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Diocese of Peoria
Bishop Louis Tylka

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Confessions

St. Luke
Saturday before Mass 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Joseph
Sunday before Mass 9:30 - 9:45 am

Bulletin announcements and calendar changes should be typed and submitted by Tuesday to the parish office or emailed to
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"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another"

6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Every May, the Church celebrates our Blessed Mother. It is fitting that during the Month when Spring begins to get into full swing and new life abounds, we turn our hearts to the one through whom God brought new, eternal life to mankind. There are many aspects of Mary we can fruitfully ponder, but this year I'm drawn to reflect on one of Mary's titles: our hope.

To an outsider, this title may seem strange. Mary is not our creator, redeemer, or savior. In other words, she is not God and thus has no power to grant us what we most desire. One of our Protestant brethren would likely point out we should put our hope in God, not any creature. In a certain sense they are right. God and God alone can save us and turning to anyone or anything else is folly. However, they are incorrect in the assumption there is tension between God and Mary, as if she detracts from the honor due her Son.

There is not dysfunction in God's family. Our Lord and His mother are in perfect accord with each other. Christ delights in the praise His mother received and she delights in the worship given to Him. When we call Mary our hope, we are not taking anything away from our Lord. Quite the contrary. We are recognizing what the great good God has worked in her.

Mary was conceived without sin and remained in God's grace every moment of her life. Through her love and fidelity, she shows us the incredible heights human nature is capable of. When a soul lives in union with its Creator, without ceasing to be only human, it becomes so much more than it is on its own. God's goodness and beauty shine through the saint's humanity. In the words of St. Irenaeus, a 2nd century bishop and doctor of the Church, "The glory of God is man fully alive."

Mary is not our hope because we have confused her with God, she is our hope because she is what we yearn to become. The dreck of sin weighs even the holiest of us down. We sense there is much that needs to change within us and yet we feel the impossibility of being entirely free. Mary shows us definitively that it is possible. Jesus Christ has saved us, and through a life of faith, He will remake us.

We look forward to the next life when our humanity will be entirely healed. Until then, we struggle on against our sinfulness, striving to imitate our Lady in her perfect love. Mary is also our hope because she has taken us as her own and works to bring about the holiness of God within us. She is simultaneously mother of God, queen of heaven, and our mother. She shows forth the possibility for each one of us and helps to make it a reality. Blessed Virgin, our hope, seat of wisdom, pray for us.

In Christ,
Fr. Mattingly

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat, May 4	Vigil for Sunday
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Sunday, May 5	6th Sunday of Easter
8:00 am at St. Luke	Irene Kerwin by Dorita Bechtel
10:00am at St. Joseph	Pro Populo
Tue, May 7	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Luke	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Wed, May 8	Weekday
9:00 am at St. Luke	Richard Ashbrook by the Ashbrook Family
Thur, May 9	St. John of Avila
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Fri, May 10	St. John of Avila
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Teresa Martino by Steve & April Wagner
Sat, May 11	Vigil for Sunday
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Sharon Gries by Dave & Paula Hise
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Intention of the Celebrant
Sunday, May 12	The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 am at St. Luke	Pro Populo
10:00am at St. Joseph	Teresa Martino by Ann Gioletti

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 5
9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke)
9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
Monday, May 6
8:00 am No Mass
8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)
6:30 pm Eucharist Adoration (St. Joseph)
Wednesday, May 8
8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke)
6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
Sunday, May 12
9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke)
9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
Tuesday, May 14
7:00 pm Ladies Guild (St. Luke)



“She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us.” —Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

*God is love,
We who abide in
love abide in God
and God in us.*

1Jn 4:16

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 28

Week 43

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,542.09	\$ 541.34
Building Fund Offerings	\$ -	
Votive Candles Offerings		\$ 25.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 1,542.09	\$ 566.34
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 108,192.63	\$ 58,762.80
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 99,528.88	\$ 61,275.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 8,663.75	\$ (2,512.20)

Thank YOU for your Generosity!

EUREKA AREA FOOD PANTRY

The month of May is St. Luke's month to support and donate to the food pantry. There will be a collection basket in the foyer of the church throughout the entire month. The pantry has asked that we concentrate on collecting these needed items for them; hamburger helpers, canned beef stew, instant puddings and jello mixes - sugar free, dish soap, and bar soap. Monetary donations are also needed which allows the food pantry to purchase specific needed items to stock their shelves. Please make

your check out to the Eureka Area Food Pantry & place in an envelope in the basket. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Hise (309.303.2334) or Dennis Kroll (309.467.4348). Thank you for your support!



ST. LUKE'S LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. This is our last scheduled meeting until September and officers for 2024-2025 will be elected (depending on the future of St. Luke's). All women of the parish are invited to attend. Hostesses for the evening are Lannie Ashbrook & Sarah Neuhauser.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday May 7 from 12:30-5:30. It will be held at Thompson Community Center (the park building) in Roanoke.

Donors can register by going to www.redcrossblood.org, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or calling or texting Julie Blunier at 309-712-7491.



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

The rosary is prayed at both parishes. All are encouraged to participate in the one that best suits your schedule during this month of Our Lady.

St. Joseph

Sunday - 9:30 am

Wednesday - 6:30 pm

St. Luke

Monday - 8:30 am

EUCHARIST ADORATION

Bishop Lou has commissioned a monstrance to be used for a holy hour in each of the churches in the diocese over the course of the National Eucharistic Revival. The route began with a holy hour at the Cathedral in November. It travels to at **St. Joseph's Monday, 6**. There will be a Holy Hour from 6:30 - 7:30 at. There will be time for quiet reflection and the Litany of the Eucharist will be prayed during that time.



Knights of Columbus

The KC's will meet on May 20th due to Memorial Day. Meal will be at 06:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 07:00 pm. Topic of the meeting will be the future of the Council. Members are encouraged to attend.



Knights of Columbus[®]





We want to provide you an update regarding Bishop Tylka's discernment process as part of the Growing Disciples initiative, the multi-year pastoral planning process for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria to renew discipleship and enhance relationships with Jesus Christ in every corner of our region. Bishop Tylka is reading, listening to and praying about all the feedback he is receiving. In the meantime, we want to share with you how he plans to announce his decisions.

On the weekend of May 18 and 19 (Pentecost weekend), each pastor will read a letter from the Bishop at every weekend Mass. The letter will include information specific to each parish and will be shared at all the Masses that weekend.

Between 5 pm and 6 pm on Saturday, May 18, the Diocese will be making the information public regarding all parish changes and priest announcements on its website (growingdisciplescdop.org). That website will also include a glossary of terms, a section of Frequently Asked Questions and a personal message from the Bishop. The website also currently includes materials to help guide you in praying a Novena before the announcement Pentecost weekend. **Please join us in praying this Novena for the nine days leading up to Pentecost for the people of the diocese of Peoria. We will begin together May 10.** Through these prayers, we will reflect on our history and legacy in the region. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the faithful will be empowered to go make disciples in our new, mission-driven, sustainable structure of parishes.

St. Mary of Lourdes Presents:
SACRED HEART FAMILY DAY

Join us for a day of family fun and togetherness! There will be speakers, prayer, Mass, dinner and games!

June 15
 Check-In 12:30pm
 Welcome: 1:15pm
 Mass: 4:30pm
 Day officially ends at 8pm

This event is open to all Catholic families. We look forward to seeing you there!
 RSVP BY May 25
 \$5/person or \$25/Family

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER







All Women and Girls of All Ages
 in the month of our Mother Mary
 Join us Saturday, May 11
 9:30 am
 for a Morning of

Prayer, Honor, and Blessings

St. Mary of Lourdes & Grotto
 424 Lourdes Church Rd. Germantown Hills, IL 61548

As we immerse ourselves in beautiful music, song, and liturgy surrounded by the beauty of St. Mary's of Lourdes Church and Grotto, we will honor Mary, all women, and graduates of the diocese.
"Blessed are you among women; blessed in turn all women, too."

The morning will include:
 Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary with prayer and song
 Procession with Mary bringing flowers to the altar
 Holy Mass-Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink officiating
 Rose Award Presentation
 followed by a Morning Tea
 Honoring all Mothers and Graduates



Millions of Monicas is a new ministry in the Diocese of Peoria for women to pray together for their children who have left the faith. This is not a support group or a self-help group. We simply meet once a month and pray together for each other's loved ones in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Join with other mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, aunts, Godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

1st Tuesdays 7:00pm
 St. Mark Parish
 113 W. Bradley Ave. Peoria, IL
 309-673-1263

4th Tuesdays 7:00pm
 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
 904 E. Lake Ave. Peoria Heights, IL
 309-688-3446

For more information visit www.millionsofmonicas.com

More information can be found on the information board in the vestibules of each parish.