THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent



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Sin wounds our ability to trust - and to be trusted - the things most necessary for LOVE to really grow. This Lent, God invites us to rediscover the power of trust - and to allow ourselves to be loved.

In the Old Testament, we go back to the place where as humans we first allowed doubt to creep into our hearts. In the New Testament, St. Paul teaches us that the trust that Adam lost, Jesus makes possible again. And in the Gospel, Jesus shows us what it means to truly trust God with all our minds, hearts, souls, and strength - even in the face of temptation.



YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Where does doubt most affect you? When you struggle to trust in God, how do you fight off that temptation? This week, go out of your way to ask God to show you how you can truly grow closer to Him. Choose a Lenten sacrifice that helps you develop real trust in God.

Welcome to Saint Luke!

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www.saintlukeslidell.org

OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday | 9:30am-3:30pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MON | TUE | THU | FRI 8:45 am

WED

6:00 am + 8:45 am

FIRST SAT (only)

8:45 am

WEEKEND **SAT** 5 pm **SUN** 7:30 am | 9 am | 11 am | 4 pm

RECONCILIATION

SAT 3 pm - 4:30 pm

WED 5 pm - 6:30 pm

or by appointment

welcome!

If you're new to Saint Luke, we want you to feel right at home.
REGISTER to join our parish so we can know how to serve you better.
JUST TEXT "WELCOME" to
1-844-534-2245

1 ABOUT YOUR PARISH



WELCOME HOME

THANK YOU

PASTOR'S WISH LIST www.saintlukeslidell.org/pastorwishlist

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!





If some member of our parish family did something worth celebrating, let us know at www.saintlukeslidell.org/thanks

"THANK YOU to all of the amazing FIRE volunteers! FIRE and BLAZE nights are really beautiful, interesting, faith-building, and fun! The kids love it, and the food is great! It means a lot to us that someone is praying for us, too."

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VOLUNTEERS SHOW THAT SAINT LUKE IS A PARISH IN LOVE WITH CHRIST

We know that amazing things happen when our parishioners pray for and serve each other. God's given you beautiful gifts that are unique and unrepeatable. Ready to make a difference? Our PARISHIONER LIAISON can connect you into the heart of our parish with just a simple survey. Tell us what you love to do, and we'll show you how to set the world on fire!

saintlukeslidell.org/talents

SAINT LUKE IS A PARISH ON FIRE!

Last year, our parish embarked on an amazing adventure called FIRE - Family Involved Religious Education - that allows every member of the parish family to grow in faith - from the very young to the very young at heart. FIRE is held once a month on Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm - and always includes dinner!

www.saintlukeslidell.org/FIRE

FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

Hey, St. Luke family!

As we begin Lent this year, I wanted to take a moment to offer some suggestions that you might have never considered as a sincere option for bettering your journey to holiness. If you're looking for interesting ways to grow this Lent, visit: www.saintlukeslidell.org/lent

+ PRAYER+

Pray with your family before you go to work. Pick up a new prayer habit this Lent: bless your children every day before you go to work. Catholic parents have a responsibility to pray for their children - and a quick blessing with a big hug can make a big difference.

Go to Confession with your spouse. Pizza and Penance (or Pasta and Penance) can be a great date night tradition! Go once a month.

Go to an Adoration Hour for someone you know. There's a long list of people you know who need prayers. Visit the Lord for someone and then send them a note to say that you have been praying for them.

Read a saintly story. Turn off the TV, the screens, and borrow a beautiful Catholic book from your local library. Not sure what to choose? We have a list of a few books available at the local library at www.saintlukeslidell.org/saintlystories

+ ALMSGIVING +

That powder blue tuxedo from 1984, is desperately needed by a crazy teenager for a costume party. Let it go. There's this thing we do... we hold on to clothes that we're sure "will come back in style" or that "I'll fit back into it someday." Keeping these clothes - or the other unnecessary things in our houses - just clutter our lives and don't give anyone else any pleasure. Give them away. Christian Community Concern at 2515 Carey Street can give away your gently used clothes to someone who needs them or sell them and use the money to bless another person.

Put that coffee to real work. Instead of buying that \$5 coffee, put it into a jar, then offer those donations to Good Sams. Your little sacrifice can help turn a person's life around.

+ FASTING +

Turn off the phone. This Lent, give your family and friends the gift of your true presence without the phone distracting you. Set boundary limits on your screen time.

Give up the close parking space. Park in the back of the parking lot and say a prayer for the people around you as you walk to the store.

Shower without hot (or use only lukewarm) water. Be willing to offer a little hardship to Jesus in exchange for the suffering for others.

Those may seem pretty simple, but believe it or not, they may be more difficult than you think. The goal isn't to make your sacrifices, prayers, and generosity painful - it's to make you HOLY. Choose the sacrifice that you think will help you draw closer to the Lord who sacrificed everything for us.

To Jesus through Mary, In union with St. Joseph, Your pastor,

SACRAMENTS

To begin preparation for the following sacraments, visit saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments or just call our office.

BAPTISM

If you or your child is not yet initiated into the Church, please permit us the honor of welcoming you into the family of Christ here at Saint Luke!

saintlukeslidell.org/baptism

FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Find out more about sacramental preparation which begins every September on our website saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments

MARRIAGE

Prepare for a faithful and fruitful married life with us!
Please call our office or visit saintlukeslidell.org/marriage at least 6 to 8 months in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is sick or hospitalized, please call the office at any time

TO REQUEST A PRIEST FOR AN EMERGENCY 985-641-6429 AND PRESS 1



3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

MUSIC

ENTRANCE: #479 LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

- 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days For us did fast and pray, Teach us to overcome our sins, And close by you to stay.
- 2. As you with Satan did contend And did the victory win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to conquer sin.
- 3. As you did hunger and did thirst, So teach us, gracious Lord, To die to self, and only live By your most holy word.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

OFFERTORY: BE STILL, MY SOUL

- 1. Be still, my soul-- the Lord is on thy side!
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 Leave to thy God to order and provide-In evry change he faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul-- thy best, thy heavinly friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2. Be still, my soul-- thy God doth undertake To guide the future as he has the past; Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake-- All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul-- the waves and winds still know His voice who rules them while he dwelt below.

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READING 1: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die." But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

READING 2: Rom 5:12-19

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

POPE FRANCIS: For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

FATHER JARED: For a desire to support new Catholics We pray that the members of our parish will find a renewed desire to share their faith and resources with those seeking to know and adore the Lord.

LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL: Mt 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply,

"It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him,
"Again it is written,
You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him,
"Get away, Satan!
It is written:
The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

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MUSIC

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

COMMUNION: #478 RETURN TO GOD

[Refrain]

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy; come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

- 1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation; come and learn now the way of our God.
- 2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you, a heart of compassion and love.
- 3. If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free; if you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost, give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst, then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

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5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

MUSIC

SENDING FORTH: TAKE UP YOUR CROSS # 801

 "Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be; Take up your cross with willing heart, And humbly follow after me."

3. Take up your cross, heed not the

And let your foolish pride be still; The Lord for you accepted death Upon a cross on Calv'ry's hill.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; For those who humbly bear the cross One day will wear the glorious crown.

MONDAY

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15, R. Jn 6:63b, Mt 25:31-46

Entrance Antiphon:

Like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords, so our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he show us his mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Responsorial Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. Communion Antiphon:

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me, says the Lord. Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

TUESDAY

Is 55:10-1, Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, R. v.18b, Mt 6:7-15

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation; from age to age, you are. Responsorial Psalm:

From all their distress God rescues the just. Communion Antiphon:

When I called, the God of justice gave me answer; from anguish you released me; have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!

WEDNESDAY

Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, R. v.19b, Lk 11:29-32

Entrance Antiphon:

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Responsorial Psalm:

A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

Communion Antiphon:

All who take refuge in you shall be glad, O Lord, and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among them.

I STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent 6:30 pm

THURSDAY

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, R. v.3a, Mt 7:7-12

Entrance Antiphon:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Communion Antiphon:

Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

FRIDAY

Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-2. 3-4. 5-7a. 7bc-8. R. v.3, Mt 5:20-26

Entrance Antiphon:

Set me free from my distress, O Lord. See my lowliness and suffering, and take away all my sins.

Responsorial Psalm:

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?

Communion Antiphon:

As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back and live.

FIRST SATURDAY

Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, R. v.1b, Mt 5:43-48

Entrance Antiphon:

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the

Communion Antiphon:

Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, says the Lord.

Saturday, February 25, 2023

5:00 pm Patrick Flanagan; Terry Kennedy; Christian Tullis; Beverly Boos; Kenneth Louis Odinet, Sr.; Lucy T. Schwartz; Kathleen Modenbach; Ruby DiMarco; Fred Zoller, Sr.; Lucille Roberts; Joseph Soileau; Lorraine & Sammy Jernigan; Dcn. Ron LeBlanc; Phyllis Indest; Mary Lewis; David Scarborough; Irving Fowler; Souls in Purgatory; Ashton Chargois

Sunday, February 26, 2023

7:30 am Simon Schafer (INT)

9:00 am Joseph Gardner, Sr.; Terry Kennedy; Alvin Boos; Bob Boos; Harry Charbonnet, Jr.; Rod W. Willhoft, II; JoAnn Gray; Dominic Hoc Tran; Maria Tin Nguyen; Teresa Nhan Le; Jeff Devine; Sonya Dassau; Victor Steudlein; Joseph Soileau; Maurice Durel; Linda Lorenz; Dcn. Ron LeBlanc; The Thomas Family (INT); Lois Dale; Mary Ann LeBlanc & Family (INT); Fr. Jared Rodrigue & Staff (IŃT); Carolyn Peters (INŤ)

SLE Parishioners (INT) 11:00 am

4:00 pm Terry Kennedy

Monday, February 27, 2023

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

8:45 am

8:45 am Jennifer Bramley (INT)

Patricia Armand

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

The Nguyen Children 6:00 am (INT)

8:45 am Kim Denley (INT)

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Mason McManus 8:45 am

Friday, March 3, 2023

8:45 am Jerry Lewis

Saturday, March 4, 2023 – First Saturday

8:45 am Beryl Greco

The Altar Flowers are placed this weekend for

No flowers during Lent

The Sanctuary Light is burning this week for

Patrick Flanagan

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY:

Special Collections

March 19

February 26 for Catholic Charities for Our Seminarians' Education

FAITH FORMATION 6

THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR FAMILIES

The Way of the Cross is a beautiful Catholic tradition, sometimes called the Stations of the Cross. That tradition holds that Mary visited all the places where her beloved Son suffered and died, pondering in her heart the mercy and the love of a God who would never leave us to suffer and die alone and who died on the cross to give us a chance at an eternal life. After the Roman emperor Constantine legalized Christianity around 312 A.D., the via dolorosa ('The Painful Road") was marked with 'stations.' St. Jerome lived in Bethlehem in the 400s and would lead crowds of people down the road, teaching about what happened to Jesus there.

The Lord's passion is gruesome even for adults, so explaining it to children might seem very hard. The secret is to know when your child is ready to discuss the crucifixion - and never teaching about the death of Jesus without emphasizing that the story ends with His resurrection. Always be sure to use age appropriate language, and if your child isn't old enough to watch The Passion of the Christ, then you can assume that he or she isn't ready to hear the details either. The best place to begin is to explain sin - and how it affects us. The story of Jesus hanging on a tree begins with Adam and Eve's disobedience at another tree. Explain to your children about the sorrow and danger of disobedience - that there are things that are simply bad, and that they hurt God's heart and wound us, too. Sin is more than a mistake. It's the intentional doing of bad things that we know are bad no matter who gets hurt. Once your child is old enough to understand the concepts of suffering and unfairness, you'll be able to begin explaining how sin and Easter are related. At that point - especially when your child understands that death happens - you can begin pointing out that Jesus died on the Cross to save us. Don't be afraid of questions - and make sure that you get your answers from solid places with good Catholic foundations. FIRE nights will help empower you to discuss these difficult topics.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN:

+1+ Jesus is condemned to death.

Jesus is blamed for things He didn't do, but instead of fighting back, He chooses not to hurt the people who hurt Him.

Pray: Jesus, thank You for being so gentle. I sometimes get angry and lash out. Help me to forgive and not to blame others for what they do not do.

+2+ Jesus accepts the cross

The cross is big and heavy. It is hard for Jesus to carry it, but He never complains, because He loves us.

Pray: Sometimes schoolwork or chores are hard for me, and I complain or put them off. Jesus, help me do things out of love.

+3+ Jesus falls the first time.

Jesus is hurt so he falls down, but He gets up and keeps going. Pray: When things are hard for me, Jesus, please help me be strong. Help me remember that You are with me.

+4+ Jesus meets his Mother.

Jesus is very tired and hurt, and His Mother never leaves Him. She prays for Him and trusts God even through hardship.

Pray: Jesus, when I am sick or sad, my parents love me just like Mary loves you. Help me to love them and be good to them as you are to Mary.

+5+ Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus.

Simon is a stranger, but the soldiers pull him to help Jesus, because the Cross is so heavy.

Pray: Jesus, sometimes I do not want to help others. I want to play or do something else. Help me to see that my help can make something hard easier for my family and friends.

+6+ Veronica wipes Jesus' face.

Veronica is in the crowd and sees how dirty and bruised Jesus' face is and takes pity on Him. She is very sorry for Him and runs to wipe His face so He can see.

Pray: Jesus I want to love You like Veronica. Help me to always be brave and help You even when things are hard.

+7+ Jesus falls a second time.

Jesus falls again, because he is so weak, but He knows He has to go on. He loves us so much!

Pray: Jesus, sometimes I try to do things and fail. Help me to remember that You are proud when I do not to give up.

+8+ Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

There are people who are sad, because Jesus is suffering. But Jesus doesn't want them to cry: He wants them to change their hearts and be gentle like Him.

Pray: Jesus, when my friends are sad or hurting, help me to comfort them and love them just like You do.

+9+ Jesus falls a third time.

Jesus keeps going, but the soldiers push Him and hit Him. The crowd around Him is very mean.

Pray: Jesus, sometimes people around me pick on others or call other children names. Help me to be brave and stand up for others just like You, and pray for the ones who hurt us.

+10+ Jesus is stripped of his clothes.

To be without clothes in front of everyone is scary. Jesus is humiliated.

Pray: Jesus, You loved me so much and were not ashamed of me. Help me to defend You and to remember what You did for me.

+11+ Jesus is crucified.

The soldiers hang Jesus on the cross. Even though He is in so much pain, Jesus forgives everyone who hurt Him.

Pray: Jesus, I know how much it must have hurt. Please comfort all the people I know who are hurting or alone.

+12+ Jesus dies on the cross.

God is never far from Jesus, even when He is on the cross. When He dies, the ground shakes and the sky is very dark even though it is about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Pray: Jesus, You have loved me from the moment You thought of me. Help me to love others the way You love me, and to pray every day at 3 p.m. for those who need You.

+13+ Jesus' body is taken down from the cross.

A man named Joseph of Arimathea gives Jesus his own burial place. It was a very brave and generous thing to do.

Pray: Jesus, there are people around me who don't have a home or food to eat. Help me to take care of them, too.

+14+ Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Jesus' friends were sad. But Jesus will rise on Easter morning, and they will be happy again! We celebrate Easter Day - and gather together to thank God at the Holy Mass each Sunday!

Pray: Jesus, I am so happy that You came back for us! Help me

Pray: Jesus, I am so happy that You came back for us! Help me to remember that no matter how hard things can seem that You always have a good plan for my life!

7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE

IF YOU GET COMPLIMENTS FOR YOUR COOKING - WE NEED YOU!

St. Luke's Martha's Ministry volunteers offer an occasional home-cooked meal to families who have had recent life changes - a new baby in the family, recovery from illness or hospitalization, or the recent loss of a loved one. Meals are brought directly to your home in the Slidell/Pearl River area. Dietary restrictions can be accomodated and Covid protocols are followed. If you or someone you know needs a meal, please call us at 985-641-6429 or visit www.saintlukeslidell.org/martha.

OUR NEXT FIRE NIGHT: MARCH 5

OUR NEXT BLAZE NIGHT: MARCH 26

WE ARE LOOKING FOR AMAZING CATHOLIC DADS AND MOMS WHO WANT TO LEAD THEIR CHILDREN TO BECOMING HEROES

CONQUEST and CHALLENGE are a youth ministry program that has proven to be successful in forming young people with a deeper - LAŠTING - faith. We're looking to form two groups - Dads and Sons and Moms and Daughters. CONQUEST and CHALLENGE provide an opportunity for boys and girls to grow in knowledge and love for their Catholic faith. There is a structured, flexible curriculum, with themes following the Church seasons: Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent and Easter. Service projects are also built into the curriculum. These projects involve weekly preparation and then carrying out the service as a group. The projects are imagined and put into place by the children and their parents. This enhances the opportunity for small group mentoring & peer ministry. Adult leaders work with the youth leaders to form and mentor them.

Are you interested in learning more? We can provide the answers! Contact Fred Zoller or Jaime Standiford at our office 985-641-6429 ext. 207, OR visit us at www.saintlukeslidell.org/conquest OR www.saintlukeslidell.org/challenge

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE

The annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, **June 25, 2023** at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metarie to honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in 1973 or earlier. To register, please visit our website or call our office before Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Please Note: The Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill a Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at Saint Luke.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR MOST ADORABLE VBS YET!

2023's SLE VBS is Faith on the Farm, Where God's Fruit Grows! Open to kids PK (4-5) - Grade 8. We'll be diving deep into the fruits of the Holy Spirit! Fun crafts, games, prayer, skits, music, and special guests! June 12 - 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To volunteer (adults and teenagers Grades 9-12), call our office at 985-641-6572. (All volunteers will be trained in Safe Environment.) Cost is only \$30 (1 child), \$45 (2 children), \$60 (3 or more children).

www.saintlukeslidell.org/vbs2023

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ADULTS/YOUTH

It's important to remember that epiphany moments happen for others when WE make them happen. Our Young Adult/Youth ministry are working hard to raise the funds necessary to attend World Youth Day in Portugal with the rest of our Archdiocese. If you would like to support their goal, please call Mandi at 985-641-6429 ext. 230.

ST. TAMMANY RIGHT TO LIFE YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The St. Tammany Right to Life Youth Leadership Award is a one-time cash award of \$1000 to a graduating senior who has been active in pro-life events & activities. To apply, go to St. Tammany Right to Life on Facebook. The deadline to apply is **April 15, 2023.**

SLIDELL PREGNANCY HELP CENTER NEEDS BABY GIRL CLOTHES

The Slidell Pregnancy Help Center is in dire need of baby GIRL clothing, new or "gently used" -- onesies, sleepers, winter clothing, and socks in Newborn and sizes 0-3. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday from 10 - 2, at 550 Gause Blvd. Please call ahead at 985-643-4357 to make sure they can take your gift.

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ANNULMENT WRITING SEMINAR

Everything you always wanted to know about Annulments but were afraid to ask will be answered at this Annulment Writing one night seminar workshop hosted by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life on Thursday, March, 30 2023, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church (155 Holy Family Lane, Luling, LA 70070.) The Seminar, which will offer an overview of the process, is FREE & open to those seeking more information on having their previous marriages annulled. Deacon Drea Capaci is the speaker for the Presentation. Members of the Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry will be available to answer your personal case questions on a one-on-one basis at the end of the session. If you have questions about the seminar, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life 504-861-6243.

PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 8

FOUR NIGHT MISSION AT SAINT LUKE: GRIEVING AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Have you ever wondered why a loving God would permit suffering, sin, sickness, and death? For a lot of us, it's the greatest stumbling block to developing real trust in the fatherhood of God. The story of the Prodigal Son is a story about a forgiving Father not about a son, and The Son hanging on a cross is the greatest reminder of the tender mercy of a Father worth trusting.

For four nights we're going to dig deep into how and why grief is part of the human condition, how Christ has come to redeem us and give us the power to make something holy out of suffering, how to discover the gentle fatherhood of God even in the midst of great suffering, and how we can find hope in difficult and painful moments. There will be beautiful music by candlelight for prayer and reflection.

MARCH 14 - 17, 2023 at 7 pm in the Church Speakers: Dcn. Warren Berault, Jason Angelette, Jeannie Callaway, Fr. Peter Pham

2023 ARHCDIOCESE OF NOLA MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Conference will be held at St. Catherine of Siena in Metarie on March 4, 2023, 8:30 am - 3 pm. "As Christ Loved the Church." This one day event is a great present to give the men in your family! It includes Adoration, Confession, Mass with Archbishop Aymond, talks from three nationally known and very well respected leaders - MICHAEL "GOMER" GORMLEY- a popular national speaker and producer of the "Catching Foxes" podcast, SAM BLAIR- Former Navy SEAL and Co-Founder of the Frassati Company, an executive coaching and consulting company helping business leaders to build authentic Catholic cultures in their enterprises, and DR. F. DEKARLOS BLACKMON- the Secretariat Director of Life, Charity and Justice in the Diocese of Austin. Anyone who wants to support the cause of building men of solid Christian character by purchasing group tickets (10 or more) will receive \$10 OFF per ticket they purchase! Regular admission is \$45 (meals are included!) and Student Admission is \$20. But if you are a man looking to strengthen your soul, and the cost is too high - COME ANYWAY. Pay whatever you can spare in the donation section.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: WIDOWED? SEPARATED? DIVORCED? LISTEN. ACCOMPANY. HEAL.

Beginning Experience is an international ministry founded by a Catholic religious sister and her divorced friend offering hope and healing for those who have lost their marriage through death, separation, or divorce. The weekend transforms lives and has helped thousands navigate the road through grief. Visit www.beginningexperience.org to learn more about the program. Beginning Experience of New Orleans Weekend Retreat: April 28-30, 2023, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street in Metairie. For more information including registration and fees, contact Registrar, Liz Reis at (504) 858-1813 or email Izbthreis @ yahoo.com. Weekend program includes materials, two nights' lodging and five meals.

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Your generosity of countless volunteer hours and financial and food donations help us to take care of families in our community who are facing emergency financial crisis. We are always looking for volunteers to help us in the food pantry, the office, and Thanksgiving, School, and Christmas programs. Please call our office to help us make a difference

PANTRY NEEDS: Items in RED are urgently needed

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Chicken (7-12oz can)

Jelly (19oz+)

Toothpaste (.5-1.5 oz tube)

Spaghetti Sauce (24oz can) Peanut Butter (10oz+)

Soap (standard bar) Cookies (36 count) Pancake Mix (1lb box) Pop-Tarts

Shampoo (12 oz+)

Combs

Toilet Paper

Deodorant (1.5oz+)

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Food for 13 families

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for 8 families

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ID for 5 clients

1 family

Optical for 2 clients

Referrals to other agencies for assistance for 18 clients

Good Sams is open Monday (12:30 - 3:30 pm) Tuesday - Friday (9:30 am - 3:30 pm) Please call ahead for appointment, 985-641-6421

We do not accept clothing or furniture donations. Bring these to Community Christian Concern at 2515 Carey St., Slidell

PLEASE NOTE: AMAZON SMILES IS ENDING!!

Many thanks to all of you who have designated Good Sams as their charity of choice in the Amazon Smiles program over the years - but please note: the program ended Feb. 20!

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9 SAINT LUKE SERVES

To contact an organization below, contact KAY GUARD, our Parishioner Liaison, at 985-641-6429 ext. 207
SAINT LUKE LEADER PORTAL: WWW.SAINTLUKESLIDELL.ORG/MINISTRYPORTAL

LITURGY + SACRAMENTS

- + SACRED SERVERS assist priest in the sanctuary for the Mass and other liturgical functions. Contact: Dave Vedros or Kay Guard
- + COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND Contact: Mimi Fritchie
- + COMMUNION FOR THOSE IN HOSPITAL/NURSING FACILITIES Contact: Kay Guard
- + ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND RETREATS: www.neworleans.engagedencounter.com Contact: Chris and Stacey Hebert
- + READERS + EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION serve the Holy Mass. Contact: Kay Guard
- + USHERS assist families coming to worship at Saint Luke. Contact: Gene Bellisario
- + IS GOD CALLING YOU TO RELIGIOUS LIFE? INTERESTED IN BEING A DEACON OR PRIEST? Contact: Pastor's Office.
- + WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Contact: Tressie Karl

PRAYER

- + BIBLE STUDIES are available throughout the year. Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + ENDOW empowers Catholic women to live out their feminine genius through friendship and prayer. Contact: Pastor's Office
- + **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** grows our love for Jesus. To take an hour: <u>www.stluke.weadorehim.com/en</u> Contact: Sylvia Riera
- + LITURGY OF THE HOURS is the rich daily prayer of the Church, every day at 6 am in the Adoration Chapel. Contact: Carl Cucullu
- + LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY is a 3-part series, rooted in Ignatian spirituality. Held throughout the year. Contact: Carol Weiler
- + ST. JOSEPH ALTAR occurs March 19 each year. Volunteers begin preparation in January. Contact: Margaret Long

SUPPORT

- + ANNULMENT INFORMATION is available for Saint Luke parishioners. Contact: Pastor's Office
- + **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** offers comfort to those who have lost a loved one. 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, 400 Westchester Place. Contact: Diane St. Germaine at 985-643-4137
- + CANCER SUPPORT is for survivors and caregivers, 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at our FLC. Contact: Cynthia Hingle
- + HALOS SUPPORT GROUP is for those who have lost loved ones to overdose or suicide. 2nd Monday of each month at St. Margaret Mary parish in the Evangelization Building, 1050 Robert Blvd. Contact: Donna Oster at 985-201-2143
- + LUX YOUNG ADULTS offers support and great events for adults (18-39). Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + LUX YOUTH MINISTRY equips and strengthens young hearts (Grades 4-12). Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + RETROUVAILLE is for troubled marriages and helps couples reconnect. Contact: Mike and Judy Diedling
- + SAFE ENVIRONMENT is necessary for any work with minors or vulnerable adults at Saint Luke. Contact: Kay Guard
- + SANCTITY OF LIFE GROUP offers support for ProLife programs and services in southeastern Louisiana. Contact: Eileen Bruno
- + **SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** offers friendship and events for adults (55+), 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1 pm in our FLC Conference Rm. Contact: Deann Parrett
- + **SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY** is available for those who want recovery and their families at St. Margaret Mary parish, 1050 Robert Blvd, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Evangelization Building. Contact: Dcn. Louis Bauer

SERVICE

- + GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY (please see page 8)
- + KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is a global fraternal service order for Catholic men. Contact: Mike Jugan
 - + FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS encourage a love of country and the duties of citizenship. Contact: Tom Stein
- + SLE LADIES CLUB offers friendship for women through service to the parish and prayer. Contact: Sandra Watson.
- + SLE MEN'S CLUB offers opportunities to develop friendships and serve Saint Luke and the community. Contact: Neil Otillio
- + SLE MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE is a social outreach organization that welcomes anyone interested in learning about other cultures and races and who would like to make Saint Luke a welcoming community for everyone. Contact: Kay Guard
- + SLE SAFETY helps assure a secure campus. Contact: Darryl Stoltz
- + SLE WELCOMING COMMITTEE visits and calls new parishioners to help them connect with the parish. Contact: Charlene Stein



CALENDAR 10

		GREAT THINGS TO COME	11
MON - FRI, 1st SAT	8:00 am	Rosary and Novena	Church
Sunday, FEB. 26	12 pm	LUX Chili Cook-Off	FLC Auditorium
	7 pm	LUX Youth	Youth Center
	8 pm	LUX Youth Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, FEB. 27	9:15 am	Altar Society gathers to make our Church beautiful!	Church
	9:30 am	Movie & Breakfast: Miracle at Manchester	FLC Auditorium
	11 am	Intercessory Prayer Group	Adoration Chapel
	12 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Women)	Rm 2 Courtyard
Tuesday, FEB. 28	9:30 am	St. Joseph Altar Prep	FLC Kitchen
	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm 3 Courtyard
	6:30 pm	Bible Study	FLC Auditorium
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm 3 Courtyard
Wednesday, MAR. 1	5:30 pm	LUX Youth	Youth Center
	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7 pm	Cancer Support Group	FLC Rm B + C
	7 pm	Lord, Teach Me to Pray (Men)	Rm 3 Courtyard
Thursday, MAR. 2	9:30 am	St. Joseph Altar Prep	FLC Kitchen
	10 am	Bible Study	FLC Auditorium
	7 pm	KC Officers + Directors	FLC Conference Rm
Friday, MAR. 3	5 pm	Fish Fry Eat In and Drive Thru	Family Life Center
	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church



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