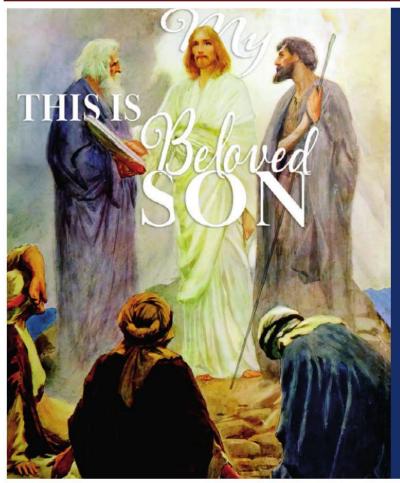
THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord



Transfiguration of the Lord

This weekend's readings are The Father's profound response to the question that plagues all of our hearts: How do I know Who to trust?

In the first reading, Daniel attests to a reality: Christ has been The Son always. In the second reading, St. Peter tells us that the he and the other apostles were witnesses to why Christ is King and worthy of our trust, and in the Gospel, the Father gives us an answer to the question in His own voice. THIS, He says to us, IS MY BELOVED SON.



YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:

On what do you rely as the foundation for your decision-making and for your moral concerns? This week, sit and think quietly upon this chapter of Matthew's Gospel and ask God to give you the wisdom to listen to and trust in His Son.

Welcome to Saint Luke!

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

JUNE + JULY + AUGUST

DAILY MON | TUE | WE D | THU | FRI 8:45 am only

FIRST SAT (only)

8:45 am

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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 No Confessions on September 6. See page 7

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

ABOUT YOUR PARISH



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

"THANK YOU! What a great parish this is. My daughter and son-in-law discovered a warm welcoming experience, and now our grandchildren are being baptized and their marriage will be blessed in the Church. Thank you for patiently sharing so much love with them. I can't thank you enough!"

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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

Beginning

Jun. 2021

Gathering list of all necessary capital expenditures.

Decision to renovate finance council

Request capital by pastoral/ campaign account then hired be opened + approved

Feb. 2023 Interviewed

architects + consultants

Gathered steering committee + discussed

options

Input/ Listening Sessions

Q & A document Surveys begin

Aug. 2023

Completed Interviews Feasibility with top Report FY2022 shared with donors parish

WE ARE HERE

FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

Hey, St. Luke family,

As you know, our awesome seminarian, Seth Smith, has been doing some letters to our community in this spot so that we can learn a little about what it means to go through the formation process to become a priest. I know we said 4 installments for this series about the importance of learning philosophy as we prepare to become priests - but it was too good, and we decided it needed just one more. As lay people become great leaders in their lives and families, they need to know how to ask all the great questions - and answer them, too! I hope you'll take the time to read and follow along. Seth's last article ends on page 6 on the Faith Formation page. Keep him in your prayers as he starts his first week back among our brothers at the seminary.

To Jesus through Mary, in union with St. Joseph, Your pastox

PHILOSOPHY FOR BEGINNERS - PART 5

Introduction

Well, we've finally made it to the last part in the series. By the time you will be reading this, I will already be gone. I just wanted to say how much I have enjoyed writing these articles for all of you, and I am glad to hear that you have all learned so much. We have definitely covered a lot. In part 1, you learned about what philosophy actually is and why it's important to our faith as Catholics. In part 2, you learned about how to view reality through realism and that humans are composed of both body and soul. In part 3, you learned about metaphysics and how we can use that to know God exists. In part 4, you learned about ethics and the natural law. You also learned about the purpose of political philosophy and what the "four causes" of the polis (ideal city or state) are. I'm proud of all of you because you guys learned all of this in only five weeks, but I had two years! I was lucky enough to have a course on each of these subjects, but you were stuck with me and these short articles. Now, the last bit of philosophy I will teach you will be about a sensitive subject, but I think it's important for every Catholic to know about. Today we're going to talk about evil. Many people struggle with the problem of evil. If God is supposed to be good, then why is there so much evil, pain, and suffering present in the world? Why would God create a world with so much evil present in it? These are questions that many people ask in our world today. The problem of evil causes several people to stop believing in God altogether. In this article, I will navigate you through the problem of evil, and I will explain how it does not contradict the existence of a good God. As usual, I will be using my lecture notes from Dr. James Jacobs, and I am also using his book Seat of Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy in the Catholic Tradition.

The Definition of Evil

As I am sure you have already figured out, I like definitions. It is always important to define the terms that you are talking about especially when it comes to philosophy. Before I begin explaining the problem of evil, I have to define evil. Evil is a privation of due being. Evil is defined in this way because evil does not actually exist. It is a privation or lack of being, and nonbeing is nothing. Evil is simply the absence of

goodness. Evil is a parasite of the good. It is a lack of due being though because it is not simply just a lack of goodness in anything. For example, a lion that is deprived of rationality is not evil because a lion is not supposed to be rational.

It would be evil for a human to lack rationality because humans are supposed to be rational. A

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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



Furnishing + artwork in church First Mass in complete new church

3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

MUSIC

ENTRANCE: TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

- 1. Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2. Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold, Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.
- 3. Fulfiller of the past! Promise of things to be! We hail your body glorified, And our redemption see.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

OFFERTORY: BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- **3.** Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

READING 1: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

READING 2: 2 Pt 1:16-19

Beloved:

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

POPE FRANCIS: For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

FATHER JARED: For FIRE and BLAZE Families and Volunteers

We pray that the families and volunteers who participate in our FIRE and BLAZE nights may discover a deeper reason to believe and grow in the Faith and energy to pursue holiness in everything they do.

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LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

GOSPEL: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

THE LORD IS KING STATE OF THE EARTH REJOICE PSALM 97:1

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MUSIC

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

" When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

COMMUNION: TAKE AND EAT #950

Refrain:

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you. Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

1: I am the Word that spoke and light was made;

I am the seed that died to be reborn; I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. Refrain

- 2: I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free; I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. Refrain
- 3: I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day; You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;

You are my own: your ransom is my blood. *Refrain*

- 4: I am the cornerstone that God has laid; A chosen stone and precious in his eyes; You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest; Like living stones, a temple for God's praise. Refrain
- 5: I am the light that came into the world; I am the light that darkness cannot hide; I am the morning star that never sets; Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. Refrain
- 6: I am the first and last, the Living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live; I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song; You are my bride, come to the marriage feast. Refrain

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5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

MUSIC

SENDING FORTH: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1: Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who set us free, and hail him as your heavenly King Through all eternity.

3: Crown him the Lord of years, the master of all time, creator of the rolling spheres, and risen lord sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for you have died for me; your praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

MONDAY

Nm 11:4b-15, Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, R. v.2a, Mt 14:13-21

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Sing with joy to God our help Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

TUESDAY - SAINT DOMINIC

Nm 12:1-13, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, R. see v.3a, Mt 14:22-36

Entrance Ántiphon:

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Communion Antiphon:

This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

WEDNESDAY - SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

Nm 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35, Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23, R. v.4a, Mt 15: 21-28

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PLEASE NOTE:

Father Jared and Father Suvakin will begin Wednesday 6 AM Masses on September 6, 2023!

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

THURSDAY - SAINT LAWRENCE

2 Cor 9:6-10, Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9, R. v.5, Jn 12:24-26

Entrance Antiphon:

This is the blessed Lawrence, who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever serves me must follow me and where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.

FRIDAY - SAINT CLARE

Dt 4:32-40, Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21, R. v.12a, Mt 16:24-28

Entrance Antiphon:

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ (E.T. alleluia). Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I remember the deeds of the Lord. Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the Bride groom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

August 15, 2023

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We look forward to seeing you at Mass on

Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6 pm (vigil) Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at

6 am | 8:45 am | 7 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

5:00 pm Dcn. Ron LeBlanc;
Patrick Flanagan; Michael Watkins;
Lucille Roberts; Ruby DiMarco;
Charlie Johnson; Gloria Mascaro;
Amy Wood (INT); Harold Veith; Jenn
Olson; Andy Houdek (INT); Sally
Piske; Joyce Bel; Dess Schaefer;
Corby & Suzy Autin (INT); Shirley
Hedrick; Earl Hedrick; Angie Copping;
Ora Hattier Guerrera; Lawrence
Vetter; Earl Bihlmeyer; Jacob William
Kaul, Jr.; Paul Peterson; Richard
Hover, Sr.; Marion Meinke; Marie
Hover (INT); The Greco Family (INT)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

7:30 am	Frances Xavier Thuan Nguyen
9:00 am	Dcn Paul Augustin
11:00 am	SLE Parishioners (INT)

4:00 pm Theresa Nhan Le; Maria Tin Nguyen; John Haslauer; John Jacob; Nho Quang Le; Charlie Johnson; Bruce Abney, Sr.; Mary Muniz (INT); Fr. Peter Pham (INT); Fr. Sergio Figueredo, S.J.; Dess Schaefer; Michael Pergola; Ora

Hattier Guerrera; Laura Bell (INT)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

8:45 am	Charlie Johnson
TUESDAY,	AUGUST 8, 2023

8:45 am John L. Hanlon, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023

Patrick Flanagan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

8:45 am Fr. Jared Rodrigue (INT)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

8:45 am Fr. Jared Rodrigue (INT)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PLACED THIS WEEKEND FOR

Patrick Flanagan

8:45 am

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Patrick Flanagan

THE ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Families dealing with miscarriage or infertility

AUGUST 13, 2023: Catholic Relief Services

FAITH FORMATION 6

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fish without gills is evil, but a human without gills is not evil.

Why Did God Create the World?

God is infinitely good, but why would He create a world where He knew evil would be present? Goodness in itself is self-diffusive. God ultimately created the world in order to share His own goodness. Creation is God sharing His being with others. In order to fully manifest His goodness, He had to create many different things or creatures. If God had only created a few creatures, then His goodness would not have been fully represented. Therefore, God creates to share His goodness, and He does this by creating many different things. It says in Genesis 1:31, "God looked at everything He had made, and found it very good" (NAB). If everything that God has created is intrinsically good, then where does evil come in?

Potency

Creation involves some form of evil because of potency. Evil is a necessary fact about a universe with potency in it. Potency is defined as the capacity to be other, and it can fail. For example, an apple tree has the potency to grow apples. Sometimes the apple tree can fail to grow apples due to various reasons (bad soil, no sunlight, no water, etc.). Evil occurs when potency fails to reach second act (the end or purpose for which something exists). The end (telos) of an apple tree is to grow apples, but evil occurs when the apple tree fails to do so. If potency is not actualized, then it is a privation of a good and therefore evil. A blind person has the potency to see, but since they are blind they are deprived of a good, so it is an evil. Evil is ultimately a fact about creation and not about God. God created the world with potency, so when things fail to achieve the purpose which they were created for, it is evil (privation of good). Aristotle referred to God as "Pure Act". This means that there is no potency in God. He has no capacity to be other or to fail. He simply just exists. Therefore, evil must be a fact about creation and not about God because He does not have potency.

If evil is a necessary fact about a universe with potency in it, then why didn't God create a world without potency? He created the world with potency for the good of all creation. Potency allows for the complete perfection of the universe. It is all ordered to the common good of all creatures. In order for the universe to be perfected, some have to suffer. Good lions kill antelopes. Some have to suffer for the greater good of all of creation. If potency did not exist, then we would not have free will. Greater things come about with the existence of free will than if it did not exist. God created the world with potency to bring about the greater good for all creatures and the perfection of the universe.

The Two Types of Evil

It is also important to distinguish between the two different types of evil. Living creatures with potency can fail in two ways. First, it can fail through first act. This first type of evil is called natural evil. Natural evil is evil suffered. It is evil suffered against first act (the existence of something). An example of natural evil is blindness because it is evil suffered and is lacking the goodness of sight. A human being has the capacity or the potency to see, but due to various circumstances, people are deprived of that good. I am not

saying that blind people are evil, but the absence of sight is a form of natural evil (evil suffered) that is out of their control. Potency can also fail through first act by a living thing losing its existence (death).

Second, living creatures can also fail through second act. This second type of evil is called moral evil. Moral evil is evil done. This type is referred to as evil done because humans have the ability to freely choose against attaining their second act or purpose for which they exist. We can freely choose against our own happiness through sin, etc. Moral evil is much worse than natural evil because we can control it. Natural evil such as hurricanes, blindness, or cancer happen to us, but moral evil is something that we can freely choose such as stealing, lying, or gossiping.

Why Does God Allow Evil?

Natural evil is all a part of God's providence. Providence is God ordering all things to their end. God creates to manifest His goodness, and all things are ordered back to Himself. He created the world with a regularity of nature. Things do not happen by chance. God creates things for the sake of their operation. I will use the same examples again. The purpose of an apple tree is to grow apples; an apple tree will not grow a banana. The purpose of human beings is to attain happiness. Each nature is ordered to an end. God allows natural evil to happen so that He can order things to attain their end. The reality is that one creature's suffering could mean the flourishing of another. The suffering of the antelope causes the lion to flourish. God allows natural evil in His providence for the overall perfection of the universe.

Moral evil on the other hand is not a part of God's providence. As I said, moral evil is our own free choice against second act (happiness). We can bring about suffering on our own that is not necessarily God's fault. He created us with free will, and He allows us to make mistakes. God has to allow moral evil as well because then we would no longer have free will.

Conclusion

Evil is a hard subject to talk about, but it is important to be informed about the reality of it. Even though bad things happen, we have to remember that it is all a part of God's plan to bring about a greater good. He would not allow it for any other reason. Even though evil is present in the world, it does not contradict the fact that God is good. God is infinitely good, and He uses evil to bring about an even greater good in our lives. Evil is a fact about creation and not about God. God created a universe with potency, so evil happens when potency fails to be actualized.

7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE

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.

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 broughtdirectly 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 ANNUAL FAMILY BASH IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER - COME HELP GET THE PARTY STARTED!

Family Bash Weekend is October 14 + 15

If you're the kind of person who loves a good party - and who doesn't?! - we need your help for our upcoming Family Bash weekend! To find out where you can connect your talents and gifts, call Mandi Troyani at our office! 985-641-6572

2023 NOLA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Sep. 30, 2023 | 8:30 am - 6:00 pm 7th – 12th graders are invited to join the fun and faith at Jesuit High School, 4133 Banks St, NOLA. Fr. Josh Johnson, author + podcaster, Fr. Andrew Gutierrez who has been at Saint Luke, and Fr. Ajani Gibson, singer + speaker, will be the keynote speakers. There will also be workshops, the Mass with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, praise + worship music, exhibitors + more! Only \$45 per participant includes bus transportation. Register at www.saintlukeslidell.org/stirintoflame no later than Monday, September 11.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION LEADERS PARISHWIDE MEETING

August 21, 2023 at 6 pm in RM. 4
ALL PARISH ORGANIZATION
LEADERS should attend (or send a representative) to the annual Calendar and Information meeting. Please finalize all your meeting and event calendars before attending. To acknowledge that your organization will attend visit www.saintlukeslidell.org/ministryportal

FIRE SQUAD RETREAT

August 26, 2023 | 9:00 am - 11:30 am All our FIRE team volunteers are invited to a beautiful morning retreat to get your FIRE rekindled and ready for a new FIRE year!

To RSVP: www.saintlukeslidell.org/fireretreat

WE NEED ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS

We need couples, families, and individuals who desire to spend time with Jesus. You can have a regular adoration hour or choose from times needed on our wonderful app. If you have never visited our Adoration Chapel, please stop by for a visit. You are welcome anytime. The Chapel is always open; however, between 6pm-6am, a code is needed to enter. The code can be assigned to you by calling Sylvia Riera, our Adoration Chapel Coordinator. For more information visit www.saintlukeslidell.org and click ADORE!

PRIEST CONVOCATION SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2023

Every 4 years, priests from across Louisiana gather for a 3-day convocation. More than 350 priests from all over the state gather to pray, share support and leadership ideas, and more. No other state has a similar convocation, and Archbishop Aymond uses the time to get to know our priests, our parish needs, and offer his wisdom and guidance. It's an amazing opportunity for our priests, and we ask for you prayers as Fr. Jared, Fr. Suvakin, and Fr. Cooper attend.

To allow our priests the necessary time to go, there will be no confessions on September 6, and visiting priests will cover the daily Masses. More information will be available in the weeks to come.

OUR SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB WILL BE MEETING SOON!

2nd Wednesday of each Month beginning on September 13, 2023 Our Senior Citizens Club is ramping up their busy calendar of events, and parishioners are invited to join for great trips, monthly meetings, and fun! Call our Parishioner Liaison to join all the events.

LITURGY MINISTRY RECRUITMENT and MORNING OF REFLECTION

Recruitment: August 12 + 13, 2023 Ilf you or any member of your family would like to join a liturgy ministry this is your invitation! We will be recruiting in the Community Room after all Masses.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES MORNING OF REFLECTION + REFRESHER

August 19 | 8:30 am - 11:30 am This event is for all members of our Liturgy Ministry - Readers, EMHC, Ushers, and Sacristans - new and current! <u>Please make every effort to</u> attend.

8:30 am - Check in (coffee + doughnuts) 9 am - Reflection led by Fr. Jared 9:30 am - Practical information 10 am - Breakout Groups 11 am - Questions and Answers

BIBLE STUDY: 7 DEADLY VICES, 7 LIVELY VIRTUES

Begins: August 29 | 6:30 pm or August 31 | 10 am

Bishop Barron's deeper look at sin and virtue. This engaging and eye-opening presentation illuminates the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. But there's hope! The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. In our Family Life Center. Call our office for more information and ask for Patt for the 10 am sessions or Ray for the 6:30 pm sessions.

PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE 8

FAMILY INVOLVED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRE is more than simply one night of formation or catechesis. It is a wholistic parish program by which we grow and are formed. The program is designed to help every member of your family grow not only in faith but in family life, strengthening the bonds of love between parents and kids. Our FIRE Nights are for Saint Luke families of all sizes and ages who want to learn to how to be truly Catholic. FIRE is about empowering parents and grandparents to become the best catechists of their children and grandchildren.

FIRE Nights are the primary focus of the year meant to bring together the entire parish family in an ongoing formation process. These nights occur monthly and are approximately 2 hours long. A typical night includes dinner, fun activities, ageappropriate breakout sessions, and a chance for all the members of your family to learn about a particular faith topic. That way, when you head home, everyone has something to share!

WHAT'S A FIRE YEAR LIKE?

IGNight! is the first FIRE Night on September 17, 2023, following the 4 pm Sunday Mass. It's a pump-up night to start off the new year of formation right with an overview of all that will take place in this year of parish formation. Subsequent FIRE Nights follow the same pattern (see the calendar to prepare for the year!)

BLAZE Nights are for those families preparing for a sacrament - First Communion, Confirmation, and for those joining the Church! But it also includes those who are looking for Baptism (Adults and children) and those preparing for Marriage, too! The first **COME AND SEE! BLAZE NIGHT** will be held August 27, 2023, following the 4 pm Mass. Those members of our parish who are part of **BLAZE** attend both **FIRE** and BLAZE Nights (a total of two nights a month.) Dinner is also provided for **BLAZE** Night.

DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Families who participate in FIRE and BLAZE don't pay for all the amazing fun and learning they do - they are sponsored by incredible donors who make these nights possible. And as if that generosity isn't enough, our VOLUNTEERS step up to set up, pray, provide materials, teach, cook - and so much more. It makes FIRE available for all families who want to grow in their faith and in unity with the Church.

But, an average **FIRE** night costs about \$1000. Would you or your business Iconsider supporting our effort to bring the Gospel into every Saint Luke home? It's a great way to promote your business in a family oriented environment. Or maybe you would you like to give a little of your time and talent to spread the mercy of Christ throughout our community? Ready to put your money/effort where your heart is?
Visit www.saintlukeslidell.org/FIRE

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

7-17-23 - 7-28-23

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) mixed fruit (15oz can) jelly (19oz+) peanut butter (18oz+) potted meat soap (standard bar) soup (10-12oz can) toilet paper

cereal (box) mashed potatoes (box/pouch) pancake syrup (20oz+) pasta (bag/box) Diapers (size 5,6) rice (1lb bag)

deodorant (1.5oz+) shampoo (12oz+) toothpaste (6oz tube) toothbrush caps

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21 families

Homebound Help for 1 client

Gift card for 2 families

Shower Bag for 3 clients

Referrals to other agengies for 45 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

https://saintlukeslidell.org/donategoodsams

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: Donna Gonzales
- + **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: Rick VanArsdale.
 - + FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS encourage a love of country + the duties of citizenship. Contact: Chuck Sabadie.
- + 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



GREAT THINGS TO COME

CALENDAR 10

MON - FRI, 1st SAT	8 am	Rosary and Novena	Church
Saturday, AUG 5			
Sunday, AUG 6	8 pm	Teen Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, AUG 7	9:15 am	Altar Society	Church
	11:00 am	Intercessory Prayer Group	Adoration Chapel
Tuesday, AUG 8	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm 01 - courtyard
Wednesday, AUG 9	7:00 pm	Baptismal Seminar	Rm 04 - courtyard
Thursday, AUG 10			
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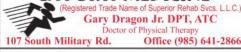
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