



SAINT LUKE
UNIVERSITY PARISH
GVSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY
ALLENDALE, MICHIGAN
OCTOBER 16, 2016 29TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME

A Pastor's Reflection on Finances

If you haven't noticed, I don't talk money a lot. I think, as pastor, my role is to talk more about God and how our faith is integrated with God and plays out in our everyday lives. That faith integration of God and money has a fancy title – **stewardship**; so the beginning point is God not finances themselves if one wants to keep their lives in balance. [Pun intended.] Stewardship means we take care of what is given us. God gives us everything is the bottom line. To say, "I earned what I have," whatever the "what" is, is to say we are in charge and deserve what we get. Last Sunday's homily was an attempt to say that for the Christian – that's not good enough or true.

Do we deserve healing and good health? Do we deserve riches and a chance to be rich? Do we deserve more time with our kids, or our parents, or our loved ones? Whether we deserve them or not, some get them, some don't and the "why" of what we do and don't get are based on circumstances that are present and the choices we make. The choices are often not easy and we either make them intentionally or let others decide. As a people of faith we must give thanks to God who provides our lives, and provides for our sustaining life, and provides our choice to care for our life and others' lives. Finances are a development from the barter system that at its simplest form still sustains people in the world. Certainly here in Michigan the fall crops – "I'll give you my peppers in exchange for your tomatoes," "I have a ton of extra potatoes – I'll give them to you because you need them," are a reminder that people love to share their excess with those who need and appreciate it them.

Money is a like a savings account (I was thinking that "cold, hard cash" might be a way of "preserving" because we keep things in our refrigerator for use at a later date) we receive in exchange for goods or services rendered and hold on to for the next trade. So stewardship of money implies that it will continue to be used for something. The choice is ours as to what to do with the money we've received, but the gift of choice is God's and we need to turn to God to make wise choices. Our financial report this year will present an \$11,000 shortfall. While we did not spend as much as we projected, we did not receive as much as we projected either. Granted, it has been a year of transition, people joining us all the time, and others leaving related to both (or either) their job situation or finding a parish that fits them better.

We also had some expenses that are particularly related to the new building and changes in the parish. But the simple matter is, the parish exists because parishioners sustain it. So parish care needs to be a first thought if we are going to use what God has given us for God's people. Many have told me, "Father, when I win the lottery I'll build the church," or some equivalent to doing something for God. My response is simply, "if everyone that spends a dollar or two a week on the lottery were giving that on Sunday mornings, we would not only have our new building up and running, we'd have the resources to staff it."

So consider how you want to engage with St. Luke University Parish and be stewards and caretakers of God's blessings for you. Decide what you value and put your heart to it and it will lead you in your choices. Making the choice is the key – be true to what God asks of you – the amount will be right. Based on that choice you will be enabled to care for those needing to be cared for (not just in the Church, but your favorite charities and special concerns as well).

Finally, some of you were away (or not yet here) when we began **Rooted + Growing in Christ** this summer. We are barely over halfway to the parish goal of \$750,000, but less than half of parishioners have not taken the opportunity to make a pledge. Again, like all things stewardship, what is God asking of you? Have you looked at all God has given? Have you looked at God's particular call to you? That choice to make one's life about God's presence in it is at the heart of being a Christian and will sustain and lead you in all parts of your life (and keep you connected to God and God's people). From that you will know what you need to give (to anything) not because you know what the need is, but because you know your own capacity and need to give is.

Many Blessings!
Fr. Brad Schoeberle, CSP Pastor

Readings for the week of October 16 - 23

Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Eph 3:2-12; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Paul of the Cross, Priest

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday John Paul II, Pope

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 23;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



Parish Center Office
6163 Lake Michigan Drive
Allendale MI 49401
616-895-2247

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
lukespot.com

Campus Office
Cook-DeWitt Center Rm 120
GVSU
616-313-3131

Monday - Thursday 1:30-4 p.m.
GVSUCatholic.org



Saint Luke University Parish
GVSUCatholic

PARISH STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION

Rev. Brad Schoeberle, CSP	Pastor	frbrad@lukespot.com 616-328-3382
Rev. Chuck Cuniff, CSP	Associate Pastor	frchuck@gvscatholic.org 616-446-5742
Mr. John Graveline	Faith Formation	JohnG@lukespot.com 616-895-2248
Ms. Caitlin Cusack	Music Ministry	CaitlinC@lukespot.com 616-895-2248
Mrs. Kim Thomas	Parish Secretary	secretary@lukespot.com 616-895-2247
Ms. Alyssa Freehafer	Bulletin Editor	Bulletin@lukespot.com 616-895-2248
Ms. Sue Sandberg	Bookkeeper	accounts@lukespot.com 616-895-2248

Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (10/16) 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Mass	For Our People	Parish Ctr
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)		Parish Ctr
10:30	Mass	Victims of Hurricane Matthew	Parish Ctr
11:30	GV Knights Pancake Breakfast		Parish Ctr
5:30 p.m.	Mass	+ Fr. Al Moser & +Fr. Jerry Aylward	Cook-DeWitt

Monday (10/17)

7:00 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration	Cook-DeWitt Greenroom
7:00	Reconciliation	Cook-DeWitt Rm 120
7:00	Finance Council Meeting	Parish Ctr

Wednesday (10/19)

6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (6-12)	Kirkhof Thornapple Rm
6:15	Young Disciples (3-5)	Cook-DeWitt
7:00	Mass	St. Luke Parishioners Parish Ctr

Thursday (10/20)

3:30 p.m.	Food Pantry	Parish Ctr
8:00	Catholic Student Ministry	Thornapple Rm

Friday (10/21)

5:00 p.m.	Mass	GVSU Student Retreat	Parish Ctr
5:30	Reconciliation		Parish Ctr

Saturday (10/22)

12:00 p.m.	Rosary Prayer Session	Parish Ctr
------------	-----------------------	------------

Sunday (10/23) 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Mass	Parish Ctr
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)	Parish Ctr
10:30	Mass	Parish Ctr
5:30 p.m.	Mass	Cook-DeWitt

Ministries for Oct. 23

Lectors

8:00 a.m.	Terri Rowland (1st), Karon Flagg (2nd)
10:30	Val Lehti (1st), Rick Meyer (2nd)

Altar Servers

8:00 a.m.	Molly Casha, Sub needed
10:30	Gabbi Gaiser, Levon Gaiser

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8:00 a.m.	Nanette Casha, Karyn Sagorski, Sub needed
10:30	Pam & Larry Van Wyk, Ramona Baldrige, Elaine Briar, Carol Schoenborn, Sally Forslund

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Jerry Casha (lead), Tim Rowland
10:30	Dan Gaiser (lead), Larry Flagg, Howard Lehti

Saint Luke University Parish

October 16, 2016

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Volume 10, Number 47

Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

Book of the Dead

Nov. 2 is the *Feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)*. You are invited to write the names of family members, friends, and others who have died in our Book of the Dead.

Over the years, Diane Emerlander has allowed us to use her pole barn for storage of many parish/church related items. Recently, on a rainy Saturday, members of the Knights of Columbus rebuilt the barn's roof. It means a great deal to have such contributions!



The family of Frank Gauntt wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy in prayers, words, cards, flowers, food, and memorial contributions offered at the death of our husband, father and grandfather. A very special thank you to Father Brad and Father Chuck for officiating at the funeral Mass.

Need meals donated for a retreat

This is a request from the retreat team for Catholic Student Ministries this year:

Looking to get a possible donation of a meal or parts of a meal for the retreat Oct. 21-22. The retreat is going to be held at Gerber Scout Camp, 1733 Owasippe Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457. The times for meals would be 6-7ish for dinner on Friday, and 8 a.m. breakfast, 1 p.m. lunch and 4 p.m. dinner on Saturday. We are estimating around 40 people. If you can help, please contact Lauren Blatnik at blatnikl@mail.gvsu.edu. The best way to get there would be taking the North Muskegon (M-210) exit off US-31.

Hurricane Relief

The Diocese of Grand Rapids is encouraging that donations to assist victims in Haiti and other Caribbean nations be made through Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org) which is working directly with the people in need in those countries. Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic bishops in the United States. If you would like to help victims in the United States, please make a donation through Catholic Charities USA (www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).

SCRIP

Christmas decorations are up in the stores and there's only 46 days until Black Friday. Gift cards make great presents for family, friends, employees, babysitters, or anyone on your list. Purchase your gift card needs from St. Luke's scrip program and the parish receives a rebate from the store. You do your shopping in one stop and the parish receives free money – it's a win-win for everyone! Stop by the scrip table for a full listing of vendors.

Food Donations

With our upcoming move, we need to clear out our food pantry inventory. There are only **3** more food pantry days. As much as we appreciate all the food donations, we are asking that you **do not drop off** any actual food items. Our last food pantry is **Nov. 17**. We will not re-open until we are settled in the new building. We do still need donations as we will have the Holiday Baskets that go out to all our families both on Thanksgiving & Christmas.

If you want to donate, we are **asking for money or gift cards to Meijer or Family Fare**. This way we can purchase items needed without having inventory. Don't forget about Scrip for the gift cards. It doesn't cost you anymore, but our church receives a rebate from those purchases. A win-win for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

-Ginny

Women's Fellowship Collecting Winter Apparel

The Women's Fellowship is looking for new or gently used, mittens, scarfs, hat or other winter apparel, in all sizes for Native Americans, who are protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline. Jill Evert has a contact that will take care of getting these items delivered to the over 300 Indian Nations that are protesting in Cannon Ball, North Dakota. Thank you in advance.

St. John Paul II Mass at West Catholic High School

Please join us as we celebrate our Patron Saint, St. John Paul II, with Mass on Oct. 21. You are invited to Mass at 10:12 a.m. and light refreshments following the Mass.



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

October 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

On World Mission Sunday, **October 23**, Pope Francis invites each of us to be part of that change for our world of great need, calls us to announce the mercy of God, “the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12).

On this **90th** World Mission Sunday, our brothers and sisters around the world will gather at the Lord’s Table to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and financial help, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, support the work of the Mission Church, its witness to Christ and service to the poor.

“Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity.”

Message for World Mission Sunday 2016

I echo these words of our Holy Father, asking you to open your hearts as you connect on World Mission Sunday with every corner of the globe... with the *Americas*, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God’s great love to families; with *Europe*, where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution; with *Asia*, where six million children receive an education from Religious Sisters in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools; with the *Pacific Islands*, where 1,000 young men are preparing for the priesthood, to bring the Lord’s healing hope and peace to those in need; with *Africa*, where those who are sick are provided with loving care at 6,400 Catholic hospitals and small clinics. You can also continue this connection with the Missions all year through MISSIO, online at missio.org or on your phone.

I am grateful for your generosity of spirit and heart, and confident of your missionary commitment to share the joy of the Gospel and help the poor, I pray for blessings for you and your families!

Sincerely yours in Christ

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids