

# ST. LUKE Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday  
of Advent  
December 24, 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<sup>do</sup> y 4<sup>to</sup> 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



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

### MASS INTENIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, December 23

4:00 p.m. † Alex Tomlinson - *Pat and Donna*  
7:30 p.m. † Elias Lójez

#### Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

8:00 a.m. † Frances "Fran" Gibson - *The St. Luke Sunday 8 am Chior*  
10:00 a.m. † Karen Miller  
12:00 p.m. People of the Parish  
4:00 p.m. For all the Children and Young Adults of St. Luke-English  
6:00 p.m. For all the Children and Young Adults of St. Luke-English  
8:00 p.m. For all the St. Luke Parishioners - *Bilingual*

#### Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. For all St. Luke Parishioners - *English*  
11:00 a.m. For World Peace and Joy - *Spanish*

#### Tuesday, December 26

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

#### Wednesday, December 27

8:30 a.m. † For all the Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

#### Thursday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Father Andrew Haissig - *by Megan Haissig*  
7:00 p.m. † Maria Sebastian Bartolome - *by Miguel Sebastian*

#### Friday, December 29

8:30 a.m. † For all the Holy Souls of Purgatory

### LET US PRAY

#### For the Health & Recovery of our Parish Family

IIIII Aileen Such, IIIII Belaa Meneses Sequeiro, IIIII Ace Gonzalez, II Richard Marcrum, II Fred Baggett, II Mike Baggett, I Francis & Marcile Miller

*\*Names remain on this list for 6 weeks. Please call the office at 615-459-9672 or e-mail the [frontoffice@stlukekn.org](mailto:frontoffice@stlukekn.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



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

*Revised*



#### Altar Servers

4:00 PM Samuel Jones, Jacob, Lucas, & Nicholas Barnard *OH HOLY NIGHT!*  
6:00 PM Lily & Graham Claytor, Mary Katherine & Jean Patrick Chapleau  
9:00 AM **Robbie & Jack Mutter, Dominic & Solomon Opie**

#### Lectors

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM M. Fell, J. & C. Jones, J. Banker, D. Francescon, C. Gartung  
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)**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR PARISH NEEDS AND GENERAL OPERATIONS FROM DECEMBER 10, 2023.

\$ 25,449.50 - Weekly Collection for Parish needs and general operations (*includes online giving*)

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

\$ 5,129.50 = Weekly surplus (deficit) for Parish

### WEEKLY DESIGNATED DONATIONS:

\$ 1,483.00 Restricted Designated Donations (*Includes online giving*).

\$ 461.00 Last Resource Deposit (*Includes online giving*)

\$ 792.00 Food Pantry Deposit (*includes online giving*)

\$ 28,185.50 **Total revenue collected** (*general operations & designated donations*)

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

**\$ (-31,144.50)** = Overall weekly goal surplus (deficit) for Parish.  
(*Goal is based on 7.5% of average family income of \$47,000 x 875 families*)

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*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 Dec. 24 & Jan. 1!**

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK DEC. 30 & 31, 2023

#### Altar Servers

4:00 PM Samuel Jones, Nicholas and Lucas Barnard  
8:00 AM William, Joseph, and Joshua Krog  
10:00 AM Hayden Garrett, Alex Duff, Fredrick Svestka

#### Lectors

4:00 PM Jennifer Banker, Pat McKown  
8:00 AM Cyndi Gartung, Zinnia Velez  
10:00 AM Emma Jackson, Nathan Opie

#### Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM R. Barrett, J. & C. Jones, L. & S. Johnson, K. Sytsma  
8:00 AM Ezzell, M. Guitard, Francescon, S. McBride, Brackman, Wisniewski  
10:00 AM J. Bowman, A. Mellette, J. Lopez-Starr, S. Nordhoff, J. & C. Noyes

#### Ushers / Greeters

4:00 PM Joey Albanese, Jonathan Jones, James and Karen Perkins  
8:00 AM Gary and Donna Wisniewski, Ken and Jean Mills  
10:00 AM Fannie and Felino Rosario, Vinnie DiCarlo, Rick Frani

**Primera lectura**

**2 Sam 7, 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16**

Tan pronto como el rey David se instaló en su palacio y el Señor le concedió descansar de todos los enemigos que lo rodeaban, el rey dijo al profeta Natán: "¿Te has dado cuenta de que yo vivo en una mansión de cedro, mientras el arca de Dios sigue alojada en una tienda de campaña?" Natán le respondió: "Anda y haz todo lo que te dicte el corazón, porque el Señor está contigo". Aquella misma noche habló el Señor a Natán y le dijo: "Ve y dile a mi siervo David que el Señor le manda decir esto: '¿Piensas que vas a ser tú el que me construya una casa, para que yo habite en ella? Yo te saqué de los apriscos y de andar tras las ovejas, para que fueras el jefe de mi pueblo, Israel. Yo estaré contigo en todo lo que emprendas, acabaré con tus enemigos y te haré tan famoso como los hombres más famosos de la tierra. Le asignaré un lugar a mi pueblo, Israel; lo plantaré allí para que habite en su propia tierra. Vivirá tranquilo y sus enemigos ya no lo oprimirán más, como lo han venido haciendo desde los tiempos en que establecí jueces para gobernar a mi pueblo, Israel. Y a ti, David, te haré descansar de todos tus enemigos. Además, yo, el Señor, te hago saber que te daré una dinastía; y cuando tus días se hayan cumplido y descanses para siempre con tus padres, engrandeceré a tu hijo, sangre de tu sangre, y consolidaré su reino. Yo seré para él un padre y él será para mí un hijo. Tu casa y tu reino permanecerán para siempre ante mí, y tu trono será estable eternamente'".

**Segunda Lectura**

**Rom 16, 25-27**

Hermanos: A aquel que puede darles fuerzas para cumplir el Evangelio que yo he proclamado, predicando a Cristo, conforme a la revelación del misterio, mantenido en secreto durante siglos, y que ahora, en cumplimiento del designio eterno de Dios, ha quedado manifestado por las Sagradas Escrituras, para atraer a todas las naciones a la obediencia de la fe, al Dios único, infinitamente sabio, demosle gloria, por Jesucristo, para siempre. Amén.

**Aclamación antes del Evangelio**

**Lc 1, 38**

**R. Aleluya, aleluya.**

Yo soy la esclava del Señor; que se cumpla en mí lo que me has dicho.

**R. Aleluya.**

**Evangelio**

**Lc 1, 26-38**

En aquel tiempo, el ángel Gabriel fue enviado por Dios a una ciudad de Galilea, llamada Nazaret, a una virgen desposada con un varón de la estirpe de David, llamado José. La virgen se llamaba María. Entró el ángel a donde ella estaba y le dijo: "¡Alégrate, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo". Al oír estas palabras, ella se preocupó mucho y se preguntaba qué querría decir semejante saludo. El ángel le dijo: "No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia ante Dios. Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús. Él será grande y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo; el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David, su padre, y él reinará sobre la casa de Jacob por los siglos y su reinado no tendrá fin". María le dijo entonces al ángel: "¿Cómo podrá ser esto, puesto que yo permanezco virgen?" El ángel le contestó: "El Espíritu Santo descenderá sobre ti y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra. Por eso, el Santo, que va a nacer de ti, será llamado Hijo de Dios. Ahí tienes a tu parienta Isabel, que a pesar de su vejez, ha concebido un hijo y ya va en el sexto mes la que llamaban estéril, porque no hay nada imposible para Dios". María contestó: "Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho". Y el ángel se retiró de su presencia.

**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](https://nashvillefaithformation.com/mfl-events)



**Salmo Responsorial**

**Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29**

**R. (cf. 2a) Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.**

Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor y daré a conocer que su fidelidad es eterna, pues el Señor ha dicho: "Mi amor es para siempre y mi lealtad, más firme que los cielos."

**R. Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.**

Un juramento hice a David, mi servidor, una alianza pacté con mi elegido: 'Consolidaré tu dinastía para siempre y afianzaré tu trono eternamente'.

**R. Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.**

Él me podrá decir: 'Tú eres mi padre, el Dios que me protege y que me salva'. Yo jamás le retiraré mi amor, ni violaré el juramento que le hice".

**R. Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.**

**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.



**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**

**2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' 'It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'"

**Reading 2**

**Rom 16:25-27**

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia**

**Lk 1:38**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Lk 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 'Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' But Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?' And the angel said to her in reply, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.' Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29**

**R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations."

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.'

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm."

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**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](mailto:religioused@stluketn.org).

## Emmanuel

Steve Angrisano

**Come come Emmanuel  
Son of God appear  
Heaven and earth rejoice  
Salvation is drawing near  
Salvation is drawing near**

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

O come O Wisdom from on high  
Who ordered all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go

John Mason Neale, Steve Angrisano

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## Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Carey Landry

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women  
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of death. Amen.

**Gentle woman, quiet light,  
Morning star, so strong and bright,  
Gentle Mother, Peaceful Dove,  
Teach us wisdom; teach us love.**

You were chosen by the Father;  
You were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women  
and for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women,  
Blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

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## Sanctus

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

**Hosánná in excélsis.**

**Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini.**

**Hosánná 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.*

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## 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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## The King of Glory

**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.**

Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and brother;  
In all of Galilee was never another.

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Music: Trad. Israeli folk song.

## Servant Song

Donna Marie McGargill, OSM

What do you want of me, Lord?  
Where do you want me to serve you?  
Where can I sing your praises?  
I am your song.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I hear you call my name, Lord,  
and I am moved within me.  
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self.  
Sing your songs in me.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

Above, below and around me,  
before, behind and all through me,  
your Spirit burns deep within me.  
Fire my life with your love.  
Jesus, Jesus, be the warmth of my heart.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

You are the light in my darkness.  
You are my strength when I'm weary.  
You give me sight when I'm blinded.  
Come, see for me.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are my Light.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I am your song and servant,  
singing your praise like Mary.  
Surrendered to your Spirit,  
"Let it be done to me."  
Jesus, Jesus, "Let it be done to me."  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

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Its not too late! We are planning to have a short prelude Kid's program on Christmas Eve at 4pm. 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](mailto: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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[4dk@comcast.net](mailto:4dk@comcast.net)

## 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

6:30 p.m. - (Bilingual)



WISHING YOU AN ABUNDANTLY  
BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON!

The office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays from Friday, December 22 through Monday, January 1. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024!

### 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](mailto:9168cor@gmail.com).

## LEGION OF MARY

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**, Celebration of the Birth of Jesus, Christmas Day.

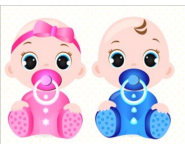
**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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.



### Congratulations

To Megan and David Steen on their new twin babies,  
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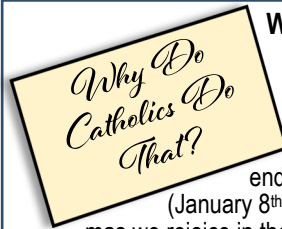
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## ST. LUKE CTHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

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 [ginnyow@icloud.com](mailto:ginnyow@icloud.com).

*Thank you for your help!*



## Why do Catholics celebrate Christmas after December 25?

The Catholic Christmas is not just one day but an entire liturgical season. It begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 8<sup>th</sup> this year). During the celebration of Christmas we rejoice in the realization of God's plan for our salvation. God became man to save us. Thus, the Church makes sure we have enough time — almost a month — to fully celebrate such a joyful, hope-filled, destiny-altering event.

## 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](mailto:rogerhuber258@msn.com).



## 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.



### Congratulations

To Ellen and Michael Crabtree on their new baby girl, **Alice Joan Crabtree**, born December 8, 2023  
6lbs 7oz.



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

~ **Bridget MacAdams**  
~ **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](mailto: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](mailto:htgpartyof8@gmail.com) for more details.



### Willie Brown '65 Memorial Basketball Tournament,

**Dec. 28 - 30:** Honoring the courage of Father Ryan's own Willie Brown, the first Black athlete to play in the TSSAA. Individual game tickets are available to purchase as well as Winter Sports Passes which give access to the tournament and rest of the home games. All games will be in the Catignani-Drennan Fieldhouse-Leo Long Gymnasium on campus. For tickets, please go to [fatherryan.org/athletics/tickets](http://fatherryan.org/athletics/tickets)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:nrv3043@gmail.com) or

[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

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**TUESDAY:** Fr. Juan Carlos Garcia-Mendoza  
**WEDNESDAY:** Msgr. Stephen Gideon  
**THURSDAY:** Fr. Austin Gilstrap  
**FRIDAY:** Fr. Alejandro Godinez  
**SATURDAY:** Fr. Philip Halladay  
**SUNDAY:** Mercy Religious Sisters



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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

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