SAINT LUKE PARISH
“THE COUNTRY PARISH IN THE HEART OF DUPAGE”
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All Masses are celebrated at St. Luke Church, 401 Cochise Ct.

SIGN UP FOR MASSES AT HTTP://STLUKEMASSES.EVENTBRITE.COM
SATURDAY EVENING MASS: 5:00pm
SUNDAY MASSES: 8:00 & 10:00am
HOLY DAY MASSES: As announced in bulletin
WEEKDAY MASS: Are in the Church at the times announced

BAPTISMS: Parents are expected to be practicing Catholics, and registered in the parish. Baptisms are celebrated at the times scheduled.

MARRIAGE: Marriages should be arranged at least 6 months in advance. If either party is under 19 years of age, Diocesan policy requires special instruction and a date cannot be given until the instructions have been completed and the Chancery Office has granted permission. CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE FIRST. Hall and other social arrangements are to be made after the Church date has been set. Weddings are not performed on Sundays.

FUNERALS: Arrangements for a funeral must be made with the Parish office by the Funeral Director before publication of notice in the newspaper and the time or date is set for the Funeral.

SICK CALLS: Call the Parish Office at any time. If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass or the Sacraments because of illness or advanced age, please let Father know. Family members may request to take communion to other members confined at home.

HOSPITAL CALLS: If you or one of your Catholic neighbors is entering the hospital, please let us know. Time and distance permitting we will do our best to visit you.

SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: Confession is available at any time upon request, and at times announced in the bulletin.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Our heart is big enough for all. Our parish accepts those who wish to be enriched with the Good News of Jesus. Go where you are fed. If you wish to have your spirit fed at St. Luke we ask that you commit yourself to our community. We invite you to try us and join us if you are willing to commit to sharing your journey of Faith with us. Please introduce yourself to Father and call the parish office to register.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH: For questions and instructions in the faith or to become a part of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), please call the Religious Education Office at 630/665-2322.

ST. LUKE’S MEMORIAL FUND: Bequests or special donations to our Parish Memorial Fund may be made by contacting the Parish Center.

We are a parish committed to Stewardship. This means that every parishioner with an income is invited to use a Sunday envelope, since we expect to meet our needs from our Parish Collection at the Offertory of the Mass. Your time and talent is also a very important part of belonging to your parish.
perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to “care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible” (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, “the Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel” (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the “least of these” in our world’s estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II’s prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church’s teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially, Pat Angelo, Angela Alzino, Karen Belmonte, Sue Culbert, Tessa Dante, Disabled Vets, Angel Faulkner, Nancy Gullickson, Susan Hendron, Steve Hogan, Tiffany Jacobelli, Joel Munro, Abby Peck, Terry Rosch, Tony Santiemmo, Laura Lee Tegtman, Jeannette Zahn and for those on the front line and those affected by the Coronavirus.

Please remember our beloved dead, especially Adele Coplen—mother of Emily Hildenbrand and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.

November 14, 2021

WEEKLY REQUIRED SUNDAY SUPPORT = $3,538.46

REGULAR SUNDAY ENVELOPES = $3,748.00

PARISH PROJECTS FUND = $ 305.00

 STEWARDSHIP = $ 4,375.00

ALL SAINTS = $ 50.00

ALL SOULS = $ 175.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS = $ 330.00

INITIAL OFFERING = $ 30.00

ONLINE DONATIONS SUNDAY = $ 300.00

Thank you so much for your ongoing generous financial support of St. Luke Parish! Every amount contributed helps, so we respectfully ask that you continue to regularly use your church support envelopes. It is your generosity that allows us to do what we do. Please give as your financial needs allow.
Fr. Mike shares the wisdom of the saints. A quote from St. Faustina Kowalska:

“For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray—that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy.”

ST. LUKE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Family of St. Luke Parish, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in our Lives and Sacraments. We were chosen and sent by Christ to live gratefully the life God has given us and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the Spirit of Faith, Service and Community, we bring people closer to God and each other.

WHAT IS THE ST. LUKE CIRCLE OF PRAYER

The Circle of Prayer is a list of names given to the office for people that need our prayers daily.

Who does the praying? It is a group of people who pray for others in need of prayer. Any member of our parish can be in the Circle of Prayer. It is a simple ministry, but one that is so very important. They pray for people on a list that is mailed to them. The office will update them on names that need to be added or deleted. This is done by a phone calling tree or email.

We can always use more people to pray. You pray at any time of day or night that best suits your circumstances. Prayer is accomplished in many different and unique ways. You might have special prayers that are your favorite. Just being silent and aware of the presence of God while sitting outside or walking is a form of prayer. Remembering those in need of prayer as you go about your daily routine is a form of prayer.

So please, consider being one who prays for others everyday and know what a blessing you are to them...and to your parish.

Call the office at 630/668-1325 and ask for Debbie or Mary Lou or email stlgof@aol.com or stloff@aol.com.
WHAT IS A MASS INTENTION?

A person may ask for a Mass Intention for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, the most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

If you would like to request a Mass for someone, we request at least a week notice. We understand the importance of having a Mass said and want to make sure we do right by everyone. The Mass stipend is $10.00.

If you want to make sure it appears in the bulletin, we need at least 2 weeks.

You can call the office at 630/668-1325 Monday thru Thursday between 9:00-4:00 or Friday between 9:00-12:00 to request a Mass.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.
CCW TOY DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

Each Christmas season, the Village of Carol Stream supports families in need with the Sharing program. For over 40 years, the Village has offered toys for young children and all the groceries needed for a Holiday meal to a few hundred families in our own neighborhoods. St. Luke Parish and our CCW has proudly supplied many of the wrapped toys over the last 20 years. Before COVID hit, families enjoyed a holiday party in early December held at a Carol Stream business. Santa came and each child had the chance to say hello. Kids left with at least one wrapped gift to take home. Last year and again in 2021, The Village social worker Kathleen McNamara is hosting a socially distant special event. Toys are needed for distribution to the registered families. They cannot be wrapped. St. Luke Parish is collecting toys for ages 0-12 during November. Gifts for girls between the ages of 10-12 are needed the most. Please bring a gift to Mass this month. Place new toys in the CCW Drop Box in the hallway. We look forward to helping all our local kids receive a tangible spirit of Santa! The toy drive ends on November 28th. No clothing or stuffed toys, please.

Thank you for making a difference with your donation!

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Entrance exam for current 8th Graders, Saturday, December 4th at 8:00am.

Scholarship eligibility and priority admission consideration given to those who test at SFHS.

Register at https://www.sfhscollegeprep.org/admissions/apply-exam-registration

Any questions? Please contact Director of Admissions Maureen Isphording at misphording@sfhscollegeprep.org or call 630/668-5800 ext. 1120.

St. Francis High School is a college-preparatory, co-educational Catholic high school located in Wheaton, Illinois and is celebrating more than 60 years of promoting spiritual, academic, physical and social development in students.

THE CHOSEN

Explore the life of Jesus Christ through the perspective of those that interacted with him. Join us to watch “The Chosen” on Wednesdays December 1, 8, & 15 at 7:00pm in Jericho. We will have time to view episodes and discuss. Please bring your own beverage and snacks.

COME TO SANTA’S WORKSHOP

HO! HO! HO!

Wanted—children of all ages—Santa is looking for you! Please come visit me on December 5th at Noon in Jericho and tell me what you want for Christmas. A special surprise is waiting for you. Enjoy delicious homemade cookies and do a fun Christmas craft.

Sponsored by St. Luke Boosters
MEMORIAL GARDEN COMING TO ST. LUKE

We would like to build a Memorial Garden on our property to honor those who we have lost.

What we need is a committee to help plan on how it will look, what kind we want and how to spread the word.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for this special project.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORPUS CHRISTI COUNCIL #10958

Dear Men of St Luke Catholic Church:

If we missed the opportunity to speak with you and your family after Mass last weekend during the Membership Drive weekend, we would love the opportunity to hear from you and discuss the CORE values and principles and benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus. One can join at any point during the year.

Being a member in the Knights of Columbus is a natural step for Catholic Men throughout the world. Our acts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and full support of the Catholic Church and defense of our Faith and Family and Catholic Values is evident in everything we do.

Key Officer Contact information:

⇒ Grand Knight – Mark Jatczak / 630-263-8377 / kofcmark@gmail.com
⇒ Deputy Grand Knight – Dan Therriault / 773-858-8149 / dtherriault@bulley.com
⇒ Membership Director – Brent Smith / 630-532-3760 / brent360smith@gmail.com
⇒ Financial Secretary – Karl Pasker / 630-310-0846 / kfpasker@comcast.net

LAST BULLETIN

This will be our last bulletin printed by J.S. Paluch, our bulletin company. They dropped us because of the lack of advertisers they are able to get.

They said they will still be able to send our bulletin via email to those who are receiving it already that way. So if you are not back yet, you should still get it. If not, please let us know.

The next bulletin will be the first that we will start printing in our office. It will be smaller, one 8 1/2 x 14, double sided. Wish us luck!
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Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!