious kingdom bring.

Text: Haggai 2:7; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

There Is a Longing

Anne Quigley

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts
for love we only find in you, our God.**

For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Lord save us, take pity,
light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.

Hosánna in excélsis.

Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.

Hosánna 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.



Kyrie

*Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy*

*Christe eleison
Christ have mercy*

*Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy*

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O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

**Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel**

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

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Spirit and Grace

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Spirit and grace, here in this meal;
you are the wind that breathes through the field.
Gather the wheat and form us in Christ.
Come, be our source and breath of life.

***In the bread, blessed, broken and shared,
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed
In this holy meal.***

Spirit and grace, here in this meal;
you are the life that flows through the vine.
Gather this drink and form us in Christ.
Come, be our source and blood of life.

Spirit and grace, here in this place;
you are the light that shines in this space.
Gather your people and form us in Christ.
Come, be the heartbeat of our lives.

Spirit of God, sending us forth;
we spread your wisdom throughout all the earth.
Gather the nations and form us in Christ.
Come, be the presence in our lives.

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We are planning to have a short prelude Kid's program on Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. This is for young kids up thru 3rd grade or so and after they are done they will be able to sit with their family. If you are interested, please email me at 4dk@comcast.net or call me at 615-556-0035. This is a great opportunity for the little ones to participate and get dressed up in their Christmas best.

If you have an older kid, or teenager, and they would like to be part of the Christmas Eve Youth Combined Choir, please contact me and I can get you the information you need

I try to make this as easy and simple as possible since no one needs anymore stress during this season! Looking forward to hearing from you and also to celebrating this beautiful season!

Deb Thomas Cox
Music Director St. Luke Catholic Church
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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!**

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!



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.

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.



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 Mass (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



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.

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.



DECEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

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.



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

~ **Bridget MacAdams**
~ **Megan Steen**
~ **Michelle Blodgett**
~ **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. J. Kevin Dowling
TUESDAY: Fr. Theophilus Ebulueme
WEDNESDAY: Fr. Patrick Fitzsimons
THURSDAY: Fr. Saied Foad
FRIDAY: Fr. Andrew Forsyth
SATURDAY: Fr. Eric Fowlkes
SUNDAY: Dominican Religious Sisters



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ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

The St. Luke Catholic Church and the Red Cross are having a Blood Drive at the St. Luke Catholic Church at 10682 Old Nashville Hwy. in Smyrna, TN, 37167. The meaningful drive for life will be held on January 23, 2024, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. It will be held in the Social Hall at the church. To sign up, please call Ginny Williams at 615-957-6509 or you may email her at ginnyyow@icloud.com.

Thank you for your help!



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/youngalumniulunch.

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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