



Saint Luke the Evangelist

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BEHOLD, THE STAR
THAT THEY HAD
SEEN AT ITS RISING
PRECEDED THEM,
UNTIL IT CAME
AND STOPPED
OVER THE
PLACE WHERE
THE CHILD WAS.

Matthew 2:9

January
4
2015

***THE
EPIPHANY
OF
THE
LORD***



PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. For some parts of our world this feast is often bigger than Christmas. While for many the Christmas decorations have already been stored away for another year, but for the Church the great feast of Christmas continues.

The scriptures invite us to look to the magi who came from the east to follow the star where-upon they found the child Jesus with Mary his mother. The star which many of us use on top of our own Christmas tree symbolizes how the magi were directed or guided to the presence of the Christ. On this feast of Epiphany, when we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world, it might be good to ask ourselves where we find the "stars" in our own lives that lead us to Jesus Christ. Certainly we are aware of the people, situations and circumstances that draw us away from the Lord. As we begin this new year, it might be a powerful resolution to everyday look for one person or one situation or event that leads us closer to the Lord. Maybe it is simply a matter of asking the Lord to send more "stars" into our lives - to present us with situations and people who truly make embody the very presence of God.

The New Years resolution to loose weight, eat less sugar, waste a little less time on TV or the Internet is all good.....but if we could look for the "stars" in our own life, the people and situations that help us find one thing positive, valuable and good everyday, then maybe just maybe all those other resolutions would be a lot easier to manage.

I hope and pray that the New Year is filled with rich blessings.

Fr. Tom Dragga



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30AM
Daily (Mon-Fri) 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM

THE RECTORY HOURS ARE:

Monday-Thursday:
8am to 7:30pm
Friday: 8am to 5:30pm
Saturday: 10am to 1pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

WE HAVE FOUND THAT COMMUNICATING BY EMAIL CAN BE A PRETTY EFFECTIVE WAY OF GETTING NEWS TO PARISHIONERS QUICKLY.

Please give us your email address so we can send you important information about the parish, keep you up to date on various events or inform you of the death of a parishioner. (You may put this in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.)

You've Got Mail!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip code _____

Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

Please pray for



Ed Jorgensen
Sr. Cheryl Keener

Shannon Koltiska
Shelly Ochoa
Richard Peck
Gina and Pete Petkac
Norma Pohle
Barbara Richard

Christine Schade
Rita Smith
Gloria Tecca
Holly Zappala

WE HAVE A NEW WAY OF COMMUNICATING... "To download our new free app, scan one of the QR codes or search for **Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish** in the App Store or Google Play."



ANointing OF THE SICK: Imitation of Christ's Compassion— In the Gospels, Christ's great compassion toward the sick is expressed in the miraculous healings he performs, which heal the entire person, both body and soul. Parables such as the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37) and the Judgment of the Nations (Mt 25:31-46) urge Christ's followers to share his ministry of compassion and healing and to imitate his "preferential love for the sick" and all who suffer (CCC, nos.1503,1506; Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* [*Sacrament of Charity*], no. 22)



The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. *More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our own diocese.*

Next week is the National Collection for the Catholic University of America (January 11th).

Please be generous.

IN PREPARATION FOR 4 JANUARY 2015— EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6* The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6* The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity lived side-by-side. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their ethnic or religious background.



ST. LUKE BOOK CLUB: Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 PM in the rectory is the discussion of the book, "A Star for Mrs. Blake" by April Smith. In 1929, US Congress passed a law to cover expenses for over 6000 Gold Star Mothers to visit the graves of their sons in France – a little known fact in the Depression Era of American history.

Amid other interesting historical facts, the author develops the stories of five of those mothers, all of whom are affected differently by the loss of their sons. Their journey to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is unpredictable and extraordinary – heartwarming and heartbreaking. Everyone is welcome – please join us for stimulating conversation!!



TAIZÉ PRAYER: THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY 2015— SACRED MUSIC...IN A SACRED SPACE...

Taizé is an ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.

Please join us! All are welcome.



HOLD THE DATE: ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY—MARCH 8, 2015

McBride Hall
More information to come.



CYO SPORTS MASS:

January 11th, 2015 at 9:30am.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION:

The whole Church community plays a role in reconciliation.

We do not engage in the act of reconciliation alone. While the priest is the minister of the Sacrament of Penance, the whole Church community participates in the work of reconciliation (*Ordo Paenitentiae*). When we gather each Sunday, we call to mind our sins and intercede for one another. We hear the Word of God, which challenges us **to reflect gospel values in our lives and relationships**. As the Body of Christ, we also challenge one another to live lives of holiness, justice, and love. The Church is an instrument of conversion, calling all its members to love and reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Just a note to tell everyone: McBride Hall is open for rentals on Saturday's and Sunday's during the school year.

Keep in mind: wedding and baby showers, baptismal, birthday, anniversary and holiday parties, clam-bakes, family gatherings and funeral luncheons.

McBride Hall



For more information, contact Barb Price at the rectory: 216-521-0184.

CHURCH SUPPORT

December 14th: \$6,605.05

Due to early bulletin deadlines the 21st and 28th of December figures were not available.

God bless you for your willingness to support the Church.

Stewardship— 4 January 2015

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." *Matt 2:11*

Just as the manger was for the magi, our parish becomes an outlet, a way of expressing our gratitude. We gather together; we read; we sing; we volunteer; we pray; we laugh; we donate; we hold each other up. Here, we proudly present to God the best we have to offer. We are so grateful that we have something to share, something we can contribute. We come together as individuals blessed by the opportunity to become a community that gives homage to God through our service. That is the gift we bring into the manger. May we continue to be gift-bearers, gratefully using God's gifts as we enter into 2015 with hope for the future, always remembering "God Is With Us."

*****LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE*****

Affirming, Welcoming, Engaging

PARISH SERVICE DAY 2015: Please watch the BULLETIN for more information regarding our 2nd PARISH SERVICE DAY!

Matthew— 25:43: "I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me."

Matthew:25:45: "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'



REGINA HEALTH CENTER: Please join us and help support aging religious! Regina Health Center's Holy-In-One Golf Outing will take place on June 15, 2015 at the legendary Firestone Country Club in Akron.

This popular outing draws golfers from all areas of Northeast Ohio and beyond. Proceeds benefit the mission of Regina Health Center which is to provide compassionate and holistic health care services primarily for members of religious communities, clergy and holistic health care services primarily for members of religious communities, clergy and other persons needing supportive services in a God-centered environment. You can also purchase raffle tickets for a Pebble Beach vacation for two. Please visit us online at www.holyinone.com or Nancy Ilg at 330-659-5142 for more information.

THE ST. LUKE YACHT CLUB— (YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS) HANGING TOGETHER FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-39

Please feel free to contact Kevin Robinson at kevin.robinson6789@gmail.com or 330-741-0743 to join the YACHT Club or for information or questions regarding any YACHT Club events. You can also join the YACHT Club on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/803762722989124/> for the most up-to-date news and schedule.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS: Our next Baptism Class is scheduled for February 22nd 2015. Call Father Dragga or Deacon John for more information (216-521-0184)



PRE-CANA:



Our next Pre-Cana date will be March 14th 2015. For more information, please call Holly Zappala at 216-529-1842 or email: jzappala@cox.net.

***New team members are needed and are most welcome to help with the program that day—

REQUIREMENTS: a smile and to be welcoming!

SCRIPTURE STUDY RESUMES! On Tuesday, January 13th, we will resume our study of the Gospel of Luke at St. James Parish Center in the morning from 9:30 – 11:00 AM and a repeat of the same study that evening at St. Luke School, Room 208 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. If you have not attended the first semester study, feel very welcome to begin with us in January. Bring your Bible – all other materials are provided. Join a wonderful relaxed group of people who have a great love for learning the Scriptures!



CALENDAR ALERT! - The Holy Father and the Bishops of the world met in Rome in October and completed a first draft of a document on issues facing family life in the Catholic Church today. This year is set aside to listen and dialogue with different publics on how the Church is perceived in terms of ministry to God's People. Next October of 2016, a final document will be published. Does the Church grasp contemporary family life? Will there be changes in how we perceive marriage and those preparing for it? Is there discrimination in pastoral practice? Are we sensitive to the burdens society places on families? Will ministry to the divorced be considered? Cohabitation? Declining birthrates? Will change in our current Catholic practice emerge from this Synod?

On three Wednesdays, January 28, February 4 and February 11th, the document will be reviewed, current teaching explained, and conversation encouraged. The rectory conference room will be the site for a morning and an evening session; morning from 9:30-11:00 AM and evening from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Space is limited – let us know if you would like to attend!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2015

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES January 10th & 11th

Saturday, January 10th

4:30 p.m. Lector: L. Beller
 EMH: C. Poilpre, R. McCarthy
 J. Altenburger
 EMC: R. Kratofil, A. Altenburger
 J. Hlavaty, T. Hlavaty
 Servers: Not available at time of publication

Sunday, January 11th

7:30 a.m. Lector: M. McGorray
 EMH: M. Wirtz
 EMC: Deacon John, M. Colatruglio
 Servers: P. Prete

Sunday, January 11th

9:30 a.m. Lector: D. Buckon
 EMH: R. Dumycz, C. Rieck
 J. Fox
 EMC: Deacon John, A. Welsh
 E. Harvey, B. Kolesar
 Servers: Not available at time of publication

Sunday, January 11th

11:30 a.m. Lector: J. Speice
 EMH: V. Mechling, M. Murman
 P. Zimmer
 EMC: M. Bittel, D. Dinishak
 K. Robinson, K. Stepan
 Servers: Not available at time of publication

Weekly Calendar at St. Luke's

Sun. Jan 4	Mass Mass Mass LCA CYO	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Church Church Church Gym
Mon. Jan 5	LCA CYO	4:00 p.m.	Gym
Tues. Jan 6	LCA CYO	4:00 p.m.	Gym
Wed. Jan 7	Arts & Crafts Club LCA CYO AA Meeting	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Rectory Gym McBride
Thurs. Jan 8	LCA CYO	4:00 p.m.	Gym
Fri. Jan 9	LCA CYO AA Meeting	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Gym McBride
Sat Jan 10	LCA CYO Confessions Rosary Vigil Mass	8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Gym Church Church Church
Sun. Jan 11	Mass Mass Mass LCA CYO Donut Sunday after Mass	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Church Church Church Gym

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4th

Monday, January 5th, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 a.m. Brian Bradesca
 by Sr. Donna Marie Bradesca
 5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 6th, Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
 5:30 p.m. John Miller

Wednesday, January 7th, Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m. James Majewski
 by the August Family
 5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 8th, Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m. John McMahon
 by the Kress Family
 5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 9th, Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
 5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 10th, Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m. No Mass
 4:30 p.m. (TD) Vincent Ruscitti
 by Joseph Ruscitti

Sunday, January 11th, The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. (KW/JH) Souls in Purgatory
 9:30 a.m. (TD/JH) Manuel & Maria Gloria Arraial
 by Susana Ballantine
 11:30 a.m. (TD) Parishioners of St. Luke

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR January 11th

9:30 a.m.

R. Dumycz, A. Welsh
 P. Udydz, C. Rieck, J. Fox

11:30 a.m.

V. Mechling
 N. Peura

Please pray for our homebound

WESTERLY DRIVERS FOR January 10th & January 11th

Sat. January 10th 4:30 p.m. Culeen Carey
 Sun. January 11th 9:30 a.m. Carol Kmiecik

To volunteer please call Paul Yanchar at 216-509-2384

SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4th

Monday

8:30 a.m. Adult Acolyte
 5:30 p.m. M. Rogers

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Adult Acolyte
 5:30 p.m. B. Rogers

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Adult Acolyte
 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Adult Acolyte
 5:30 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. Adult Acolyte
 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

8:30 a.m. No Mass
 4:30 p.m.