



# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 12th Sunday Ordinary Time

It's easy to get weighed down by the troubles we face and think that God isn't aware of our suffering. But in this weekend's readings, God shows us that nothing could be further from the truth.

In the first reading, Jeremiah realizes how closely God is with him. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that as sin entered the world through one man, so through one Man are we saved. And in the Gospel, Jesus tells us that those who acknowledge the Christ are known to the Father.

### YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:



It's hard to imagine that God watches over us even in the little things. St. Therese said, "Do even the littlest thing out of love for God." Great miracles are found in that wisdom. This week, focus on loving God even in the smallest thing.

Welcome to Saint Luke!

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#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### JUNE + JULY

#### DAILY

MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI  
8:45 am only

#### 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

## Your Clergy



WELCOME HOME

THANK YOU

### PASTOR'S WISH LIST

[www.saintlukeslidell.org/pastorwishlist](http://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](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/thanks)

"Thank you to everyone who worked on Vacation Bible School this year! It was adorable, and my kids loved it."

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## 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](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/FIRE)

### Beginning

**Jun. 2021**  
Gathering list of all necessary capital expenditures.

Decision to renovate by pastoral/finance council

Request capital campaign account be opened + approved

**Feb. 2023**  
Interviewed then hired architects + consultants

Gathered steering committee + discussed options

Input/Listening Sessions

Q & A document

Surveys begin

WE ARE HERE  
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Interviews with top FY2022 donors

**Aug. 2023**  
Completed Feasibility Report shared with parish

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# FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SEMINARIAN

Have you ever wondered what a day in the life of a seminarian would look like? This article will give you a glimpse of my normal day at the seminary.

### MORNING

My day begins with morning prayer at 6:45 A.M. immediately followed by Mass. My "house job" is to be a sacristan, so some days I need to show up early to help set up for Mass. After Mass, I go to the refectory (dining hall) to eat breakfast. My first class normally begins at 8:10. I have two classes every morning, so I am in class from 8:10-11:20 with a short break in between. Each seminarian has to begin their studies with philosophy, so most of my classes are philosophy classes.

### AFTERNOON

From 11:20-12:30 I have a little break, and this gives me the opportunity to get any homework done or to do any other small tasks that I need to complete. After finishing up whatever I'm working on, I go back to the refectory for lunch at 12:40. Our seminarian secretary will do announcements, and one of our deacons will lead the prayer before we all get up to eat. My afternoons can vary depending on the day. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I have Latin class in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30. The afternoon is mostly free, so I like to get done whatever homework I have left before I do anything else. Most days I try to exercise from 2:45-4:00. The seminary has its own fully equipped gym. This makes it hard to make excuses because all I have to do is walk downstairs! The seminary also has a pool. If I don't feel like lifting weights, I'll swim some laps instead.

### EVENING

We have an optional holy hour with adoration from 4:45-5:45, and that is when I do my daily holy hour. The seminary community gathers again for evening prayer in the chapel at 5:45, and dinner is immediately after at 6:00 in the refectory. The rest of the evening is free, so I normally just hangout with some of the other seminarians. Finally, I end my day with one last visit to the chapel to do night prayer and say goodnight to the Lord.

It is a busy life, but it is all worth it. I am so privileged to be able to spend most of my day in prayer and learn so many cool things!

*Seth*

## SACRAMENTS

To begin preparation for the following sacraments, visit [saintlukeslidell.org/sacraments](http://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](http://saintlukeslidell.org/baptism)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Find out more about sacramental preparation which begins every September on our website  
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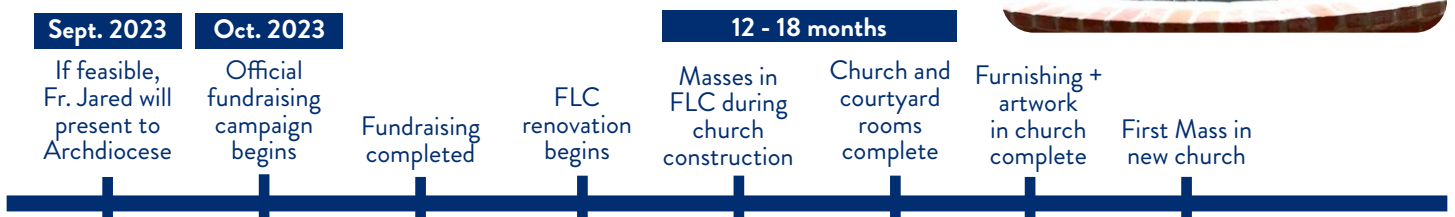
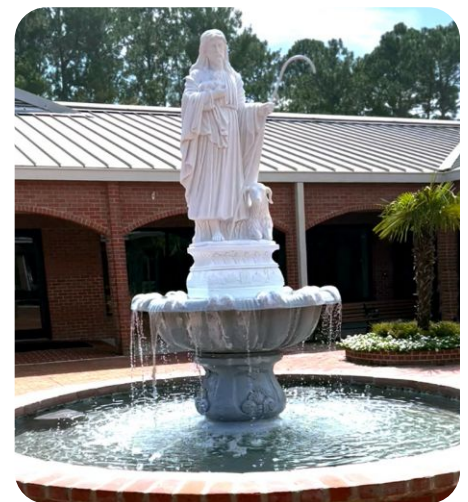
### MARRIAGE

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Please call our office or visit [saintlukeslidell.org/marriage](http://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

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# 3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

## MUSIC

### ENTRANCE: O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST #688

1. O God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come,  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal Home.

2. Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

### OFFERTORY: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

1. Be still and know that I am God,  
You are my chosen one,  
to whom my love I give.  
My life is yours, in you I live.  
Be still, be still and know that I am God.

2. Be still and know that I am God,  
You are my chosen one,  
I came to set you free.  
Give me your cares and rest in me.  
Be still, be still and know that I am God.

3. Be still and know that I am God,  
You are my chosen one,  
to whom I show my ways.  
My love is with you all your days.  
Be still, be still and know that I am God.

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### READING 1: Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

"I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

### READING 2: Rom 5:12-15

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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

**POPE FRANCIS:** For the abolition of tortures

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**FATHER JARED:** For the fathers of Saint Luke - spiritual, biological, adoptive, future, and foster

We pray for the men who bring their beautiful unique witness to God's creative heart and nurturing love.



# LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

## GOSPEL: Mt 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve:

"Fear no one.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,  
nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;  
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy  
both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others

I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others,

I will deny before my heavenly Father."

## MUSIC

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*"I am the Good Shepherd,  
and I lay down my life for my sheep,  
says the Lord."*

### COMMUNION: ABIDE WITH ME

1. Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens;  
Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail and  
comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

2. I need your presence  
ev'ry passing hour:  
What but your grace can foil  
the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like yourself my guide  
and strength can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord,  
abide with me!

3. I fear no foe with you at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears  
no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave, your victory?  
I triumph still, if you abide with me!

4. Hold then your cross before  
my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and  
point me to the skies!  
Heav'n's morning breaks and  
earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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# 5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

## MUSIC

### SENDING FORTH: 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 ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul--  
thy best, thy heav'nly 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.

### MONDAY

Gen 12:1-9, Ps 33, 12-13, 18-19, 20, 22, R.  
v.12, Mt 7:1-5

#### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a  
saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your  
heritage, and govern them for ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be  
his own.

#### Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give  
them their food in due season.

### TUESDAY

Gen 13:2, 5-18, Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5, R.  
v.1b, Jn 8:12

#### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving  
refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your  
people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and  
govern them for ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence  
of the Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give  
them their food in due season.

### WEDNESDAY

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18, Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9,  
R. v.8a, Jn 15:4a, 5b

#### Entrance Antiphon:

The law of truth was in his mouth; no  
dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked  
with me in integrity and peace, and turned  
many away from evil.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

RThe Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the  
Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY  
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

**AUGUST 13, 2023: Catholic Relief Services**

### THURSDAY - STS. PETER & PAUL

Acts 12:1-11, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, R.  
v.5, 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18, Mt 16:18

#### Entrance Antiphon:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,  
planted the Church with their blood; they  
drank the chalice of the Lord and became  
friends of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who  
fear him.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the  
Son of the living God. And Jesus replied:  
You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build  
my Church.

### FRIDAY

Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5,  
R. v.4, Mt 8:17

#### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a  
saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your  
heritage, and govern them for ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

See how the Lord blesses those who fear  
him.

#### Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you  
give them their food in due season.

### FIRST SATURDAY

Gen 18:1-15, Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and  
53, 54-55, R. see v.54b, Mt 8:17

#### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a  
saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your  
heritage, and govern them for ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has remembered his mercy.

#### Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you  
give them their food in due season.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

**5:00 pm** Dcn Ron LeBlanc;  
Patrick Flanagan; Holy Souls in Purgato-  
ry; Dana Bageon (INT); Michael Wat-  
kins; Daryl & Paul DaBella (INT); Gizele  
& Mark DaBella; Matthew & Emma Da-  
Bella (INT); Maggie & Andrew DaBella  
(INT); Lucille Roberts; Ruby DiMarco;  
Nho Quang Le; Charlie Johnson; Elizer  
Alamis; Pascual Alamis

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

**7:30 am** Marie Gardner

**9:00 am** Dcn. Mark Pennington  
(INT)

**11:00 am** SLE Parishioners (INT)

**4:00 pm** Theresa Nhan Le;  
Nho Quang Le; Maria Tin Nguyen;  
Claudia Stephenson; Valeria Wheat;  
John Jacob; Carol Fields; Lois Cantrell;  
Jerry Core; Charlie Johnson; Arlene  
Roma (INT); Joseph Charles Griffin

### MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

**8:45 am** J. L. Dimeceli

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

**8:45 am** David Bagert

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

**8:45 am** The Nguyen Children  
(INT)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

**8:45 am** Fred Zoller, Sr.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

**8:45 am** Preston Delahoussaye  
(INT)

### SATURDAY, JULY 1 - FIRST SATURDAY

**8:45 am** Nho Quang Le

### THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PLACED THIS WEEKEND FOR

Sonia and Lenny Collazo (INT)

### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS BURN- ING THIS WEEK FOR

Fred Zoller, Sr.

### THE ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT IS BURNING FOR

Dcn. Ron LeBlanc

# FAITH FORMATION 6

## **PURGATORY** By Rev. William G. Most and Fr. Stephen Torracco, Regina Coeli Academy

Mere reason suggests there must be a Purgatory. So many people seem to be good, but not so greatly good that they should be fit for heaven at once. Again, not nearly all are so evil as to deserve hell. So there should be a means of purification and paying the debt of temporal punishment for those not fit for hell, nor for heaven at once. (Of course Luther would say we can sin all we want and still go to heaven at once, if only we believe it is all covered by Christ's merits: Epistle 501 to Melanchthon).

There is not much in Scripture on Purgatory except that in Second Maccabees 12:45, Judas sends a collection to the Temple for those fallen in battle, found with amulets on, "that they might be freed from this sin." Luther saw so clearly that this referred to Purgatory--which he rejected--that he rejected this book too, declaring it not part of Scripture. Some have tried to see an implication of Purgatory in Matthew 12:32. There Jesus speaks of the sin against the Holy Spirit that will be forgiven "neither in this world nor in the next." But the expression quoted is known in Rabbinic literature, where it means merely "never." Still less could we deduce purgatory from First Corinthians 3:11-15. Paul means if the work of some Christian worker has been of such low quality that it burns down, he himself will be saved "as through fire." But the fire seems to mean the apocalyptic fire of the last day, not a fire of purgatory.

But our belief in Purgatory rests on the tradition and definitions of the Church, at the Councils of Lyons II, Florence, and Trent.

The essential, perhaps the only suffering of Purgatory is the loss of God--it is like what we described in speaking of hell, except that in Purgatory there is no despair, rather, great consolation from assurance of salvation. Is there also something like fire in Purgatory? A host of private apparitions say there is; the Church has never pronounced on it. In fact the Eastern part of the Catholic Church has no such tradition. Many theologians say the suffering is greater than anything on earth. Neither Scripture nor Tradition tells us if that be so.

We do know that the souls there cannot merit or help themselves in any way anymore, they can only suffer. We know we can by prayers and penances relieve them, and somehow, they are enabled to know it when we do that, and they pray for us. How long should we pray and sacrifice for a particular soul? We do not know. St. Augustine in his Confessions (9:13), written 10 to 15 years after the death of his mother, St. Monica, still asked for prayers for her. If we can believe the private apparitions, Purgatory may last the equivalent of many years (we speak thus, for there is no time in Purgatory). For certain, it is terribly wrong to virtually canonize a person at the funeral, as Protestants do under the influence of Luther's sad mistake. Sadly not a few Catholics are imitating them.

The Italian writer, Lalla Romano, when he turned 80 two years ago, was asked about his eternal destiny. He responded in a spirited way: "Even though I deserve hell, I doubt that will happen. And Dante invented Purgatory. So the only thing left for me is Paradise!" But there is also more to human life on this side of the grave than we can actually see, and again, more than the foolish are able to ponder. The trials, tribulations, and sufferings in this life, the Book of Wisdom points out, are a matter of God trying the souls of the just and finding them worthy of himself.

Those who trust God in this life understand these truths. Those who trust God understand that death is from the evil one, while life is from God, and that life ultimately outshines death. The foolish do not understand this, and they do not care. Thus, on the face of it, it seems quite clear: there are the souls of the just and the souls of the foolish. But we have to be concerned about what Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke: "So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'" (Luke 17:10). What the Book of Wisdom calls the souls of the just, Jesus calls "useless servants."

We have to come to terms with the fact that it is possible for a just man to die without having attained the level of spiritual maturity which is necessary to live in immediate communion with God. In other words, we need to recognize the human tendency toward mediocrity. Wouldn't it be nice if human freedom were capable of good and evil only in the highest degree, without reserve, without resistance? But that is not the case.

The mediocre person gives himself to God but reserves a certain part of his life for himself. He does not see all the consequences of a change in his life. He does not direct his whole will to respond to the call of God's grace, still giving in, in part, to evil tendencies. This is a decision for God, but with a request that God not take him seriously. It is a choice for Light, but with a lingering and morbid fascination for darkness.

These are the situations we understand because we experience them every day. Our faith calls these small acts of cowardice venial sins. They lack the fullness of charity. We give something, but keep something back. We mount the cross, but only with one hand and one foot. What can be done, Lord, with people like this? With useless servants like this? Are there many, perhaps all of us?

Dear Lord, help us to be utterly grateful for your unfathomable mystery of Purgatory, for the merciful delay of suffering by which you make up for our faults and complete the work that we do not finish in our earthly lives.



# 7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE

## CHERISHED: A RETREAT FOR THOSE IN A SEASON OF INFERTILITY

Friday July 7 - Saturday, July 8, 2023

St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center, Covington. Infertility is a heavy burden that not everyone understands, but you don't have to carry it alone! Wherever you are on the path of infertility, the Marriage and Family Life Office invites you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship. To learn more about Cherished and to register, visit [springsinthedesert.org/nola](http://springsinthedesert.org/nola). If you would like to speak with someone about the retreat, please contact Chris O'Neill, Director, Marriage and Family Life Office, at 504-861-6243

## OUR ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

Great volunteers meet after the Monday daily Mass to clean and make the Church beautiful, and they decorate for all our holy days. This is a quick - and very helpful way to participate in the holy liturgy.

## COME SUPPORT OUR KC'S + MEN'S CLUB AT SMALLS SLIDERS!

10% of all sales will go to Saint Luke's own Knights of Columbus and Men's Club if you enjoy an awesome lunch/dinner at Smalls Sliders on Gause on **Sunday, June 25th from 10 am - 11 pm!** Come out and support our parish and have a great meal, too! 1642 Gause Blvd - in front of Rouses. Make sure to mention SAINT LUKE!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR FIRE PROGRAM?

Every year, Saint Luke welcomes people from all walks of life and all ages to learn about Christ and become members of His Church. Are you interested? Call or email our FIRE Coordinator, Mandi Troyani!

## WE NEED COOKS TO HELP HURTING/HEALING FAMILIES OF SAINT LUKE

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 accommodated 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](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/martha).

## SLIDELL HERITAGE FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT GOOD SAM'S

The Good Samaritan Ministry has been selected by the Slidell Heritage Festival to benefit from the proceeds of their annual 4th of July food and fireworks festival. This year it will take place on **Saturday, July 1st** from 4pm - 11pm. Admission to the event is \$15, and we have limited tickets that can be pre-purchased after all the Masses on May 27-28. All proceeds from the first 100 tickets go directly to supporting Good Samaritan Ministry.

We live in a city that takes pride in celebrating our country, our city, both protected by our God. Please support this fun, charitable event celebrating the blessing of freedom, while supporting your local Good Sams.

## WILLWOODS DIOCESAN-WIDE SUPPER AND SUBSTANCE

The AWESOME Supper and Substance for ALL the couples of the archdiocese will be held on **July 28, 2023, at 6 pm** at Rock'n Bowl in New Orleans (3016 S. Carrollton Avenue) across from Notre Dame Seminary. Tickets include admission for the whole night, and even after the event you can stay on and enjoy the evening! Food, drinks, shoe rental and bowling are only \$100 per couple! To purchase your tickets visit [www.faithandmarriage.org/diocesansupper](http://www.faithandmarriage.org/diocesansupper)

## KICKBALL INTRAMURAL LEAGUE

We are kicking off our first St. Luke Intramural Sports League with KICKBALL! It's a 5 week regular season followed by playoffs (Off for FIRE nights, BLAZE nights, and holidays). Teams are made up of at least 9 people (with a max of 15 players.) Open to ages 15 and up! Our league is Co-Ed, and families are welcome to cheer! Ready to sign up? Visit [www.saintlukeslidell.org/singleplayer](http://www.saintlukeslidell.org/singleplayer)

## CHERISHED: A RETREAT FOR THOSE IN A SEASON OF INFERTILITY

Friday July 7 - Saturday, July 8, 2023

Wherever you are on the path of infertility, the Marriage and Family Life Office invites you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship. To learn more about Cherished and to register, visit [www.springsinthedesert.org/nola](http://www.springsinthedesert.org/nola)

## HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a program designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship. Sponsored by the Catholic Church, Retrouvaille is open to couples of all faiths. It has proven helpful to couples who are troubled and stressed, or if the relationship has grown cold and distant. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be **June 23-25, 2023**, at the beautiful William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. For registration or additional information, please go to the Retrouvaille website <https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

We're committed to your marriage's success. If you're struggling with issues like pornography or other personal issues, call 985-641-6648, to make an appointment to see Fr. Jared. He has resources that can help you find your way home.



# PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 8

## BECOME THE PULSE OF THE PREAUX-LIFE GENERATION

At the Pulse Leadership Institute (PLI), students will be educated and empowered to be the next generation of pro-life leaders and to uphold a culture of life in their communities. **July 10-14, 2023.** This is a week-long deep dive into pro-life education and activism for high school and college students. With both local and national speakers, students will be educated on topics that go beyond abortion, such as euthanasia, disability discrimination, third party reproduction, human trafficking, and more. Alongside educational sessions, students have the opportunity to be involved in hands on campus activism, tour a pregnancy center, participate in the famous coffeehouse talent show, and connect with other pro-life students! PULSE Leadership Institute is open to high school and college students of any political and faith background.

For more information or to register, visit: [www.prolifepulsela.com](http://www.prolifepulsela.com)

## STARS, STRIPES & CLASSIC AMERICAN TUNES" WITH SARAH JANE MCMAHON AND FRIENDS

Sarah Jane McMahon, an acclaimed soprano soloist, will perform a "Stars, Stripes and Classic American Tunes" Concert on **Sunday, July 2, 2023, at 3:00 pm** at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA. The Concert will feature patriotic songs and popular music from the American theatre. Admission is free. A good will offering will be accepted gratefully. The St. Francis KCs will serve free hot dogs and fixings from 1:15 – 2:30 pm under the Parish Pavilion. For further info, call the Church at 504-834-0340.

## THIS WEEKEND: MISSION APPEAL: PLEASE HELP THE EXPANSION OF A SCHOOL IN INDIA

ON JUNE 24 & 25, 2023, Fr. Binoj Mathew, O.S.S.T. (Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives) will be in our parish for a mission appeal. Fr. Binoj Mathew serves as the Novice Master for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province, USA. At each Mass Father will ask for our prayers and financial assistance as his Order works to expand its ministry of Catholic education in Kamrup (Assam) India. Most of the Christians in this secluded part of the country belong to tribal communities and are often persecuted for their faith by non-Christian tribes. In this part of the county children do not have access to a proper education due to extreme poverty and persecution. The Trinitarians in India hope to expand their ministry of Catholic education through their newly opened DeMatha Elementary School. This expansion will allow the school to add additional grade levels, dormitories for boarding students, a Monastery for the religious, a playground for the younger children, and an auditorium. The Trinitarians are hopeful that your generosity during this Mission Appeal will help them to more effectively live their school's motto, "Educate to Liberate." Please consider supporting the work of the Trinitarians in India as they continue to spread God's mercy and redemption in this remote part of the world. Checks and donations can be made out to our parish. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

6-16-23

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

chicken (7-12oz can)	peanut butter (18oz+)
potted meat	diapers (size 4)
cookies (36 ct)	mashed potatoes (box/pouch)
deodorant (1.5oz+)	shampoo (12oz+)
soap (standard bar)	toothbrushes
toothbrush caps	toothpaste (.5-1.5oz tube)

### Because of your generosity, we were able to provide:

food for 11 clients	utilities for 4 families
rent/housing for 2 families	gas voucher for 1 client
baby formula/diapers for 5 families	clothing voucher for 4 clients
SNAP for 3 clients	burial assistance for 1 client
bus for 1 client	ID for 1 client

Referrals to other agencies for 15 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 SUPPORT GOOD SAMS**  
*You can donate to Good Sams once - or on a monthly basis.*

**HOW TO DONATE:** You can support our mission to make our community a wonderful place to live for every family! You can make your donation as a "one time" gift, a recurring weekly or monthly gift, or even donate in memory of someone dear to you. You can even donate on behalf of someone you love.

**<https://saintlukeslidell.org/donategoodsams>**

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AT [GIVING.PARISHSOFT.COM/APP/GIVING/STL910273](http://GIVING.PARISHSOFT.COM/APP/GIVING/STL910273)

View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)

# 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](http://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](http://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
- + **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** grows our love for Jesus. To take an hour: [www.stluke.weadorehim.com/en](http://www.stluke.weadorehim.com/en) 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 Otilio
- + **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

MON - FRI, 1st SAT	8 am	Rosary and Novena	Church
Sunday, JUNE 25	7 pm	LUX Youth	Youth Center
	8 pm	LUX Youth Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, JUNE 26	9:15 am	The Altar Society gathers to make our Church beautiful!	Church
	11 am	Intercessory Prayer Group	Adoration Chapel
Tuesday, JUNE 27	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm 3 courtyard
Wednesday, JUNE 28			
Thursday, JUNE 29			
Friday, JUNE 30			

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