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Diocese of Peoria  
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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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## *The Ascension of the Lord* *May 12, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

The stoics were a school of pagan philosophers who believed one should never judge whether events are good or bad because one can never know what the final outcome will be. Instead of rejoicing or sorrowing at any particular occurrence, the stoic strove to focus on accepting whatever happened and living a virtuous life.

The disciples were perturbed by the idea of Christ leaving them. They clung to what they knew and were used to because there was a real fear the future would be worse. After years of Christ's presence in a bodily form, the disciples reasonably had difficulty imagining how He could be as or even more present to them after ascending to the Father. They mistook His bodily presence for the only way He could be present.

The stoics would have advised the disciples to simply accept the situation and carry on. There's a wisdom to this, as we often spend far too much time and energy evaluating the events of our life. It accomplishes very little besides inducing anxiety, hence our Lord's exhortation: "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day." (Mt 6:34)

The Christian approach is similar to the stoics in its effect of striving to accept whatever happens in peace but with a crucial difference. The stoic refrains from judgement because he recognizes his inability to predict the future. The Christian recognizes the same limitation, but adds to it the knowledge based on the certainty of faith that all events are guided by God's providence. A loving Father, not random chance, controls what happens to us, giving us confidence even apparently negative events lead to the good.

The Ascension is a perfect example. Christ returns to heaven to take His seat at the right hand of the Father, meaning the disciples will no longer be able to see Him. The bodily relationship the disciples are accustomed to will no longer exist, which appears indisputably negative. However, before leaving, Christ promised that He would send the Spirit, who would reveal all things to His followers and strengthen them.

The Spirit will indeed come, which we look forward to next weekend at Pentecost. By taking up residence within each Christian's soul, the Spirit also makes the Father and the Son present as well. Christ's departure thus results in an even greater intimacy than before, an intimacy that remains possible for us today.

In Christ,  
Fr. Mattingly

*"As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world."*

*Jn 17:18*

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

<b>Sat, May 11</b> 4:00 pm at St. Luke  5:30 pm at St. Joseph	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b> Sharon Gries by Dave & Paula Hise Intention of the Celebrant
<b>Sunday, May 12</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke 10:00am at St. Joseph	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> Pro Populo Teresa Martino by Ann Gioletti
<b>Mon, May 13</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> Teresa Martino by Joann Dorn
<b>Tue, May 14</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke	<b>St. Matthias</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Wed, May 15</b> 9:00 am at St. Luke	<b>St. Isidore</b> Richard Ashbrook by the Ashbrook Family
<b>Thur, May 16</b> 8:00 am at St. Joseph	<b>Weekday</b> Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Fri, May 17</b> 8:00 am at St. Joseph	<b>Weekday</b> Teresa Martino by Sandy & Rick Durham
<b>Sat, May 18</b> 4:00 pm at St. Luke 5:30 pm at St. Joseph	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b> Pro Populo Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
<b>Sunday, May 19</b> 8:00 am at St. Luke 10:00am at St. Joseph	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Irene Kerwin by Dorita Bechtel Intention of the Celebrant

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, May 12</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am	Adult Education (St. Luke) Rosary (St. Joseph)
<b>Monday, May 13</b> 8:00 am 8:30 am	No Mass Rosary (St. Luke)
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b> 8:00 am 6:30 pm	Adoration (St. Luke) Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)
<b>Sunday, May 19</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am	Adult Education (St. Luke) Rosary (St. Joseph)



## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of May 5  
Week 44

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,182.79	\$ 1,241.34
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Votive Candles Offerings		\$ 40.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 2,232.79	\$ 1,356.34
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 110,375.42	\$ 60,119.14
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 101,843.50	\$ 62,700.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 8,531.92	\$ (2,580.86)

**Thank YOU for your Generosity!**



## Knights of Columbus

The KC's will meet on May 20<sup>th</sup> 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®

## 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.



## 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



## 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!



*"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. Consecrate them in your truth. Your Word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."*



**Day 2: We pray today for all priests, and for the pastors who lead and guide our parishes.**

Jesus called the apostles to be fishers of men, and we pray for all those that He has raised up new apostles in His Holy Church. You have kindled in the hearts of your priests the fire of zeal for souls.

Lord, grant our priests and pastors the courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry as they share the divine grace of the Eucharist with the faithful of our Diocese.

**Holy Spirit, Divine Counselor,**

I adore You as the one true God with the Father and the Son.

I give You my heart and I offer my thanksgiving for all the graces which You bestow on me.

Grant me the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, so that I may rightly direct all my actions, and thus renew the face of the earth. Recreate me as your true disciple so that the Church in Peoria will be renewed. **Amen.**

**Day 3: We pray today in thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist.**

The Mass is our invitation to join in Christ's sacrifice and participate in communion with God and love for Jesus.

We pray for everyone who receives the Eucharist, that they may know and experience Christ's true presence. Let us bring our awareness back to Christ, so that our participation in the Mass produces the fruit our Lord intended when He gave us this gift of Communion through the Eucharist.

We are a Eucharistic people. Today, we pause and take some time in this particular moment to think about how important it is to have that relationship with the Lord, that the Lord gave us the gift of Himself — His body, His blood in the Eucharist.



# Pork Chop Dinner

May 19, 2024

## Supporting St. Mark Youth Ministry

Join us after 11:00 mass on Sunday May 19th for a grab and go pork chop dinner.

\$10 for a Meal (includes chips and a drink)

\$7 for Sandwich Only

\$5 Hot Dog Meal (includes chips and a drink)

All funds support our trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference in July 2024

Pre-Order Tickets at  
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