



September 17, 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GVSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Parish Information

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

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Mass Schedule

Sunday

8 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

5 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday

5 p.m.

Saturday

9:30 a.m.

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Saint Luke University Parish
GVSUCatholic

Dear friends in Christ,

With great joy, this weekend we celebrate the blessing of our new church building. We are honored to have Bishop David Walkowiak come to bless the church, and we are likewise honored with the presence of numerous concelebrating priests from throughout our diocese. And on this momentous occasion, it is necessary to say thank you to all of you, the faithful parishioners of St. Luke's, some of whom have been a part of the parish from the start ten years ago.

You have made many sacrifices over the years leading up to this weekend. Not only have you moved from location to location, but you have also dedicated countless hours setting up for Mass; you have exercised great patience while the process moved along, often more slowly than anyone would have liked. You have made significant financial sacrifices for the construction of this new church. You have also spent many hours planning and discussing the plans for the new church. Most importantly, you have supported the parish with your prayers. As Psalm 127 says, "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor." In other words, without God, all of our efforts would come to nothing. The Lord must be behind every project and work we undertake, and He must constantly be invited in. We must always remember that it is His house and that we are just its caretakers.

Special thanks, of course, must go to Fr. Brad Schoeberle, Fr. Don St-Andre, and Fr. Chuck Cuniff, who served the parish of St. Luke's selflessly for the past ten years and oversaw the construction project. Let's continue to remember them in prayer and give thanks to the Lord for their years of service here.

Also, many thanks to the generous donors from outside the parish, who recognize the importance of a Catholic presence at Grand Valley State University, and believe in building up that presence.

But while today we celebrate the completion of this project, there is (always) more work to be done - and there always will be while we are still on this earth. This church is a place where we encounter the Lord most intimately and completely in this life through the Holy Mass. The ongoing challenge is to continue to grow in holiness, to continue to grow closer to the Lord, and to evangelize our community. May we always be guided by the Holy Spirit as we go forward, and continue to seek the intercession of our patron, Saint Luke, and our Blessed Mother Mary.

In Christ,

Fr. Bill

Upcoming Parish Events

September

- 18 - Adult Faith Formation Begins
- 24 - Faith Formation, Youth Ministry and Young Disciples Begins
- 24 - New Parishioner Welcome Event
- 25 - 28 Diocesan Priests Convocation - No Daily Masses

October

- 1 & 8- St. Luke's Time & Talent Fair (Stewardship Fair)

This Week's Scripture Readings
Available online at usccb.org/bible

Ministries for Sept. 24

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Lectors

- 8:00 a.m. Gayle Johnson (1st), Karon Flagg (2nd)
- 10:30 Kali Steck (1st), Bob Messing (2nd)
- 5:00 p.m. Lillian Gray (1st), Alanna Gerber (2nd)

Altar Servers

- 8:00 a.m. Ethan Thomas, Isaac Perry
- 10:30 Adelle Maksymowski, Sammi Steck
- 5:00 p.m. Eve Miller, **Server Needed**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Kim Thomas, Kim Oostindie, Nanette Casha
- 10:30 Rod Morgan, Barb & Bruce Grzegorzczuk, Cathy Talbert Gene Smith
- 5:00 p.m. Donna Roehr, **Minister Needed**

Ushers Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass.

- 8:00 a.m. Dwayne Thomas (lead), Jerry Casha, Sue Sandberg, Ron Gorlewski
- 10:30 Paul Steck (lead), Larry Flagg, Joe Morello, Dan Gaiser
- 5:00 p.m. **Ushers Needed**

CSA Update

A pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal is a great act of generosity. It is an opportunity to participate in the Church beyond our parish limits. Thank you for your generosity to the CSA 2017. Your continued support will enable our diocesan ministries and programs to reach out to thousands of our brothers and sisters in need. To date, we are at 99.9% of our goal. 47% of our parishioners have contributed. Congratulations and thank you! Remember that any amount collected over the goal will stay in the parish. Thank you again for your generosity.

Finances for September	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for August	\$ 17,330	\$6,615	\$ 23,945	\$ 24,000	\$ (55)
Sept. Month to Date	\$ 6,182	\$3,340	\$ 9,522	\$ 12,000	\$ (2,478)

Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (9/17) 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. Mass + Alan Anderson Church
- 10:30 Mass For Our People Church
- 3:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Church
- 5:00 Mass All the Deceased Members of St. Luke's Church
- 6:00 Reception Church

Monday (9/18)

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Church

Tuesday (9/19) St. Januarius

- 5:00 p.m. Mass All those Fighting Cancer Church
- 5:30 Reconciliation Church
- 7:00 Eucharistic Adoration Church
- 7:00 Finance Council Church

Wednesday (9/20) Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & Companions

- 5:00 p.m. Mass Continued Prayer for Those who Need it Church
- 5:30 Reconciliation Church
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal Church
- 8:00 RCIA Inquiry Church

Thursday (9/21) St. Matthew

- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry Church
- 5:00 Mass Safety & Relief from Natural Disasters Church
- 5:30 Reconciliation Church
- 8:00 CSM Praise & Worship Church

Friday (9/22) Our Lady of Sorrows

- 9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast Club Murphy's
- 5:00 p.m. Mass All Parishioners Church
- 5:30 Reconciliation Church

Saturday (9/23) St. Pius of Pietrelcina

- 9:00 a.m. Reconciliation Church
- 9:30 Mass GVSU Students Church

Sunday (9/24) 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. Mass Church
- 10:30 Mass Church
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Church
- 3:15 Young Disciples (3-5) Church
- 3:30 Choir Rehearsal Church
- 4:00 RCIA/Catechumenate Church
- 5:00 Mass Church
- 6:00 RCIA Inquiry Church

Food Pantry Needs

St. Luke's Food Pantry appreciates your help!

Our current food pantry needs:

Canned Fruit & Vegetables

To donate, please drop items off in the shopping cart outside the pantry/McConnon Room at the church.

Next pantry date: Sept. 21

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Stewardship Fair

On Oct. 1 & 8, we celebrate stewardship weekends at St. Luke's. Tables and sign-up sheets for many of our ministries will be in the vestibule after all liturgies. There are many talented parishioners in our parish, and we encourage you to participate in the life of the parish. A representative from each ministry will be available to answer your questions.

Women's Fellowship September Meeting

September meeting is on the 18, at 6:30 p.m., at the Parish Center. Bring a snack to share. We have some events to plan for the next few months. Any questions, call Jeanne Benedict 677-5428, or email at thequeenjeanne@charter.com.

Taking Donations for Advent Wreath

I will be at the table at the back after All Masses if you would like to make a donation. We are 3/4 of the way to reach our goal. Hopefully, we will get there soon. Thank you for all your generosity.

-Elaine Briar, Environment

Save the date-Garage Sale!

St. Luke will be having our annual garage sale next year June 8 and 9. We will start collecting furniture and hard goods now. We ask that you, please wait to donate clothing until next spring. Please call Diane, 616-402-3148, or Sheryl, 616-723-6753, to arrange drop-off. If you need furniture picked up, we will pick-up every third Saturday of every month until November between 10 a.m. and noon. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Together with your families, the Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak is inviting all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries to join him on Sunday, Oct. 22 at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. A simple reception will immediately follow. Please RSVP by calling the parish office with your names, number attending and number of years married.

Knights Of Columbus News



Family of the Month - Garcia Family - Hector and his family are always helpful and there when needed. They helped us with the move from the dollar castle, helped with the 4th of July float and help usher, EM and alter serve at the 5 p.m. Mass. Thank you, Garcia Family!

Interesting fact(s) about the Knights: Our Council 14586 understands the importance of baptism we celebrate and welcome the new member to our community by giving them a teddy bear at Mass.

Upcoming activities: 1) Add sidewalk to entrance facing 42nd Ave 8 a.m. 9/23. 2) Youth Soccer Challenge 9/30
Council 14586 meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the parish. If questions call Jason Horton at 616-328-7444 or gk14586@mikofc.org.

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Thank-Scrip-ing Day Returns!

Bonus bonanza: Thank-Scrip-ing™ Day is back tomorrow, Sept. 18! Don't miss 24 hours of awesome ScripNow®, Reload, and ReloadNow® bonuses from dozens of your favorite retailers. The list is top secret until 12:01 a.m. Monday morning so watch your email for the participating vendors. To participate, you just need a [ShopWithScrip®](#) account, and you must be able to login to place online orders. Think about signing up for PrestoPay™, the secure online payment system. Sign up ASAP if you haven't already so you can receive your ScripNow eCards and add funds using ReloadNow in minutes, or use Reload to add funds overnight! You can still participate and receive bonuses if you pay by check, as long as you place your order during the 24-hour bonus sale.

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Faith Formation Sessions for children and youth begin Sunday, Sept. 24. Please contact John Graveline if you still need to register. If you have been preparing for Confirmation over the past year, you must be registered this fall for Youth Ministry to finish your preparations for Confirmation at the Cathedral on Nov. 7.

Adult and College Student Bible Study

What do Catholics believe about the Bible? How can you have a living relationship with the Word of God? St. Luke's will host a 7-week *Introduction to the Bible* course for adults and young adults 16+ beginning Monday, Sept. 18. We will meet every other Monday, 6:30-8:15 p.m. A suggested donation of \$25 is requested to cover materials cost, but no one will be turned away. Participants must be pre-registered by Sept. 16. Please contact John Graveline, j.graveline@lukespot.com, for more information or to register.

Sessions for Non-Catholics who Want to Learn More About Catholicism

If you are not Catholic but would like to learn more about Catholic beliefs and practices, St. Luke's is hosting two Inquiry Series this fall. The first will be on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. This series will continue weekly until Nov. 15. The second series will be on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass beginning on Sept. 24. This series will continue weekly until Nov. 26. Pick either series as your schedule allows. Please contact John Graveline, j.graveline@lukespot.com, for more information.

Child Protection Training

At St. Luke's, we are committed to providing a safe space for our young people to grow in wisdom and grace. One way we do this is through hosting safe environment training. We have a Protecting God's Children training scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you have contact with young people under 18 in our parish ministries, you must take this training to volunteer. We encourage all adults to take this training. You must pre-register for the training. You may do that by visiting www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org. Click the link at the lower right-hand corner of the home page labeled, "Protecting God's Children." Under Safe Environment Training, click the link, "Upcoming Sessions." Select "Grand Rapids, MI (Diocese)" as the organization on the drop down menu. You may then register for our session or any other time and location that work best for you. Please contact John Graveline with any questions or if help is needed registering.

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