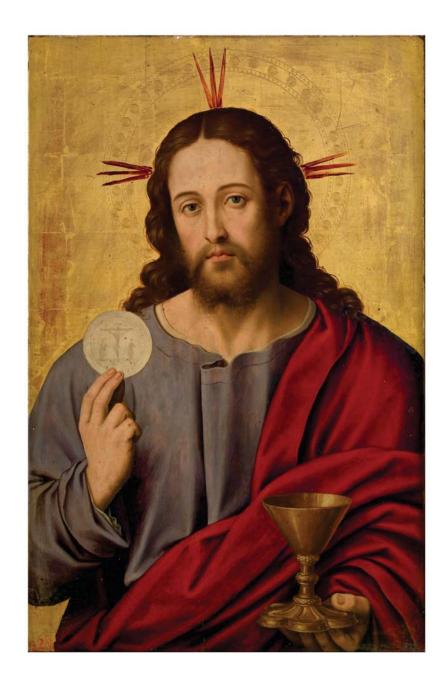
# SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH Westborough, MA

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2024

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. John. 6:53-55

Today's work of art does not attempt to illustrate the scene from today's gospel. Instead, it stresses the theological statement communicated. This is an example of devotional art, meaning it was created to aid people in their prayer life. Often such images were looked at before or during prayer in order to meditate upon particular theological ideas. This Spanish artist was a very devoted Catholic who prayed and fasted while he painted, and always received the Eucharist before he began painting. Here he presents Christ against an abstract golden background evoking a Byzantine icon. Christ is depicted with an inscribed and patterned halo with three sets of triple thin 'tongues of fire' emanating from the top and sides of his head (evoking the Trinity). He holds up his own body in the form of the Eucharist and the chalice containing his blood/wine. The Eucharistic host itself is embossed with an image of the Crucifixion (complete with Mary and John) signaling to the prayerful viewer the everpresent Paschal Mystery that we celebrate at each mass. This image of Christ before an abstract background, combined with his gesture and Eucharistic offering makes tangible the real presence in the host.



# GATHER HYMNAL PAGE 1150 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 17

4:00pm Anthony Putnam

by St. Luke's Parish family

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, August 18

7:30am Mary & Jeremiah Donovan

by Huddy family

9:00am John McKenna

by McKenna family

11:00am **Chester Sowa (26th Anv)** by his family

Monday, August 19

9:00am Virginia Brault

by Faherty family

Tuesday, August 20

9:00am Daniel Pavolis

by St. Luke Parish family

Wednesday, August 21

9:00am Olivia Colby

by Rich & Sonja Green

Thursday, August 22

9:00am Souls in Purgatory

by Pat & Paul Horrigan

Friday, August 23

9:00am Louise Barretti

by family

Saturday, August 24

4:00pm Paul Fallon (1st Anv)

by Diane Collins

6:00pm Spanish

Sunday, August 25

7:30am Larry Boyd

by Knights of Columbus

9:00am Annette & Howard LaNode

by McKenna family

11:00am Daniel McCann

by St. Luke's

We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday after the 9am weekday Mass Monday through Friday

## Please Pray for...

Nicole Bates, Susan Bailey, Jonathan Tomashefsky, Brian Howland, Sharon Wilkins, Michael LeBlanc, Mary Mahan, Becky Rawson Joan Sanders, Bev Longime, James Wright, Evelyn Croteau Annabelle Duvane, Shirley DePalma, Agnes Limberger, Zachary Collins, Kupaa Keiley, Tiffany Kelley, Margie Morcone, Sharon Beaulieu, Mildred Raymond, Stephen & Kimberly Bankcroft, Toby Claufon, Joe Smith, Dawn Haight, Carol Aloisi, Teresa Putnam, Carmelia Potenti, Charles Arkle, Leanne McCann, Ellie Carlson, Jane Burke, Hayleigh Scott, Kellan Keough, Dorothy Clinton, Sr. Pamela Philbin, Karen Mooney, Sandy Thatcher Kerr, Sarah McMenemy, Helen Galica, Erik Olsen, Brendon Crowley, Richard Kane, Grace Roche, Jack Curtin, Jim Bennett, Larry Maloney, Kathleen Farrar, Kirolos Gergis, Gregg Merloni, Tome Valadao, Lynn St. Jean, Gene Buffo, Christine, Patrick, Robert & Coutinho family Maryann Bisco, Susan Garry, Melvin Boucher, T.J. Bautz, Joan Fallon, Edward Hubbell, Nancy Camp, David Perry, John Durnan, Linda Darby, Louis Yuknavich, Annie Mason, Nancy Santory, Laconya Mobley, Gary Wilson, Jr., Debbie Giroux, Kevin & Donna Brennan, Luz Chavez, Debbie Krikler, Dalene Stephens, Vicki Foley, Joel Rivera, Christina Narensky, James Thomas, Chloe Nascimento, Ann Martin, Michael Berthuime, Joan Sanders, Sofia Shahin, Sarah Cox, Hailie McLatchey, Barbara Auger, George Cabana, Beverly Taylor, Jeanne Amendola, Jack Walker, Daniel Baker Rebecca Coax, Robert Trant, Michael McAndless, Michael Del Pozzo, David Sawyer, Madison Knopf, Claire Kennedy, Susanne Ollman, Frank Sannelli, Pat & John Lusek, Michael Zancewicz, Kristy Cautello, Judy Melfa, Neil Kenny, Joseph Malzone, Lois Kerbel, Michael Turpin, Frank Murphy, Jr. Nick Johnson, Patricia Amorelli, Connor Blaney, Demetrius William Fargelli, Mobley, Gary Shults, Erin Magrane, George Beecher

Let us remember to pray for all the men and women who are over seas in harm's way.

We remember those who have died

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Prayers For Sanctity of Life 5:00pm
BENEDICTION AT 6:00PM

SCI	RIPTURE READINGS 2024 YEAR B
SUNDAY August 18	Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
MONDAY August 19	Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
TUESDAY August 20	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/ Mt 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY August 21	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
THURSDAY August 22	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
FRIDAY August 23	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
SATURDAY August 24	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
SUNDAY August 25	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
	Pilot Bulletins

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



# FELLOWSHIP ~ FAITH FORMATION ~ PRAYER

St. Luke's Parish is introducing a Faith Building Initiative in the form of a men's Prayer Group to assist men in building a stronger and closer relationship with Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

- "You've Got a Friend in Me" will consist of 5 gatherings, one a month for 5 months.
- Each gathering will be 1 hour, 15 minutes in duration.
- The first two gatherings will be on Monday, August 19 and Monday, September 16 at 7 pm in the Parish Center Hall.
  - 1. We will begin with a simple meal. We will sit around tables to eat, talk and enjoy fraternity.
  - 2. We will watch a short video from the series the "Mission of the Family" followed by a discussion.
    - 3. We will conclude each gathering with prayer

# All are welcome! Please join us! Bienvenidos!

Advance registration is not required. However, it would be appreciated because it would help us in planning.

You may register at Adult Studies page on the Parish website: https://stlukes-parish.org/adult



Code to learn more and sign up today

Saturday's 4 pm Mass is in need of more Altar Servers! Can you help?



Become involved in the Mass liturgy.
Get to know our parish priests.
Be a role model for others.

Once trained, scheduling for upcoming Masses is very flexible. You decide which weekends you are available to serve.

Training is offered by our pastoral associate Julie Basque. Please contact her at 508-366-5502, ext 15 or email at <a href="mailto:pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org">pastoralassociate@stlukes-parish.org</a> to set up your training sessions.



St. Luke's is serving at the Mustard Seed on Friday, Sept. 6th. We will be serving chicken, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit and dessert. Please see the signup sheet in Flocknotes for details. We are

changing the drop off location to the parish center parking lot. Please deliver the food hot to the parking lot between by 3:30 on Sept. 6th.

Any questions, please call or email Sue Black at 508-212-2748.

susanmblack08@gmail.com.
Thank you so much!

# REGISTRATION FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Emails have been sent to all previously registered families.

Please see the St. Luke's website at <u>www.stlukes-parish.org</u> or contact the Religious Education Coordinators for more details.

Melissa Baril-Lower (Grades preK-6) <u>mbarillower@stlukes-parish.org</u> (508)366-8509 x16

Denise Pelkey (Grades 7 and up) dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org (508)366-8509 x17

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The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA constitutes a path for one to learn more about the Catholic faith, and if sense a calling by God, to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation into Christ's pilgrim church. We are always happy to meet inquirers and invite inquirers to contact us

anytime. For more information on RCIA, please call the St. Luke's secretary, Maria Gasser, at 508-366-5502 or the RCIA Team Lead, Bob Thompson, at 508-341-7677. We are anxious to meet and welcome future inquirers!

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Here at St. Luke's, we follow the guidelines of the national charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Worcester Diocese in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. For questions, information or help please contact Judy Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4361 (direct line and confidential voicemail is available).



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56) This line from Scripture is what ulti-Stewardship mately separates Catholics from our

Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.



In our family, there is a long WORD THE DEED that adults simply cannot answer and the questions usually swer. The questions usually

begin with the word 'why' or 'how' and delve into the imponderables of life: questions about the invisible, the unknown, the uncertain or the unusual. The worst questions are those for which there should be an answer, but none exists, at least at that moment. So, here is an imponderable question: How do you explain the unexplainable?

Jesus comes not with a question, but a teaching that causes some confusion and uncertainty. They ask the imponderable question: how can this be? How can He give us His flesh to eat? Jesus does not explain directly. He tells them who He is, where He comes from, and what they must do. His disciples have also expressed their doubts and bewilderment. Jesus simply reminds them of His words and deeds and asks them to have faith and believe in Him.

We can answer this question, not so much in our minds as in our hearts. When we receive the Lord in the Eucharist, are we not drawn to Him? Do we not experience His Presence? Have we not seen what the Lord can do as we live our faith and offer our love? There will always be the skeptics and doubters, and some of that may creep into our minds. Ask the Lord those questions and He will answer you. You will taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

James Gaffney

## Saint Bernard Abbot and Doctor of the Church

nown as Bernard of Clairvaux, this French abbot and doctor of the church is considered the second founder of the Cistercians. He entered the relatively new monastery at Citeaux in 1113 with four of his own brothers and 27 friends, and later founded the monastery at Clairvaux, which gave birth to 68 other communities. Despite poor health and his devotion to personal mortification, Bernard was an early Western European rock star: He was consulted by popes and kings, battled heresies, and supported the Second Crusade. The sick and maimed lined the roads he traveled, hoping for a miracle. Dante chose Bernard as his final guide in "Paradiso," at the end of "The Divine Comedy." He is the patron of Gibraltar.



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FEAST DAY: AUGUST 20

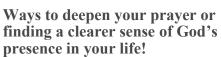


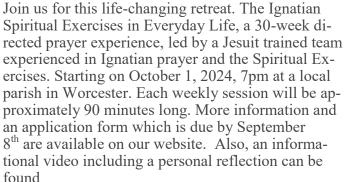
### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ENDS MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH DROP OFF IN PARISH CENTER

St Luke's Outreach is partnering with Westborough Youth & Family Services to collect school supplies for local kids in need. Supplies needed include: Backpacks for all ages, Ticonderoga pencils, Scissors, Crayola Crayons 16 & 24 count, Crayola colored pencils, glue sticks, Markers - washable Crayola thick & thin, Pencil boxes, 3 Ring Binders, Pens - black & blue, Sharpie Markers, Pocket Folders, Notebooks-Subject spiral Composition Notebooks, Highlighters and Erasers.

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# HAITI APPEAL WEEKEND OF AUGUST 31 — SEPT 1

Gloria Josephs will be speaking at all the masses about Haiti and St Luke's support of Fr Rick's ministry for over 35 years! Pictures of Haiti will be running in the vestibule and behind Gloria as she speaks.

### Parents of Seniors

We want to congratulate you and your son(s) and/or daughter(s) on their graduation!

Whether they are continuing with their education or entering the workforce, St. Luke's would like to acknowledge them at Mass during the month of August. Father Diego and Father Sagar will say a prayer for them as they embark on their journey in life and faith.

If you would like your senior recognized, please send an email to Denise Pelkey at <a href="mailto:dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org">dpelkey@stlukes-parish.org</a>. If your senior would prefer to stop by the Parish Center and pick up their Gift they are also more than welcome to do so.

Thanks and God Bless

# ATTENTION H.S. BOYS Please join us in a Retreat for Young Men

Date: September 28, 2024 Time: 7:45 am - 5:00 pm Where: St. Benedict Abbey 252 Still River Road, Harvard, MA

Breakfast & lunch will be provided. Let us know of any special dietary needs. \$33 per person.

If interested, please contact Denise Pelkey at dpelkey@stlukes-parish org for a permission slip.

### SPEND TIME WITH JESUS



GO FORTH AND SET THE WORLD

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Adorers during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament desperately needed on Tuesdays especially for the hours of 11am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 1pm. Jesus is

waiting for you and it is a great opportunity to pray. Please consider this special request as coming from Jesus to you. It is critical especially during the summer vacation period. Please come, no strings attached. Thank you.

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4PM, in Spanish 6PM Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

Weekday Masses
Monday through Friday,
9:00 AM

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#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact a Priest at least six months in advance

#### **RCIA**

Contact the parish secretary if interested in becoming Christian in the Catholic faith tradition.

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our extraordinary ministers are always pleased to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. If you or a family member would like to receive Communion, please call Julie at 508-366-8509. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital, please let us know.





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