

SAINT LUKE AND SAINT BERNARDINE PARISH

October 17, 2021, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST LUKE SCHOOL:
100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

This is a very special year for our parish as it marks the 100th anniversary of St. Luke School. The anniversary of the school, which is an essential part of our parish, gives us all cause for great joy and pride. For 100 years the school has provided an education

that is excellent and empowers students to reach their full potential spiritually, intellectually, socially, and morally.

The mission of the St. Luke School is to be *“committed to nurturing the spirit and engaging the intellect of each child. Prepare students with the strong foundation of rigorous academics and a vibrant school community rooted in the shared values of faith, excellence, service, responsibility, and love.”* Empowered by the dedication and support of the administration, faculty, parents, and the assistance of many benefactors who value Catholic education, our school has continued this mission and sets an example as a regional Catholic school not only here in River Forest, but also in the surrounding villages. It is noteworthy that our students come from 26 zip codes. Also of great pride to us all is that our school has been designated a “National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence” by the United States Department of Education twice in recent years.

The 100th anniversary is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the continuous blessings He has bestowed on our school throughout the millennium. This blessing has allowed our school to successfully fulfill its mission in good years and challenging ones.

Dedicated on October 9, 1921 by Archbishop George Mundelein and staffed for many years by Dominican Sisters, the school is now led by lay administration, staff, and faculty. These people of faith are committing their talents and, in fact, their lives to our students. Their dedication during the

time of this pandemic has been remarkable. As an effect of their hard work, we can be proud of the increase in enrollment by more than 10%. Moreover, Fr. Ed Fialkowski and I are taking pastoral care of our students. We preside over school Masses weekly and teach our students in their classrooms.

This Saturday, October 16, at 5:00 pm, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated to honor the school. The presider at this liturgy will be the new bishop of Vicariate IV, Bishop Kevin Birmingham. Being grateful for the school’s rich history, we will ask God for abundant blessings for our students, teachers, faculty, and for all of our school families for many years to come. I am truly saddened that I am unable to be with you in person, however, please trust that I will be united with you in prayer.

Two weeks ago at Holy Name Cathedral, the Christifideles Award ceremony took place, and our own Mr. Francis Carr was awarded this special honor. Francis (Fran) Carr is one of the leaders of the St. Bernardine Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, where he serves as secretary and volunteer coordinator. Sharing his energy, ideas, and drive to serve the parish and the hungry, Fran works many hours each week to acquire non-perishable items for the food pantry as well as perishable meals for organizations, churches, and community people. In January of this year, Fran initiated a perishable meal contact that has led to the acquisition and distribution of over 50,000 meals to date!

In addition, for many years Fran owned the “Furniture Recycler” in Forest Park and donated his time and talent to refurbish the pews in St. Bernardine Church. His faithful spirit and Christian outreach exemplify his vocation to serve.

Congratulations, Fran!

Fr. Stan

Order your Christmas wreath now

The St. Luke and St. Bernardine Respect Life Committee is taking orders now for its annual **Christmas Wreath Sale**, which will be delivered for pickup on Saturday, December 4, from 10:00 am to noon.

All sizes of wreaths must be ordered in advance. You can pay when you pick up your wreath at the campus you specify when you order — St. Luke School's parking lot or St. Bernadine's church parking lot.

Prices are the same as last year except for the largest wreaths, which have increased due to higher freight charges and material charges. The popular 24" mixed wreath with cones, which fits most standard front doors, is priced at \$30. The larger wreath prices are \$35 for the 36" balsam, \$50 for the 48" balsam, and \$70 for the largest 60" balsam wreath.

Please email your order by Monday, October 25, to sbsbwreathsale@gmail.com. Or call Mary at 708-860-8509 to place an order. In addition to a fresh wreath from the farm, your purchase will also help support the Culture of Life in our community.

Support our Church's missionaries around the world next weekend

Next weekend, we will join parishes around the globe in celebrating World Mission Sunday as part of the Gospel invitation to solidarity with all the world's peoples, especially those most in need of the Good News of God's love.

A special collection will provide critical financial support to missionaries and communities of faith in the most economically disadvantaged regions of the globe. Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid scarcity, conflict and instability. The Church's missionaries address all forms of material and spiritual needs to build up the church, affirm human dignity, alleviate poverty, encourage dialogue and inspire hope.

The bulk of this collection will help sustain over 1,000 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. About 9 percent will go to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association to alleviate poverty, foster Christian unity, and promote interreligious dialogue in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe. About 15 percent will support the Global Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Last weekend to donate to Winter Coat Drive

This is the last weekend to bring new and gently used winter coats, gloves, scarves and knit hats to help the adult learners and their children at The Learning Center. Since its founding by St. Luke parishioners and the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in 1983, The Learning Center (TLC) has provided free educational programs for adults in Chicago's North Lawndale and Little Village neighborhoods, plus adult learners from more than 20 different Chicagoland zip codes.

Please bring your donations in plastic bags and place them in the marked containers at the main entrance of St. Bernardine or St. Luke church.

Thank you in advance for your tremendous generosity. Your gifts are warmly appreciated!

Keep filling your AFW baby bottle!

Thank you to everyone who picked up a baby bottle on Respect Life Sunday. We hope that you will keep it handy so you can drop in your loose change at the end of each day and offer a prayer for the Aid For Women pregnancy centers. They are counting on our support to assist thousands of women across the Chicago area who are experiencing unexpected or difficult pregnancies.

It's easy to say to these women to "just choose life" for their babies, but too many women do not feel prepared for motherhood, or feel peer pressure or stress to abort their babies from family members or the father of the child. AFW is there to tell them that we care for them and their unborn child. Every nickel, dime, and quarter you drop in your bottle gives them that encouragement.

Violence against women, inside or outside the home, is *never* justified.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops'
Pastoral Letter on Domestic Violence

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Celebrating 100 Years of St. Luke School

A century of excellence began in the fall of 1921 when St. Luke School first opened its doors. Pastor David McDonald supervised the planning and construction of the building, which took approximately six months to complete at a cost of less than \$35,000. This single story, U-shaped red brick building had six classrooms, an office, and a playroom.

Archbishop George Mundelein dedicated St. Luke School on October 9, 1921 and placed it in the care of four Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. This order continued to staff the school until the 1980s.

In 1922, St. Luke School graduated its first class, a total of nine students, and thus began a legacy of academic excellence centered in the Catholic faith.

Enrollment increased steadily in the early 1920s. In May of 1924 a new classroom was opened and six Sisters were teaching. In May of 1925 work began on the third wing of the school and by September each sister had a single grade and classroom.

During the Great Depression and World War II, many schools cut teachers and shortened the school year to save money. But St. Luke School did not, dedicated to the great value of providing its students with a strong Catholic education.

By 1948, school enrollment was at 678 students. As

the school population increased, the building grew too small. It was razed in pieces, beginning in 1954 and construction on the new building began.



A century between the first graduating class (above) and the most recent graduates last May (below).



The present school building was dedicated by Cardinal Stritch on October 7, 1956 and was filled to capacity a few years later when enrollment peaked at 725 students.

Due to the declining number of Dominican Sisters in the 1970s and '80s, St. Luke School began employing lay teachers, and in 1985 it hired its first lay Principal, Dr. Judith Wynne.

In 1987 St. Luke School was awarded the *For Character Award* by the U.S. Department of Education for academic excellence. St. Luke School also was designated a *Blue Ribbon*

School of Excellence in 1992 and again 2012.

Today St. Luke is known for its superb education along with a variety of extracurricular activities aimed to support the interests of our Bearcats.

While many things have changed throughout the years one thing remains the same: St. Luke's commitment to nurturing the spirit and engaging the intellect of its students. It has embraced innovation, evolving to meet the needs of the community it serves. Changes have been driven by one constant that spans the school's history: the pursuit of excellence. And St. Luke has always been and will continue to be a family.

Masses for the Week October 17-23, 2021

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St. Bernardine Church**Sunday, October 17**8:00 am † Carolyn Brown
† James Gleason10:30 am † Robert and Dorothy Meyer
† Klaus Boblitz**Monday, October 18**

6:30 am The People of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish

Tuesday, October 19

6:30 am Open

Wednesday, October 20

6:30 am Open

Thursday, October 21

6:30 am † James Palermo

Saturday, October 235:00 pm † Richard Keller
† Chuck Delgrande**Sunday, October 24**8:00 am † Deceased members of the Kreidermacher
and Chisholm Families**St. Luke Church****Sunday, October 17**9:00 am † Pat Carey
† Joseph Giustino
Victor Giustino

11:00 am † Patricia Boland

Monday, October 186:30 am † The Johnston and Perisin Families
8:30 am † The Poor Souls in Purgatory**Tuesday, October 19**6:30 am † Jack Regan
8:30 am † The Hafner Family**Wednesday, October 20**6:30 am † Joseph Giustino
Victor Giustino
8:30 am Paul F. Rice and Family**Thursday, October 21**6:30 am † Mr. and Mrs. John Clark
8:30 am † Rev. John J. Bresnahan**Friday, October 22**6:30 am † Joseph Giustino
Victor Giustino

8:30 am † Irene Hand

Saturday, October 238:30 am † Rev. Martin Bedoya
5:00 pm A parishioner's personal intention
† The Williams, Karasis, and Kurr Families**Sunday, October 24**9:30 am The People of St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish
11:00 am † Jimmy Dooley
† Dennis Crowley Cusack
† Joseph Giustino
Victor Giustino**SUNDAY OFFERING**

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SUNDAY INCOME TO DATE \$67,332.00**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. LUKE AND
ST. BERNARDINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

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Liturgical Roles***The Weekend of October 23-24*****St. Bernardine Church****Celebrants**5:00 pm Fr. Ed
8:00 am Fr. Leroy**Cantors**5:00 pm Peg Baumann
8:00 am Mary Johnson**Lectors**5:00 pm Youth Group-Xochitl Pantaleon
8:00 am Francis Espedido**Eucharistic Ministers**5:00 pm Kathy Rush
8:00 am Editha Cramer**St. Luke Church****Celebrants**5:00 pm Fr. Kris
9:30 am Fr. Ed
11:00 am Fr. Kris**Ushers**5:00 pm 2 Needed
9:30 am Leslie Tuzi, Joe McInerney
11:00 am Mary Johnson**Lectors**5:00 pm Joe Bobak
9:30 am CJ Kerstetter
11:00 am Katie Bevan**Eucharistic Ministers**5:00 pm Patt Chase
9:30 am Marco Martinez
11:00 am 1 Needed

MASSES AT ST. BERNARDINE

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
WEEKDAY: Monday-Thursday 6:30 AM
HOLY DAY: Check Mass Schedule
CIVIC HOLIDAY: Check Mass Schedule

HOLY SACRAMENTS**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday: 4:00 PM

WEDDINGS:

Please call the rectory and make arrangements with a priest at least six months in advance.

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mandatory meeting for parents and godparents is held the first Wednesday of the month in the Convent Dining Room at 7:30 p.m. Call 366-0839.

CARE OF THE SICK:

Please inform rectory of anyone confined at home or hospitalized.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wednesdays at St. Luke: Grades 1-4, 3:30-4:30 pm
 Grades 5-8, 6:30-8 pm, mdalpino@stlukeparish.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the eyes of many, the papacy is a peculiar institution. Still bedecked with some of the regalia of medieval princes, contemporary popes have worked to define their role in ways that give them influence over the world both within and outside the Church. The trappings of royalty, never really a good fit for the successors of Peter, could render a pope distant and irrelevant. On the other hand, the tendency of many to think of the pope as if he were the CEO of a modern corporation is also inaccurate.

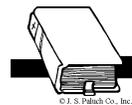
St. Gregory the Great, himself a pope, first called the pope “the servant of the servants of God.” He is “first among equals” among other bishops, who by tradition exercise significant authority within their own dioceses, not depending on the pope’s authority. This arrangement often puzzles those accustomed to a top-to-bottom “chain of command.” History has seen popes of many styles, but most strive to live up to Gregory’s definition. Perhaps today’s Gospel puts it all into the best perspective: “Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.” Pray for the pope this week.

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**Pray For Our Sick**

Joe Burgio, James Froelich, Matthew Swan, Grace Martini, Carlotta Martini, Paul Johnson, Fr. Stan Kuca, Donald Rice, Frank Kurr, Adam Tiagonce, Brittany Billington, Virgilio Bungubung, Julie Doloszycki, Fran Darley, Betty Cunningham, Sr. Colleen Nolan, OP, Al Ronan, Stephanie Salerno, Gary Gould, Jelyn Vargas, Eugene Scheuring, Dr. Patricia O’Brien, Dan O’Brien, Patty Marino, Pat McKinley, Janet Berka, Christine Jumaoas, Paula Coonen, Claire Coonen, Doris Keating, Manza Fiori, Isaac Beal, Martin & Eileen Hudik, Ann Stauffer, Frank Martone, Ann Messerschmidt, Rita Daniello, Vince Pusateri, Mary Sladek, Rich Murphy Sr., Teresa Meyer, Shirley Hamilton, Helen Kreidermacher, Dan Martone and Betty Maslauskas.

Please call the parish office to add or delete names on the list. Names will automatically be removed after three months unless renewed.

**Weekly Readings**

Monday:	2 Tm 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]; Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21; Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



**OUR CO-
PATRON'S
FEAST DAY IS
MONDAY,
OCTOBER 18**

Historians believe St. Luke the Evangelist was the author of Acts of the Apostles as well as the Gospel that bears his name. Thus, he is often illustrated with a pen and book as well as the icon of a winged ox or calf. Luke's Gospel opens and closes with scenes from the temple, so the ox symbolizes Christ's priestly and sacrificial ministry in the Gospel; the wings represent the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

Luke gives us the longest of the four Gospels and provides details from Jesus' life not found elsewhere, including six miracles and 18 parables not found in the other Gospels. He alone also gives us details about the Blessed Mother, including two of our most revered prayers – the Hail Mary and Magnificat – leading to speculation that he met the Blessed Mother and received many stories directly from her.

Confirmation retreat November 5-6

Holy Fire, the archdiocese's spirit-filled multi-media retreat for Confirmation candidates will take place on November 5-6 this year. St Luke School's 7th and 8th graders will participate on the first day at St. Bernardine's Fearon Hall from 9:00-11:30 am. The virtual retreat with an MC half-live and half-pre-recorded segments.

Students in the parish Religious Education Program will gather at Fearon Hall the following day from 9:00-11:30 am for a repeat of the two-and-a-half hour program. Confirmation candidates from St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Edmund parishes also will be joining us for the Saturday presentation.

High school students who are interested in attending the popular event also are welcome to attend on November 6. Please contact Michelle Dal Pino, Director of Religious Education, at mdalpino@stlukeparish.org to register or for any other questions.



NEW MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. LUKE AND ST. BERNARDINE PARISH

Effective next weekend — October 23-24

Saturday Masses

5:00 PM St. Luke Campus
5:00 PM St. Bernardine Campus

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM St. Bernardine Campus
9:30 AM St. Luke Campus - Family Mass
11:00 AM St. Luke Campus

Weekday Masses

6:30 AM Masses

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Luke	St. Luke	St. Bernardine	St. Bernardine	X	X

8:30 AM Masses

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Bernardine	St. Bernardine	St. Luke	St. Luke	St. Luke	St. Luke

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

The Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995 became state law after 17 years of court challenges. Until 2013, Illinois was the only Midwestern state without a parental notice of abortion or consent law in effect. This allowed thousands of abortions to be performed in Illinois on non-resident minors (14-17), *often accompanied by adults who were not related to them*, and who may have been victims of sex trafficking.

Last spring concerned citizens were able to prevent repeal of the law (HB 1797 and SB 2190) by exerting pressure on the Illinois House and Senate. Now, in the upcoming Veto Session, it is likely that these bills will reappear in both chambers with new numbers.

Card. Cupich and all Illinois Bishops have asked faithful Catholics to visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois at www.ilcatholic.org. You will be guided to “Save Parental Notice,” additional information, and the Action Center where you can click on a link for help contacting your representatives by email with a pre-composed message.

If you do not have internet access, consider contacting your representatives in Springfield through the Legislative Information System at 217-782-3944. Because bill numbers have not been assigned, tell staff that you wish to speak to your representatives regarding the Parental Notice of Abortion. **All are invited to take a copy of Card. Cupich’s March 2021 letter**, which presents facts surrounding this issue honestly and charitably.

Source: Catholic Conference of Illinois, www.ilcatholic.org. Accessed Oct 8, 2021.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God’s humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God’s most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
— especially where it is vulnerable or
threatened. Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Thinking about your vocation?

The fall 2021 “Chicago’s Got Sisters Virtual Event” will take place via Zoom on Saturday, October 30, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. The agenda will include a short talk on the theme of “Discerning with the Saints,” time for prayer and reflection, brief introductions to a diverse group of communities and charisms, and breakout room time for Q & A.

This event is for single Catholic women ages 18-40. Register at https://bit.ly/CGS_Fall2021 or contact Sr. Jess Lambert for more information at jllamb.illinois@gmail.com. For more info, visit www.vocationscava.org/chicagos-got-sisters/.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, Illinois (northern suburbs), November 12-14. Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room.

Visit ReflectRetreat.com, or send an email to reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

Catholic Charities Support Line

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312-948-6951 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Healthcare workers in particular are encouraged to reach out for help. Spanish-speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

Confirmation for adults

The Adult Confirmation Program is a preparation program for adults who have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion and seek to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Virtual sessions are starting this month in English and Spanish over Zoom. There is a fee of \$60 per participant.

To register for sessions in English, to <https://tinyurl.com/2021archconfirm>.

For the sessions in Spanish, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2021spanconfirm>.

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