

DAILY SCRIPTURE and MASS INTENTION

March 20—Monday Mass Readings 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 a.m. Voss Steinhauer Robert and Mary Norton
March 21—Tuesday Mass Readings Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35	8:30 a.m. Marcus Grilliot Jeanette Grilliot
March 22—Wednesday Mass Readings Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19	7:00 a.m. Nancy Widelski Jeannette and Mark Niezgodski
March 23—Thursday Mass Readings Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop 8:30 a.m. Dan Seeger Gloria Flaherty
March 24—Friday Mass Readings Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34	7:00 a.m. John McDermott The McDermott and Parr Families
March 25—Saturday Mass Readings Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38	The Annunciation of the Lord 5:30 p.m. Kay Wilson Campanile The Frank Campanile Family
March 26—Sunday Mass Readings 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38	Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00 a.m. William Schumann Mike and Linda Birgenheir 10:00 a.m. For The Parish 12:00 p.m. Special Intention Friends of Fr. Eiting



Saint Luke Parish extends its deepest sympathy to the families of parishioner *Roy Brannan*; *Anna Mae Carpenter*, mother-in-law of parishioner *Connie Carpenter*; *Mary Waitzman*, grandmother of parishioner *Mary Scarpelli* and *Nancy Widelski*, cousin of *Jeannette Niezgodski*. Please pray for all our departed friends and relatives.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 11 and March 12 - Week # 37

Regular	\$ 25,541.68	Weekend Total - Week # 37
	\$ 960,788.69	Yearly Total - Week # 37
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	
	\$ 21,060.21	Total Holy Days - Week # 37
Regular & Holy Days		
	\$ 981,848.90	Total Week - # 37
Budgeted	\$ 26,614.08	Each Weekend - Weeks # 1-52
	\$ 984,720.96	Total Budget through Week # 37
Non-Parish Collection (s)	\$ 110.00	Eastern Europe
	\$ 3,876.31	Alms-Syria
Miscellaneous Collection (s)	\$ 0.00	

FYI: \$7,339 FY 15-16 school extension operating profit (\$26,967 FY revenue, \$19, 628 FY expense)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL	\$ 58,754.00
TOTAL PLEDGED AS OF 3/12/2017	91.04% \$ 53,491.40

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 MICHELLE KANIPE—AFGHANISTAN—3/2017
- USAF TSGT DOUGLAS SUAZO—UNDISCLOSED—5/2017
- USAF CAPT WAYNE SLETTEN—UNDISCLOSED—6/2017

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.



WELCOME TO ST. LUKE PARISH: Please register with us! Come to the church office or call 937-426-1733 x201. We are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You can also find registration forms on our parish website at www.saintlukeparish.org. Place them in the offering basket or return them to the church office.

☞ LENTEN SEASON ☞

REGULATION ON LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: The Church assigns two public acts of penance during Lent – (1) fasting from food; and (2) abstinence from meat. Both penances are assigned for Good Friday. Fasting from food - one full meal a day, as well as two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity is traditionally assigned to everyone between 18 and 59 years of age. Abstaining from meat - Fridays of Lent are traditionally assigned to everyone over 14 years of age. A Catholic is obligated to participate in these public penitential days. The Holy Father has taught that a person's failure to observe an individual day of public penance is not to be considered serious. A person's failure to observe a substantial number of penitential days is to be considered serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; people should consider doing more individual, private acts of penance instead of the minimum days of public penance.

LENTEN FRIDAYS - WAY OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN DINNERS: Each Lenten Friday, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Various parish groups will lead the Stations. Parishioners are also invited to share a soup-and-bread dinner in the Parish Center from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on **March 24th**, 31st and April 7th. Donations to the soup-and-bread dinners will go to area charities.

LENTEN SUNDAYS - EVENING VESPERS: On Sundays, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Dominic Chapel, parishioners are invited to pray an ancient prayer of the Church, Evening Prayer, from the *Liturgy of the Hours*. Lay presiders from different parish groups will lead prayers each Sunday through Palm Sunday.

LENTEN CALENDAR: Parishioners are invited to refer to the Lenten Calendar for information, reminders and schedules of Lenten activities. Watch future weekend bulletins for updated notations. The calendar points to special Lenten prayer possibilities including Sunday Evening Vespers and Friday Way of the Cross, a schedule of Lenten and Easter worship, and Optional Weekly Alms-giving opportunities. Extra copies are available in Kramer Hall.

LENTEN WEEKENDS - OPTIONAL ALMS GIVING: An 'alms giving' is a deed of mercy or a sharing of money, clothes, food, etc., with those who are less fortunate. During Lent, parishioners are invited to participate in an optional weekly alms offering to various groups. The particular offering will be announced in the weekly bulletin and listed on the Lenten Calendar.

Next weekend, March 25th and 26th, our Lenten alms giving will be for monetary donations for the outreach work of St. Luke St. Vincent DePaul Society. The members of the St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul Society will be in the church gathering space after all Masses to receive your donations.

NO LENTEN BAPTISMS: In the ancient tradition of the Church, the season of Lent is a special period for penance, prayer and fasting to: a) prepare the unbaptized for baptism and b) deepen the conversion and renewal of those who are baptized. In keeping with this Lenten spirit, Saint Luke will not celebrate baptisms between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Naturally, circumstances, such as the welfare of the child, health of the mother or other serious pastoral reason may dictate an exception.

MEMORIAL PLANTS: Remember a loved one while helping to decorate the church for the Easter Season. Memorial plants for the Easter Season may be requested with a suggested \$15.00 donation by calling the Parish Office at 426-1733, ext. 201 no later than Wednesday, April 5th.



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION AT SAINT LUKE, APRIL 7th-9th: Forty Hours Devotion provides an excellent opportunity for parishioners to spend quality time in private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Beginning Friday morning, April 7th, immediately following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and continuing until a closing Benediction on Sunday morning, April 9th, at 7:00 a.m. (before 8:00 a.m. Mass), Forty Hours Devotion offers parishioners time to meditate on the Passion of Jesus and the continuing gift of Jesus' Eucharistic Presence as the parish begins Holy Week. **Join with others and sign up for a 30-minute or 60-minute prayer period.** Sign-up sheets will be in Kramer Hall following each weekend Mass. Four individuals as a minimum are to be present at all times. Between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday nights, participants under 21 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a wonderful time for spiritual growth of each individual. Forty Hours Devotion will be celebrated in St. Dominic's Chapel and will be suspended 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday during the 5:30 evening Vigil Mass. **Mark your calendars and make Forty Hours Devotion part of your 2017 Lenten observance!**

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament! *"How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!"* ~ Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Mass in St. Dominic Chapel and continues until Benediction at 6:45 p.m. We recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:15 p.m. Divine Office evening prayer (Vespers) and evening Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed at 6:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. Babysitting is available in the nursery from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. during the school year. If you feel Jesus tugging at your heart to spend some quiet time with Him, please come to Adoration on Tuesday.

To join the Adoration Team (help needed to ensure that all time slots are covered) and receive a weekly invitation and direct link to the Sign Up program, send an email to taxmom1@aol.com with "Adoration Team" in the subject heading.

Communal Rosary: During the school year when Tuesday's Mass is in the main church, Communal Rosary will be prayed immediately **after** the school Mass and **before** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Dominic Chapel.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Let us join Jesus in the desert this Lent. Below are some of the resources that are a keystroke away.

On FORMED.ORG

The parish subscription to FORMED is free to all our parishioners. Sign up for this great resource using the parish code: **67CYJG**

- **MY BELOVED SON, Meditations for Lent** by Bishop Robert Barron: Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness.
- **OPENING THE WORD** (Lent through Easter): A program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings.
- **GLIMPSES ALONG THE WAY OF THE CROSS** by Monsignor James Shea: In these three beautiful talks, Monsignor James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to better open our hearts to the suffering and loneliness of Jesus on His way to Calvary. Weaving together the insights of keen believers like Fr. Richard Neuhaus, Caryll Houselander, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, and Dr. James Edwards, these powerful meditations take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the relief and joy of what His sacrifice means for us.

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS alongside Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire Community. Receive daily Gospel reflections in your inbox by signing up at www.lentreflections.com.

THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS by the St. Paul Center: A free streaming of this video series is only available during this Lent and Easter season. Starting March 1st, a new lesson will be posted each week. Lessons will remain online for two weeks.

This beautifully filmed, eleven-lesson series explores the sacraments of the Catholic Church, illuminating these "'masterworks of God' in the new and everlasting covenant" (CCC 1116).

It looks at the basic teaching of the Church as to their meaning and origin and investigates the deeper mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. Sign up online at www.bibleandthesacraments.com.

ST. MONICA MINISTRY: The members of St. Monica Ministry gather to support one another in their prayers, hopes and longings for family members and friends who no longer practice their Catholic faith or have a weakened faith. All are welcome to participate. This year, in addition to prayer, fellowship and support, we will view video and use the book *Return - How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church* by Brandon Vogt. Extra books are available and may be picked up at Jansen Center. Future meetings are March 26th and April 30th. Please contact Teresa at taxmom1@aol.com for information.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

The process of exploring and entering into the Catholic Church is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA for short. Who is the RCIA for?

- * Adults who have never been baptized in any Christian faith.
- * Adults who were baptized in another Christian tradition and who are now thinking about becoming Catholic.
- * Adults and children (older than 7) who were baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

RCIA at St. Luke welcomes you and any questions you may have about becoming Catholic. Contact Margie Alexander at 426-1733 ext. 305 or [malexa@stlucaparish.org](mailto:malex@stlucaparish.org) for more information.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES:

◆ THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

TBS is a dynamic, informative and inspiring way to enter into a deeper relationship with God through Scripture. The spring session study is still to be determined.

Date: April 18 - May 23 (6 Tuesday sessions)

Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

Place: Jansen Center

Cost: \$13

◆ PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO PRACTICE

Walking Toward Eternity is an inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully. This study shows how to put our Catholic faith into practice through prayer and action. The result is real, often profound change occurring in people's lives as they begin living as God intended them to. You will learn how to walk in: Love, Humility, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Sacrifice, Prayerfulness and Faithfulness. Call Jansen Center at 426-1733 to register and order a journal.

Date: March 21st (Tuesday)

Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

Place: Kramer Hall

Cost: \$18.50 for journal

GETTING TO KNOW THE SAINTS – MOVIE SERIES

All are welcome! Bring your family and friends as we gather to learn more about some of our Saints. The movies usually start at 7:00 p.m. (some may start earlier), are "family friendly" and last between 60-120 minutes. Light snacks and drinks will be served. For more information, please contact Lisa at 937-901-2727 or aramnlisa@aol.com

Tuesday, April 4th – France – *Our Lady of Pontmain*
America - *Our Lady of Good Help*

Tuesday, May 9th – Portugal – *Our Lady of Fatima*
(Centennial of the Apparitions)

Tuesday, June 27th – Italy – *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

July (TBA) – Poland – *Our Lady of Czestochowa*

August (TBA) – Ireland – *Our Lady of Knock*
France – *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal*

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

When: 6:00-8:30pm

Where: Bishop Ford Hall

Who: 6th- 12th Grade Youth, new youth always welcome

March 19th

March 26th

April 2nd

April 9th

April 16th – Easter, no meeting

April 23rd

April 30th

Parents and young adults: We are looking for more chaperones for our Sunday night activities. If you are VIRTUS® compliant and are willing to help even once a month, contact Maria DeRoo at mderoo@saintlukeparish.org for more details.

Young Adults: Young adults are invited to attend the Alpha course on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A meal is provided and conversation will be surrounding the topic question of the week. Please register online.

HERE AT ST. LUKE

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS will take place during the weekend of April 22nd-23rd after each Mass. Each year the Parish elects three new council members to serve three-year terms. Parish members are invited to nominate Parish members or submit their own name for nomination. The Pastoral Council serves as an advisory board for Fr. Terry and the St. Luke pastoral staff. Its role is to represent all members of the Parish, communicate concerns, and ensure that the Parish mission is carried out effectively and efficiently. Nominations are due no later than **Monday, March 20th**. Nomination forms and a drop box are available in Kramer Hall. You may submit a nomination form in the drop box, at the Parish office or in the collection basket.

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, March 21st**. Check-in 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. You must register online. Any questions, contact Bruce Guindon at 937-426-1733 x202 or bguindon@saintlukeparish.org.

THE ST. LUKE BOOSTERS CLUB is accepting funding requests for the 2017-2018 fiscal year from Parish organizations. Request forms are available by contacting Kevin Malloy, at 937-306-8465 or malloyk6802@gmail.com. The deadline for funding request is **April 1, 2017**.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

REGISTER FOR PSR AND EARLY CHILDHOOD: To register, please stop by the Jansen Center Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. to noon or go to www.saintlukeparish.org to download the forms under Faith Formation. Just a reminder our PSR/EC programs are for children three years old through high school. Parents do you desire for your children to learn more about our faith but the traditional class times do not work for your schedule? Homeschool for faith formation is possible! We look forward to walking with you on your families’ faith journey!

The Parish School of Religion is seeking adult aides to support special needs students during the 4:15 p.m. Wednesday sessions, aides for Sunday and Wednesday classes and office helpers. Contact Caroline Barhorst at cbarhorst@saintlukeparish.org for information.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: All children in the parish age 3-9 are invited to participate in Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) sessions at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. CLOW is intended to help children pray better and reflect on God’s Word. The children are invited to come forward for a special blessing toward the beginning of Mass and then they walk to St. Dominic Chapel with 2 CLOW leaders.

CLOW continues to need 2 VIRTUS® trained adults at each session of the 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass. In our efforts to ensure the safety of the children who attend, we are asking that 2 VIRTUS® trained adults sign up for this ministry. If we are unable to have 2 VIRTUS® trained adults sign up, CLOW will not be offered at that Mass. If you are interested in helping with this beautiful children’s ministry please contact Caroline Barhorst at the Jansen Center, 426-1733, x306.



HERE AT ST. LUKE

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 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 or email dgrace777@hotmail.com.

ST. LUKE GOLF OUTING—SWINGING FOR THE STUDENTS: We need volunteers: students, men and women to help us with the golf outing.

Where: Beaver Creek Golf Course

Date: May 5, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers would be observing the various holes, selling 50-50 raffle tickets and working check-in tables. Also they can enjoy lunch with the golfers.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, March 19, 2017

PSR 8th Grade Class in Jansen Center West (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
Early Childhood Class in School/Gym (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
CYO in Gym (1:00 PM - 6:45 PM)
Confirmation Interviews in Jansen Center (1:30 - 4:00 PM)
Girl Scouts 6th Grade Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (3:30 - 5:00 PM)
Youth Ministry in BFH/YMR (6:00 - 8:30 PM)
Vespers in St. Dominic Chapel (6:30 PM)
Youth Ministry in Gym (7:30 - 8:30 PM)

Monday, March 20, 2017

Sewing Guild Workshop in Kramer Hall (9:30 AM - 12:30 PM)
School Rosary Club in Parish Center (3:00 - 5:00 PM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
8th Grade Musical in Gym (3:20 - 4:30 PM)
School Talent Show Rehearsal in Parish Center (4:00 - 5:00 PM)
Social Action Ministry Meeting in Jansen East (5:30 - 7:00 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 9:00 PM)
School 5K Planning Meeting in Room #106 (5:30 - 7:45 PM)
Troop 85 Scout Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
Cub Scouts Pack 85 Meeting in Parish Center (7:00 - 8:00 PM)
Education Commission Meeting in Jansen West (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
Al-Anon Family Group in Jansen East (7:30 - 8:30 PM)
Adult Men's Volleyball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Dominic Chapel (9:15 AM - 7:00 PM)
St. Luke Crafters Workshop in BFH Front Room (9:30 AM - 12:30 PM)
Women of Faith Bible Study Kramer Hall/Nursery (9:30 - 11:00 AM)
Chess Club in Parish Center (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 9:00 PM)
VIRTUS Child Protection Training in Kramer Hall (6:00 - 9:00 PM)
Boosters Meeting in Jansen East (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
SVDP Conference Meeting in Jansen West (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
St. Luke Golf Outing Meeting in Jansen Rose (7:15 - 9:00 PM)
Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

True Devotion to Mary Study in Jansen West (10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)
Bible Study - Virgin Mary in Jansen West (1:00 - 3:00 PM)
8th Grade Musical in Parish Center (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
PSR Classes in School/Nursery (4:15 - 8:15 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 9:00 PM)
Alpha Meeting in Parish Center (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
Pastoral Council Meeting in Jansen Center East (7:00 - 9:00 PM)

Thursday, March 23, 2017

8th Grade Musical in Parish Center (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
School Talent Show Rehearsal in Parish Center (4:30 - 6:00 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 9:00 PM)
Choir Rehearsal in Music Room (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
Bible Study - Virgin Mary in Jansen West (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
BS Troop 85 Patrol Leaders' Council in Jansen Rose (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
RCIA in Kramer Hall (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
Our Lady of Good Counsel SCC in Jansen East (7:15 - 9:00 PM)
K of C Council Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (8:00 - 9:30 PM)
Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Friday, March 24, 2017

Moms and Tots Playgroup in Nursery/Kramer Hall (9:30 - 11:30 AM)
Girl Scouts 4th Grade #32348 in School Room #106 (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
Extension in Bishop Ford Hall/Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Lenten Supper in Parish Center (5:30 - 6:30 PM)
CYO in Gym (5:30 - 7:00 PM)
Boy Scouts Wilderness First Aid Course in BFH (6:15 - 10:00 PM)
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting in Jansen West (7:00 - 8:00 PM)
Station of the Cross in Church (7:00 PM)

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Adult Men's Basketball in Gym (6:30 - 8:30 AM)
Boy Scouts Wilderness First Aid Course in BFH (8:00 AM - 10:00 PM)
CYO in Gym (9:00 - 4:00 PM)

Sunday, March 26, 2017

PSR 8th Grade Class in Jansen Center West (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
Early Childhood Class in School/Gym (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
CYO in Gym (1:00 - 6:45 PM)
St. Monica Ministry Meeting in Kramer Hall (3:30 - 5:00 PM)
Youth Ministry in BFH/YMR (6:00 - 8:30 PM)
Vespers in St. Dominic Chapel (6:30 PM)
Youth Ministry in Gym (7:30 - 8:30 PM)

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - St. Luke parishioners on Fridays, 7 AM-7 PM: Why do people like yourself pray at the sidewalk of the Women's Center on Stroop Road? People come together to pray because they believe that abortion is wrong and they cannot just stand by and think that they can do nothing. People also pray because many women who were seeking to abort their child have said that when they saw someone standing praying they took it as a sign of hope and changed their mind. Finally, people pray because they know God's presence can be manifest in their presence of prayer and the gospel value of all life being sacred can be witnessed to all passing by. Join with others in prayer anytime of the week or on St. Luke Fridays, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

AROUND THE AREA

Lay Ministry Formation Opportunities McCartyville 2017: Grow in faith, knowledge and skills! The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Lay Pastoral Ministry Program equips busy adult Catholics with the skills and knowledge needed to become missionary disciples, serving families, parishes and communities more effectively. It also serves as preparation for application to the permanent diaconate program. Classes include: Scripture, Doctrine, Christology, Social Media/Evangelization, Liturgy and History. Information meetings outlining the program and application process are scheduled for the Pilarczyk Center, 1436 Needmore Road in Dayton, for **Wednesday March 22nd** at 7:00 p.m., **Saturday April 1st** at 1:00 p.m. and **Wednesday April 5th** at 7:00 p.m. The sessions are open to the public and will last approximately 1 hour. For information call Deacon Hal Belcher at 419-305-5486.

Project Rachel – Healing Retreat March 24th-26th: Project Rachel is a Post-Abortive Healing Ministry in the Catholic Church. For many, it takes weeks, months or even years to come to terms with the feelings you are experiencing. Since 1994 Project Rachel has ministered to women and men who have lost a child through abortion. The Family and Respect Life Office is offering a Retreat from Friday March 24th through Sunday afternoon, March 26th. We invite you to: *"Look into your heart, listen to the voice of God. Help yourself by accepting His love and forgiveness."* For more information or registration, please call the Family and Respect Life Office at 937-222-0227. There is no charge; a free will offering will be accepted.

Mary and Ecological Spirituality: What can the Blessed Virgin Mary tell us about Christian ecology? The Marian Forum at the University of Dayton's International Marian Research Institute will have two scholarly presentations relating ecology to creation and life on **April 7th** from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Attend in person or participate online. **Free registration has been extended to Monday, March 20th.** Go to www.udayton.edu/imri/marian-forum, or call 937-229-4214.

AROUND THE AREA

Lenten Retreat Series 2017—“Who Do You Say I Am?” (Mt. 16:15): Have you been with a friend who asked you the above question? Could you answer the question about who your friend is, or would you be confused like the disciples, or fumble with an answer? You are invited to take the time for yourself to look at these questions with four very faith-filled presenters. Put yourself in this place and time to reveal to the Lord who you say He is.

On **Tuesday, March 21st**, the presenter is Fr. Dan Hartnett, S.J. (Arrupe Building); **Tuesday, March 28th**, the presenter is Fr. Richard Bollman, S.J. (Loyola Building); **Tuesday, April 4th**, the presenter is Lisa Bernheisel (Arrupe Building) and **Tuesday, April 11th**, the presenter is Fr. Pat Fairbanks, S.J. (Loyola Building).

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. with presentations from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person (dinner included). Register online at www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com or call Mary Ellen at 513-248-3500, ext. 10.

Lenten Speakers Series—Our Lady of the Rosary: In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, please join us for our walk through the Five Sorrowful Mysteries at St. Albert the Great, 3033 Far Hills Avenue in Kettering. Every Tuesday **through April 4th**, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Church, and consisting of reflection on one of the Sorrowful Mysteries followed by praying the Rosary. Please contact The Advancement & Communications Office at 298-1122 if you have any questions.

University of Dayton—Grow your knowledge of Mary’s Gardens: Walk through a living indoor garden in our first-floor gallery space, planted with flowers whose names and stories honor the Blessed Virgin Mother. The exhibit also include paintings of Mary-inspired flowers by Cincinnati artist Holly Schapker (seventh-floor) and displays of items from the Stokes collection (second floor). The exhibit runs from **March 25th through May 10th** at University of Dayton’s Roesch Library with an opening event from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday March 26th. Free and open to all. go.udayton.edu/marysgardens

Women’s Weekend Retreat—Walking With God: Living in Wholeness—Body, Mind, and Spirit is April 21st-23rd. Register by April 3 to receive the cost of \$215. After April 3, the cost is \$235. For more information or to register please call Mary Ellen Fellingner at phone 513-248-3500, ext. 10, online at www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com or email reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com. <https://jesuitspiritualcenter.files.wordpress.com/2017/02/womens-weekend-retreat-april-2017.pdf>

Dinner for Women Discerning the Consecrated Life will be held on **April 26th** from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church, 20A DeSales Avenue in Lebanon. Dine with Archbishop Schnurr and women in consecrated life and view the video *The Face of Religious Life Today*. Register online at www.cincinnati vocations.org/r-u-called.

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