Welcome to
St. Luke Parish
RIVER FOREST | ILLINOIS

St. Luke, The Evangelist
October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2008
This Week’s Gatherings

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 20, 2008
6:30 am † Donna Young
8:00 am † Terrence Cullerton

Tuesday, October 21, 2008
6:30 am † Dr. John Jacobs
8:00 am † Irma Coulas

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
6:30 am † Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Hillier
8:00 am † Mildred Gosselin

Thursday, October 23, 2008
6:30 am † Eleanor Burkhardt
8:00 am † Alex Aquilino Sr.

Friday, October 24, 2008
6:30 am † Jack Regan
8:00 am † Rozine Badger

Saturday, October 25, 2008
8:00 am † Robert Hosty Jr.

Readings

Readings for the Week of October 19, 2008

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

Please Pray for Our Sick:

and for Our Deceased.

Praying the Rosary During October
October is traditionally a month of special devotion to Mary, especially the praying of the rosary. Each weekday, Monday through Saturday, the rosary is prayed in church immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass.
Everyone is cordially invited to join in this Marian devotion during October.

500 Club
The St. Luke Athletic Committee would like to congratulate the following winner of the 500 Club drawing:

October 12, 2008 Colin Wyatt
Thank you to all who have purchased memberships in the club, the proceeds of which go directly to fund the school’s athletic programs.

Stewardship

From the weekend of October 12, 2008
Weekly Collection Goal.................................$17,100.00
Actual Weekly Collection..............................$14,275.00

2008-2009 Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly Collection Goal.................................$256,500.00
Actual Weekly Collection..............................$225,923.00
Deficit to Date .............................................$30,577.00
Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician” (Colossians 4:14). His Gospel was probably written between A.D. 70 and 85.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul’s second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. “Only Luke is with me,” Paul writes (2 Timothy 4:11).

Comment:
Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. The Gospel reveals Luke’s expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. The character of Luke may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

1. **The Gospel of Mercy:** Luke emphasizes Jesus’ compassion and patience with the sinners and the suffering. He has a broadminded openness to all, showing concern for Samaritans, lepers, publicans, soldiers, public sinners, unlettered shepherds, the poor. Luke alone records the stories of the sinful woman, the lost sheep and coin, the prodigal son, the good thief.

2. **The Gospel of Universal Salvation:** Jesus died for all. He is the son of Adam, not just of David, and Gentiles are his friends too.

3. **The Gospel of the Poor:** “Little people” are prominent—Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, Shepherds, Simeon and the elderly widow, Anna. He is also concerned with what we now call “evangelical poverty.”

4. **The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation:** He stresses the need for total dedication to Christ.

5. **The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit:** He shows Jesus at prayer before every important step of his ministry. The Spirit is bringing the Church to its final perfection.

6. **The Gospel of Joy:** Luke succeeds in portraying the joy of salvation that permeated the primitive Church.

Quote:
Then [Jesus] led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. (Luke 24:50-53).

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—Art: Luke the Evangelist, Russian icon from first quarter of 18th century
—Source: Iconostasis of Transfiguration church, Kizhi monastery, Karelia, Russia
Gatherings from the Parish and the Community

ST. LUKE/BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuition Assistance Meeting

DATE: Sunday, October 26
TIME: 10:30 AM
Come early; meet and sit with your St. Agatha and Blessed Sacrament friends during Mass.

PRESIDER: Fr. Larry Dowling, Pastor of St. Agatha
PLACE: St. Agatha’s Church, 3147 Douglas Ave, Chicago
Directions: Take I-290 (east) to the Independence exit. Take Independence south to where it turns east and becomes Douglas Blvd. St. Agatha Church is just east of Kedzie on Douglas Blvd. See You There!

PROGRAM: We begin with regularly scheduled Mass (10:30 AM), followed by Continental Breakfast, Tuition Awards and Social Hour.
BRING: Nothing! Doughnuts, coffee and juice will be provided.
QUESTIONS: Call the Nickels’ at 771-1937 or the Valenti’s at 771-3186.

Your Insight Is Requested
Cardinal George has asked that we, as members of the Deanery Pastoral Council, ask the members of St. Luke to respond to the question: “What can parishes do to lead people to prayer?” Responses may be sent to either Deanery representative from our parish: Jim Meek, 700 Ashland Ave, River Forest, meekrx@aol.com or John Morrissey, 322 Forest Ave, River Forest, jamorrissey@sbcglobal.net. Your response may also be dropped in the collection basket at Sunday Mass with one of our names on the outside of your envelope. Thank you in advance for taking the time to respond to the Cardinal’s question.

October — Respect Life Month
Throughout the month of October, let us keep Respect Life issues in our prayers:

- for an end to abortion and euthanasia;
- for an end to terrorism, violence and war;
- for an end to domestic violence, child abuse and sexual abuse;
- for an end to the death penalty;
- for greater respect for the handicapped and the disabled;
- for greater care for the chronically ill, the terminally ill, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and the elderly;
- for proper respect and reverence for each and every human life, from conception until natural death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

When: Saturday, October 25
6:30 PM Registration/Happy Hour
Where: Waldron Hall (lower level of the St. Luke School Building)

Don’t know how to play? Then come for the friendships, food and fun. We can teach you the game in just minutes!

To register/questions: Scott Krusinski 771-7358
Email to: SMK22@comcast.net

Coat Drive - Thank You
St. Luke families have once again “spread the warmth” to our friends at The Learning Center at Blessed Sacrament. Your coat donations for our annual drive are very much appreciated. Thank you from Sr. Monice and everyone at The Learning Center.
The collection box at the Lake Street entrance to the Church will be removed after the Noon Mass this Sunday, October 19.

Family Mass Next Sunday
We invite all families with young children to attend the 9:00 Family Mass next Sunday. There will be a special children’s homily at the altar steps and the Children’s Choirs will sing.

Bring the whole family and share in the special blessings.

Sophia Book Discussion
The Sophia Book Discussion Group will meet Saturday, October 25, from 8:30-10:30 AM in the Convent.

We will be finishing Garry Will’s book Head and Hearts.

Baby Bottle “Loose Change Collection”
Earlier this month the St. Luke Respect Life Committee distributed baby bottles and encouraged all parishioners to fill them with loose change during the month of October—Respect Life Month.

Be sure to return your filled bottle to church next weekend—October 25-26. All proceeds will go to assist the women served at Aid for Women.

Allow the baby bottle to serve as a reminder to pray for women who are making life-affirming decisions and for their unborn babies.

Thank you for your generous support.
Gatherings from the Parish and the Community

PRIME TIMERS

Tomorrow, October 20, the Prime Timers will visit two historic church sites. We will leave from the Convent parking lot at 10:00 AM and drive to St. James at Sag Bridge Church in Lemont. This parish was founded in 1833 and is the sole country parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago. They celebrated their 175th anniversary this September. We will also be able to visit an interesting parish cemetery next to the church. After lunch at the Carriage Greens restaurant we will visit The National Shrine of St. Thérèse of Lisieux in Darien. This Shrine has the most extraordinary collection of personal effects and memorabilia of St. Thérèse outside of France.

St. Luke's School is looking for Prime Timers to volunteer to help in their educational mission. They need tutors, readers and other assistants. Times can be flexible. For more information, call the school principal, Barbara Rasinski at 366-8587.

The Adventure Continues . . .

The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible continues this Wednesday, October 15, at 7:00 PM in Waldron Hall. Please bring your study materials and prepare Early World Part 2 for Wednesday evening. If this is your first time to participate in the small group study, please call the rectory (708-771-8250) so that we may obtain materials for you.

“Date Night” at St. Luke

Don’t miss this Marriage Enrichment Event this Friday, October 24, 7:00-9:00 PM in Waldron Hall (the lower level of our school). Bring your spouse for an evening focusing on making you a stronger couple. Kathy and Lloyd Christensen of Worldwide Marriage Encounter will lead a night of reflection and laughter which will include one-on-one time with your spouse and will conclude with fellowship and refreshments.

If babysitting is required, please mention it when you call. For more information or to RSVP, please contact: George Drucker and Laura Hogan at 708-366-7304.

Parish Photo Directory

If you were unable to schedule an appointment to have your photo taken for our 2009 Pictorial Directory, Lifetouch has informed us that anyone who would still like to have their picture taken can do so by contacting one of the following churches in the area. Simply call the church office, mention that you are a member of St. Luke in River Forest and would like to have your picture taken for the parish directory. They will assist you in finding a time for you and your family.

Visitation Catholic Church, 779 S. York St, Elmhurst, 630-834-6700; Photography Dates: Oct. 21-22

Christian Life Center, 3409 Grove Ave, Berwyn, 708-398-3234; Photography Dates: Oct 23-25

Youth Ministry

October 20th is the last day to sign-up for the:
Great America Amusement Park Trip on Sunday, October 26th, 10:30am-9:00pm
Please return a permission slip and check for $50 to St Luke Youth Ministry. The form and more information can be found on the parish website or at the office. All high schoolers welcome!

HAV E YOU CHECKED-OUT THE ST LUKE YOUTH MINISTRY WEBPAGE?

- An up-to-date calendar of youth events
- A link to daily readings
- Guidance for personal prayer
- Information about trips and retreats

Come take a look by visiting www.stlukeparish.org and clicking on the “Youth Ministry” tab.

Questions? Contact Amanda Collins
708-435-8922  acollins@stlukeparish.org

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Please Join Us . . .

Monday, October 20
our students and faculty will be celebrating the
St. Luke & Cherished Ones Mass and Celebration
at a special Mass at 9:15 AM in Church.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

SLS Students’ Retreat Day
The St. Luke 6th, 7th and 8th graders had quite a spiritually
full day on Friday, October 10. The morning began with a
retreat at Our Lady of Victory Church. St. Luke students,
along with students from six other parish schools, joined
Fr. Chris in song, dance, praise and worship for our
awesome God.

The second half of the day was spent at Concordia University
providing assistance to college students who organized the
“Feed My Starving Children” program. This service project
involved assembling and packaging food to be shipped to
poor and starving nations. Our efforts were targeted to
feeding the people of Haiti. In just under two hours,
the students assembled and prepared 100 boxes of food
for shipment. These 100 boxes each contained 36 bags that
feed six people. In all, our students
assembled and
packed food to
feed 23,760
people!!

Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.
—Matthew 25: 40

The Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
for all Confirmation candidates and their sponsors was on
Saturday, October 13, at the 5:30 PM Mass. They were
presented to the St. Luke congregation announcing their
intention to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Prior
to coming to Mass they shared an Afternoon of Reflection
with Terry Nelson Johnson in Waldron Hall.

The candidates’ names are listed below. Please keep them
and their families in your prayers as they continue their
journey toward Confirmation. If you are familiar with or
friends with a candidate, contact this young person in a
special way. I’m sure it would mean a lot to hear from you.

Dana Alcock    Sean Hickey    Irene O’Connor
Jack Badger    Loren Horton    Madeline O’Rourke
Chris Basili    Sarah Huston    Annie Phelan
Carlotta Battelli    Luke Irvin    Nicole Pijon
Maggie Blaha    Catherine Joss    Steven Piper
Colleen Brennan    Annie Kelly    Annie Plane
Matthew Bresnahan    Caroline Kelty    Nicole Polham
Julia Bruynseels    Natalie Lamm    Jack Rauh
Sara Bulmer    Patrick Latz    PJ Rauzi
Katie Clark    Connor Leef    Angela Ribaudo
Patrick Clifford    John Lotus    Owen Skelding
Kelly Collins    Marilyn MacNamara    Ian Skiver
Maeve Connelly    Anna Masella    John Smith
Matthew Culver    Kristen May    Ana Spinuzza
Gianna DeLaPiedra    Colleen McAdams    Michael Spinuzza
Andrew Doss    Daniel McAndrews    Annelise Steele
Patrick Downey    Christopher Montroy    Madeline Stupinski
Caroline Fernandes    Kevin Moore    John Tinkham
Francesco Fiumara    Isabelle Muñoz    Maria Vainisi
Laura Francisco    Madeline Navigato    Emily Verticchio
Stephanie Fumo    Ryan Nelson    Patrick Wade
Alicia Gerin    Ana Nieto    James Walsh
Joseph Guinan    Michael Nitchman    Taylor Walsh
Kitty Harrington    Emma Nockels    Hannah Wilson
Marcella Heinke    Michael Nowicki    Patrick Yerkes
Eric Henry    Will O’Brien    Derion Young
James Henry

Gatherings from the Next Generation

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Oak Park-River Forest

Flood Emergency Fund Established
Many seniors and other residents with disabilities in Oak Park–River Forest are still feeling the effects of the recent flooding. Some have lost furnishings, clothing, boilers and furnaces. Some are unable to cook or have hot showers.
An emergency fund has been established to provide immediate assistance to those impacted by the recent flooding in our community.
Your tax-deductible contributions can be made to the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation, c/o Flood Emergency Fund, 1049 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301. For more information, call 708-848-1560.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat
A Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing is scheduled for October 24-26 at the Stronghold Retreat and Conference Center in Oregon, IL. The weekend offers an opportunity for healing to any woman or man who may be grieving their decision.
A donation of $150 includes room, meals and retreat materials. Partial scholarships are available and participation is strictly confidential. For more information or to register, contact Catherine Rennert at 815-968-1157.

St Luke Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Waldron Hall-A
Monday, October 20, 2008
7:30 pm

Agenda

Opening Prayer and Gospel               Fr. Leroy Wickowski
Intentions                                Mike Sullivan
Approval of September Minutes              Denise Murray
Pastor’s Report                            Fr. Leroy Wickowski
Parish Photo Directory                    Tom Verticchio
Ministry Fair 2008                        Mike Sullivan
Ministry Liaison report                  Scott Krusinski
Deanery Report                            Jim Meek
Closing Prayer                            Scott Krusinski

Rekindling the Flame
Rekindling the Flame, an interfaith service and support group for family caregivers and their supporters, meets this Sunday, October 19, at 2:30 PM at the Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park.
For more information, contact rekindlingtheflame@sbcglobal.net or voice mail: 708-386-8036, ext. 36.