

DAILY SCRIPTURE and MASS INTENTION

December 21–Monday Mass Readings Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45	St. Peter Canisus, Priest and Doctor of the Church 7:00 a.m. Loretta Feller Jeannine and Michael Arber
December 22–Tuesday Mass Readings 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56	8:30 a.m. The Kelly Family Mary Rose Kelly
December 23–Wednesday Mass Readings Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	St. John of Kanty, Priest 7:00 a.m. Clyde Caufield Janie Caufield
December 24–Thursday Mass Readings 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79	8:30 a.m. Hubert and Mercedes Magoteaux The Magoteaux Family
Mass Readings Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25	Vigil of Christmas 5:30 p.m. Juanita Davis Bob and Donna Scott
Mass Readings Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14	Midnight 11:00 p.m. Mike Sumida Margaret and Rudy Eismann
December 25–Friday Mass Readings Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	Christmas 10:00 a.m. Milton and Michael Toney Mary Ann Toney
	12:00 p.m. Michael Gallagher Mike and Kathy
December 26–Saturday Mass Readings Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22	St. Stephen, The First Martyr 5:30 p.m. Bob Zeman The Niegodski Family
December 27–Sunday Masses Readings Sir 3:2-6 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8:00 a.m. For The Parish 10:00 a.m. Jim Wood Rita Wood and Family
	12:00 p.m. Norma Biersack Alice Dirksen

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 12 and December 13 - Week # 24

Regular

\$ 27,032.52
\$ 580,327.80

Weekend Total - Week # 24
Yearly Total - Week # 24

Total Holy Days

\$ 3,995.72
\$ 225.00
\$ 4,753.72

Immaculate Conception
Christmas
Total Holy Days - Week # 24

Regular & Holy Days

\$ 585,081.52

Total Week - # 24

Budgeted

\$ 26,614.08
\$ 638,737.92

Each Weekend - Weeks # 1-52
Total Budget through Week # 24

Non-Parish Collection (s)

\$ 85.00
\$ 11,943.68

Human Development
Religious Retirement

Parish Capital Debt Reduction Totals

\$ 69,996.61
\$ 28,648.84
\$ 178,812.83

Monthly Third Sunday - Week # 24
Additional Quarterly Appeal
Debt Principle as of 12/5/15
Debt Retirement 2018

FYI: \$156,550 2015 general assessment for FY 14-15. Each parish contributes to the operation of the Archdiocesan central offices based on a formula. By contrast, St. Luke's general assessment for FY 68-69 was \$1,475.

PRAY FOR THEM

**FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS
DEPLOYED IN COMBAT AREAS**

“Lord, protect our military as they sacrifice for us; bless them and their families for their continuing selflessness.”

Please remember our military members, especially those deployed in combat areas, with prayers.

USAF CAPT WAYNE SLETTEN—UNDISCLOSED—3/2016
US ARMY LT COL DAVID BOWLING AND TEAM—12/2016

If you would like to have a family member, who is currently deployed (military or civilian), listed in the bulletin for prayer, please call the parish office.



Confirmation

Congratulations! Joseph and Jennie Cook have completed their initiation process in the Roman Catholic faith at St. Luke the Evangelist Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, December 13, 2015.



NEWLY
BAPTIZED

DECEMBER 13, 2015
LUCAS EMANUEL ASCENCIO
YOLANDA RANEE ASCENCIO
PIPER ADAIR SPENCER



**Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas
Gifts given. Gifts received.**

Come and revel in the gift of Christ the Lord: spoken Word and bread and wine made new as Body and Blood.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2015-2016

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY

Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Thursday, December 24

Lessons and carols begin at 4:45 PM

“Midnight” Mass - 11:00 PM

Thursday, December 24

Lessons and carols begin at 10:15 PM

Day Masses - 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Friday, December 25

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

THE HOLY FAMILY

Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 26

Day Masses - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon

Sunday, December 27

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Thursday, December 31

Day Mass - 10:00 AM

Friday, January 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 2

Day Masses - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon

Sunday, January 3

PRAYING FOR THE YOUNG CHURCH: Please join parishioners and family members in praying for our youth as they prepare to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during their Confirmation. For an increase in faith, hope and love as well as graces for the youth and their families to be active disciples of Christ throughout their lives. Join us January 8th-9th for 24 hours of Adoration prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Dominic chapel as the youth are making their Confirmation Retreat. To sign up or for more information, send an email to sladoration@sbcglobal.net.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Religious give thanks. “We cannot begin to repay all who contribute,” writes a Catholic sister. “So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you.: Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

“Christ has no hands or feet on earth but ours...”
St Teresa of Avila

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH COLLECTION: Next weekend is the last weekend of December. The members of the St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul Society will be in the church gathering space after all Masses to receive your monetary donations. Your continued generosity is appreciated!



Know Mercy. Show Mercy Celebrating the Year of Mercy as a Mission-Oriented Parish!

The Jubilee Year of Mercy has begun. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a pilot program with 30 parishes, called “Gather and Send,” to help parishes be more equipped to know mercy and to show mercy. St. Luke the Evangelist is one of the pilot Gather and Send parishes. While we already have many ongoing ministries of mercy, activities we hope to generate include:

- recruiting more volunteers to support area ministries of service and compassion;
- reflecting on *Laudato Si* and Pope Francis’ appeal for environmental concern;
- conducting a healing service for pregnancy loss;
- participating in “Voices of Faith.” a local immigrant advocacy program;
- inviting parishioners into spiritual practices focused on mercy and other virtues through the “Good News People” program;
- adding more volunteers to the Social Action Ministry committee

If you are interested in learning more or becoming involved, please contact Bob Stoughton at stoughtonb1@udayton.edu or 229-5599.

EXPOSITION AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord.” - *St. Augustine*. Does your “to-do” list stretch into next week? Are you constantly surrounded by the noise of the smart phone, computer, TV or radio? Do you feel overwhelmed with holiday preparations? Do you long for peace and serenity, a chance to just get away for a moment of solitude? You have the opportunity (a priceless and precious gift) to rest in the True Presence of our Lord in adoration before The Most Blessed Sacrament in St. Dominic Chapel every Tuesday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and rosary and continuing until Benediction at 6:45 p.m. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:15 and Divine Office evening prayer (Vespers) and evening Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed from 6:00 - 6:30. All ages are welcome—come and spend 15 minutes or an hour, and give yourself the gift of rest in the peacefulness of Christ. To learn more about Eucharistic Adoration, go to www.therealpresence.org.

Just a
NOTE:

The March for Life 2016 trip sponsored by St. Luke has been cancelled. Watch for ways to get involved locally and please pray for an end to abortion in our area, our state, our country and the world.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

opportunities to sustain and grow as faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS - A Study on Divine Mercy: Beginning the second week of January, a 10-week study on Divine Mercy (Consoling the Heart of Jesus) will begin on Wednesday January 13th at 1:00 p.m. or Thursday January 14th at 7:00 p.m. The course, by Father Michael Gaitley, is DVD and book based and is open to all parishioners over approximately 5th grade. All materials will be available online. A hard copy of the book is available for \$5. Please call Tom at 426-1733, ext. 301 to register for the class and/or book. For information please contact Lisa at aramnlisa@aol.com or 937-901-2727.

ISAIAH SCRIPTURE STUDY: In this Jubilee Year of Mercy consider studying the Prophet Isaiah. "This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus' mission echoed in the words of the prophet Isaiah: to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed." (MV16)

Part 1 (8 sessions) of 3 begins Tuesday January 19th at 1:00 p.m. in Jansen Center West Room.

Evening study begins Tuesday January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Kramer Hall.

Pre-register by contacting the Jansen Center office at 426-1733 ext 301. Cost for entire study is \$25.00

Isaiah part 2 (7 sessions) begins August 23rd and Isaiah part 3 (7 sessions) begins October 25th.

Getting to Know the Saints – Movie Series

Our movie series continues in January and all parishioners are invited as we gather to learn more about some of our Saints. The movies are "family friendly" and last between 60-120 minutes. Refreshments and drinks will be served. For more information, please contact Lisa at 937-901-2727 or aramnlisa@aol.com. Some future movies include:

Tuesday, January 12th, 7:00 pm – *St. Xavier*

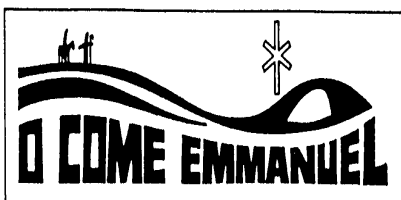
Tuesday, February 9th, 7:00 pm – *St. Bernadette*

Tuesday, March 8th, 7:00 pm – *St. Patrick*

Tuesday, April 12th, 7:00 pm – *Br. John Henry Newman*

Tuesday, May 10th, 7:00 pm – *St. Rita*

Tuesday, June 28th, 7:00 pm – *St. Thomas More*



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

What: Faith formation program using the *We Believe* program by Sadlier is offered for grades 1-8. The High School curriculum changes each year to reflect topics relevant to today's teens.

Who: Youth grades 1–12

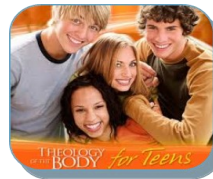
When: Wednesdays 4:15–5:30 p.m. for Grades 1–8 in the school building

Wednesdays 7:00–8:15 p.m. for Grades 1–12 in the school building, HS in the Youth room

Sundays 9:45–11:00 a.m. for Grade 8 in Jansen Center

Registration is open and ongoing for PSR: Forms are in Kramer Hall, Jansen Center and online at www.saintlukeparish.org (look under Faith Formation).

Contact: Caroline at cbarhorst@saintlukeparish.org, or call 426-1733, ext. 306, or Jansen Center 426-1733, ext. 301.



Theology of the Body for Teens Going Beyond Teen Chastity

Teens are facing unique challenges in the culture today. These challenges, especially those concerning sexuality and human and divine love, deserve more than the outdated "do this, don't do that" approach to catechesis. Today's challenges need to be addressed with a "new language" that explains how authentic Christianity makes sense because it corresponds perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

This is an exciting and dynamic program being offered to high school teens at St. Luke based on Pope John Paul II's revolutionary Theology of the Body. This program gives teens the answers and the tools they need to successfully and safely navigate through life. Classes begin Wednesday January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Bishop Ford Hall. Contact Caroline Barhorst at cbarhorst@saintlukeparish.org for more information.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Saint Luke's Early Childhood Program, for ages 3 through 5, is designed to support parents in the education of their young children in the Catholic faith. Christian values and attitudes are taught and children experience fellowship and fun with children their own age. They also develop positive attitudes about themselves and others by discovering the gifts, talents, and abilities that God gives to everyone.

When: Sunday 9:45–11:00 a.m.

August 30, 2015 to May 15, 2016

Registration is open and ongoing for Early Childhood: Forms are in Kramer Hall, Jansen Center and online at www.saintlukeparish.org (look under Faith Formation).

Contact: Caroline at cbarhorst@saintlukeparish.org, or call 426-1733, ext. 306, or Jansen Center 426-1733, ext. 301.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

2015 FALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Night Youth Ministry

When: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Bishop Ford Hall

Who: 6th-12th Grade Youth

Meeting dates:

December 20

December 27—**no meeting**—Christmas weekend

January 3—**no meeting**—holiday weekend

January 10—**no meeting**—Confirmation Retreat

January 17

January 24

January 31

February 7—Pregame Super Bowl Party 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
(no 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. meeting)

- Bishop Ford Hall
- Open to youth and their families
- Bring an appetizer to share

February 14—**no meeting**—Valentine's Day

February 21

February 28

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27—**no meeting**—Easter Sunday

Upcoming Events

Confirmation Retreat January 8-9, 2016

Planning Meetings for the Confirmation Retreat:

December 30th and January 6th

All planning meeting will be in the Jansen Center from 7:00 - 8:30/9:00 p.m.

High School Retreat April 8-10, 2016

Planning for the High School Retreat will begin in February.

Summer Youth Ministry Schedule 2016

Vacation Bible School: June 13-17

Steubenville Youth Conference: June 17-19

Gospel Road Mission Trip: June 26-July 2

Cross Training Middle School Faith and Service Day Camp:
August 1-5

Young Adults

We meet on Thursday evenings from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. We welcome young adults to come and share their experiences in a respectful and spirit filled environment. Text Message: email jenglefield@saintlukeparish.org.

HERE AT ST. LUKE

BULLETIN DEADLINE: All Saint Luke offices will close at noon on December 31st and be closed on New Year's Day. Requests for bulletin articles, inserts and pulpit announcements for the January 3rd BEAM must be submitted to the church office no later than close of business on Monday, December 28th.

TAXES AND CHARITABLE GIVING: Many people use Christmas and year's end to donate to charity and positively impact federal and state income taxes. Gifts to the parish advance the work of the church and help attain program goals and maintain quality parish activities. An employer may also match gifts. If you prefer to do a stock transfer for St. Luke, please use the information listed below. Any questions, please contact Bruce at bguindon@saintlukeparish.org.

Name of Custodian: Fifth Third Bank
DTC Number: 2116
Account Name: St Luke Beaver creek
Account Number: 0104471751CB
St Luke Church, Tax ID 31-0589342

Also, your name needs to be listed.

VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children Sessions" on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Decree on Child Protection: All employees and regular volunteers in the Archdiocese who have contact with children are required to be trained using VIRTUS® materials. St. Luke will host its next session on **Tuesday, January 19th**. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. No child care provided. To register or to get a list of available training dates, go to www.virtusonline.org. Any questions, contact Bruce Guindon at 937-426-1733 x202 or bguindon@saintlukeparish.org.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SCROLLS: All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversary during 2016 are eligible for the Archbishop's Wedding Anniversary Scroll. To receive a scroll from Saint Luke parish, please call the parish office at 426-1733 x201 to acknowledge your anniversary.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2016

*The Boosters are looking for "gently used"
artificial Christmas trees and decorations*

As you unpack your Christmas decorations this year and discover items you no longer use, why not donate them? The Boosters are looking for a few "gently used" artificial Christmas trees and Christmas decorations to restock the "Treasures from the Attic" booth for next year's Bazaar. Trees and decorations can be dropped off at Jansen Center and a donation receipt can be provided. Please identify your item as a donation for the Boosters. Arrangements can be made for trees to be picked up, if necessary. Please call Patti Blakely at 429-3480 or email p.blakely@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 20, 2015

Youth Ministry Meeting in BFH/YMR/Gym (5:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Monday, December 21, 2015

School Closed for Christmas Break

Sewing Guild Meeting in Kramer Hall (9:30 AM - 12:00 PM)

Al-Anon Family Group in Jansen Center East (7:30 - 8:30 PM)

Adult Men's Volleyball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

School Closed for Christmas Break

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Dominic Chapel (9:15 AM - 7:00 PM)

Leisure Club Board Mtg in Jansen Center East (1:00 - 2:30 PM)

Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting Jansen East (7:00 - 9:00 PM)

Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

Catholic Men's Group Meeting in Jansen Center West (6:00 - 7:00 AM)

School Closed for Christmas Break

Choir Rehearsal in Music Room (7:00 - 9:00 PM)

Thursday, December 24, 2015

School Closed for Christmas Break

Christmas Eve Offices Closed Parish Wide starting at 12:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass in the Church (5:30 PM and 11:00 PM)

Friday, December 25, 2015

Christmas Day Offices Closed

Christmas Day Mass in the Church (10:00 AM and 12:00 PM)

Saturday, December 26, 2015

Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (6:30 - 8:00 AM)

Monday, December 28, 2015

School Closed

Al-Anon Family Group in Jansen Center East (7:30 - 8:30 PM)

Adult Men's Volleyball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

School Closed

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Dominic Chapel (9:15 AM - 7:00 PM)

Pastoral Staff Meeting in Jansen Center Rose (10:00 - 12:00 PM)

Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

Catholic Men's Group Meeting in Jansen Center West (6:00 - 7:00 AM)

School Closed

Wedding Rehearsal in Church (6:00 PM)

Confirmation Retreat Planning Meeting in Jansen West (7:00 - 8:30 PM)

Thursday, December 31, 2015

School Closed

New Year's Eve Offices Closed Parish Wide starting at 12:00 PM

Friday, January 1, 2016

New Year's Day Offices Closed

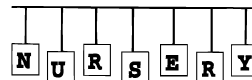
Saturday, January 2, 2016

Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (6:30 - 8:00 AM)

Wedding in Church (11:00 AM)



HERE AT ST. LUKE



THE NURSERY WILL CLOSE FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY on Thursday December 24th through Friday January 1st. We will reopen on Saturday January 2nd and Sunday January 3rd, 2016.

MEN'S MINISTRY: The St. Luke Catholic Men's Fellowship Groups invite men to join us for fellowship and fraternity. There are 4 opportunities: Eucharistic Adoration at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month (Eucharistic Chapel), fellowship at 7:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 5th Fridays (Bishop Ford Hall), prayer and fellowship at 6:15 a.m. on Wednesdays (Jansen Center), and prayer and fellowship at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays (Jansen Center). Please join us to have some fun, discuss our faith and grow in our personal relationships with Christ in an atmosphere of trust, equality and fraternity.

DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST is held Saturday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome to come and pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Litany, the Chaplet of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Contact Divina at 937-431-0323 and leave a detailed message or email at dgrace777@hotmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP CHANGE: The recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Divine Office evening prayer (Vespers) with the Divine Mercy image will be held on Tuesday evenings in St. Dominic Chapel from **6:00-6:30 p.m.** during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction at 6:45. Contact John at 937-572-6573 with any questions.



The 2016 St. Luke Golf Outing
will be held on
Wednesday May 11th
WGC Golf Course, Xenia
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
The St. Luke Golf Committee

AROUND THE AREA

Regional World Day of Peace Mass: Celebrate the New Year and the World Day of Peace Mass with us! Bishop Binzer will be celebrating Mass on Friday January 1st at 11:00 a.m. at St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Avenue in Kettering. All are welcome! For more information call 937-293-1191 or visit www.stalbertthegreat.net.

St. Mary Church Christmas Open House, corner of Xenia Avenue and Allen Street in Dayton, will hold its annual Open House for the Christmas Season. We will be open Saturday December 26th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Sunday December 27th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Monday December 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please bring your friends and family to come and tour the church, see our historical crèche and take as many pictures as you want.

AROUND THE AREA

Walking the Road of Mercy—An Evening of Prayer, Song, and Reflection with Bishop Joe Binzer will be held on Thursday January 14th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Centerville. Musical prelude begins at 6:45 p.m. with special guest Scott Paepflow, Campus Minister for Liturgical Music at the University of Dayton. All are welcome to come celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Co-sponsored by the South Dayton Adult Faith Formation Collaborative and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis.

Ite Missa Est Event at Immaculate Conception Church: Hope Amid Struggles—A Perspective into the Lives of the Differently-abled Parishioners will be held on Wednesday January 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Monsignor Sherman Hall (lower level of the church). The church is located at 2300 S. Smithville Road in Dayton.

Come see Tenth Avenue North in concert for Faith Fest at the University of Dayton RecPlex on Saturday February 6th! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. University of Dayton student artists will perform and multiple Dove award winning Tenth Avenue North will take the stage at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$15 at tickets.udayton.edu for this joyful celebration of community. The RecPlex is located at 2 Evanston Avenue in Dayton and free parking will be available in C Lot on Evanston Avenue and S2 Lot off Irving Avenue.

Christmas
Blessings

PLEASE PATRONIZE THESE SPONSORS AS A THANK YOU FOR THEIR KIND GENEROSITY