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## **December 23-25, 2017** **Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas**

### **Christmas Season** **Mass Schedule**

*December 24*  
*4th Sunday of Advent*  
8 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

*Christmas Vigil*  
*Children's Mass*  
4 p.m.

*December 25*  
*Christmas Day*  
12 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

*December 30*  
*Holy Family Vigil*  
5 p.m.

*December 31*  
*Holy Family Sunday*  
8 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
5 p.m.

*January 1*  
*New Year's Day*  
*Solemnity of Mary*  
9 a.m.

No Daily Mass &  
Confessions  
Dec. 26-28

Daily Masses &  
Confessions Resume  
Friday Dec. 29

Dear friends in Christ,

Over two thousand years ago, God gave us the greatest gift – the gift of His Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Jesus we have received everything: our faith, the Church, the sacraments, our salvation. There is so much to be grateful for; we will need an eternity to thank God.

So with this in mind, I want to give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings He has given to our parish this past year, comprised of both permanent Allendale residents and Grand Valley students. You have come together to help build up this parish over the past year in wonderful ways, and I would like to thank all of you that have contributed your time and your energy. There are so many ways in which you have done so, and so many to thank, from our catechists in faith formation, all those who volunteer with the food pantry, all those who help provide monthly dinners to our GVSU students, everyone who serves as sacristans, readers, servers, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist at our daily and weekend Masses, everyone who sings in the choir, all of our students who have taken on leadership roles in our campus ministry, everyone involved in fundraisers for our parish, and all those who have contributed to them, to those who have engaged in physical labor for our parish, such as putting in sidewalks, planting shrubs, pulling weeds, building picnic tables. And, of course, everyone who was involved in the Mass of Blessing for our new church. Nor can I forget to thank all the members of our parish staff for their dedication. There are many people here who do a lot for the parish behind the scenes, and I am so grateful to all of you. And, finally, many thanks for the very warm welcome you have given me since I arrived at the beginning of July. It's not possible to express my gratitude adequately and to remember everyone who has done so much.

This has of course been a year of change for St. Luke's, from the new church, to bidding goodbye to the Paulists who founded and served the parish for its first ten years. And, little by little, we hope to continue to make positive changes that will serve to invite and evangelize our dual communities – both the Allendale area and the Grand Valley campus. Perhaps you have noticed the addition of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the icon of St. Luke. We are waiting for the crucifix for our church, which we expect in the spring. There are other important physical things that we are still working on, such as a permanent sign by 42nd Avenue. We continue to build up our faith formation, RCIA, and campus ministry programs. There are ongoing opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday nights, and the sacrament of confession is available five days out of the week. In addition, we are working on creating a new website and a new parish app, which hopefully will improve communication with the parish on everything going on here.

The whole purpose of a parish is to foster the faith of the Catholic faithful and to serve to share the Gospel with everyone who lives within our parish boundaries. And our faith is all about a relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Moreover, the whole purpose of our lives is to grow closer and closer in our relationship with the Lord so that we might give him glory for all eternity. It is my prayer that everything we do here be done with this in mind.

May the Lord Jesus, our Newborn King, bless you, your families, and your loved ones this Christmas season.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Bill Vander Werff

**Upcoming Parish Events  
December**

24: 4th Sunday of Advent Masses 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
 Christmas Eve- Children's Mass 4 p.m.  
 25: Christmas Day- Midnight Mass 12 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Mass  
 25-28: No Daily Mass or Confessions  
 25-29: Parish Office Closed

**January**

1: Mary, Mother of God Mass 9 a.m.  
 2-5: No Daily Mass or Confessions

**This Week's Scripture Readings**

Available online at [usccb.org/bible](http://usccb.org/bible)

**Ministries for Dec. 30-31**

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass.

**Lectors**

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Robert Talbert (1st), Vick Goodrich (2nd)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Yvonne Boon (1st), Gayle Johnson (2nd)

10:30 Rick Meyer (1st), Sandy Meyer (2nd)

5:00 p.m. Patricia Roslund (1st), Lillian Gray (2nd)

**Altar Servers**

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Nathan Esch, **Server Needed**

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Ethan Thomas, Jacob Vantrepott

10:30 Aaron Morgan, Simon Morgan

5:00 p.m. Garrett Zimmerman, **Server Needed**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Katie Foy, Cathy Talbert, Caolon Keenan

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Jessica Faylor, Kim Thomas, Sheryl Horton,

**Ministers Needed**

10:30 Megan Wilcoxon, Elaine Briar, Rod Morgan,

**Ministers Needed**

5:00 p.m. Jessica Herold, Joseph Trojniak, Daniel Swanson,

**Ministers Needed**

**Ushers Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass.**

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Abraham Fordney (lead), **Usher Needed**

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Dwayne Thomas (lead), Jason Horton, Jerry Casha, Max Ainslie

10:30 William Norton, Joe Fordney, John Fordney,

**Usher Needed**

5:00 p.m. Ethan Ruffing (lead), Hector G Garcia, Hector Garcia, Abraham Fordney

**Happening this Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday (12/24) 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Christmas Eve Day**

8:00 a.m.	Mass	for all mourning the loss of a loved one	Chapel
10:30	Mass	for the sick & suffering of our parish	Chapel
3:30 p.m.	Christmas Carol Preludes		Chapel
4:00	Mass	+ Robert Emelander	Chapel
11:30	Midnight Mass	Christmas Carol Preludes	Chapel

**Monday (12/25) Nativity of the Lord**

**Christmas Day**

12:00 a.m.	Mass	for all Christians persecuted for their faith	Chapel
10:00	Christmas Carol Preludes		Chapel
10:30	Mass	for peace among nations	Chapel

**Tuesday (12/26) St. Stephen**

*No Daily Mass, Confessions or Eucharistic Adoration*

**Wednesday (12/27) St. John**

*No Daily Mass or Confessions*

**Thursday (12/28) The Holy Innocents**

*No Daily Mass or Confessions*

**Friday (12/29) St. Thomas Becket**

9:30 a.m.	Parish Breakfast		Murphy's
5:00 p.m.	Mass	Unborn children & Infants	Chapel
5:30	Reconciliation		Confessional

**Saturday (12/30)**

9:00 a.m.	Reconciliation		Confessional
9:30	Mass	All those seeking to join the Church	Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Mass	Expectant Mothers	Chapel

**Sunday (12/31) Holy Family Sunday**

8:00 a.m.	Mass		Chapel
10:30	Mass		Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Mass		Chapel
6:15	YM Leadership Meeting		Multi-Purpose Rm 1A

**Food Pantry Needs**

St. Luke's Food Pantry appreciates your help!

**Our current food pantry needs:**

**Box Meals**

**Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc.**

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

**Next pantry date: Jan. 11**

'Simply Give' campaign runs through Dec. 30 at the [Standale Meijer store](#).

**PARISH STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Saint Luke University Parish**

December 23-25, 2017  
 4th Sunday of Advent  
 & Christmas  
 Volume 12, Number 04

## Christmas Flowers

- Carl & Elyse Underhill  
in memory Krawczyk Families  
Underhill Families
- Susan Dykhuizen  
in memory Mel & Katherine VanVolkinburg
- Stanley & Evelyn Stolarz  
Theresa Kurek
- Janet Nash  
in memory Jim Nash
- William Tellier  
in memory Mary Jane Tellier
- Ed & Chara Potyraj  
in memory John Hansen
- Ray & Shirley Valentovich  
in memory Mr. & Mrs. W. Kotowski  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Valentovich
- Marie Caruso  
in memory Phillip Caruso
- Hector & Ana Garcia  
in memory Pedro Garcia  
Maria Garcia  
Bacilio Garcia  
Juanita Garcia
- Diane Emelander  
in memory Robert Emelander
- Larry & Karon Flagg  
in memory Wallis & Patricia McWilliams  
Elizabeth & Thomas Weiderman
- Dan & Martha Gaiser  
in memory Betty & Gifford Howard
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in honor Max & Terri Ainslie  
Pankaj & Sulakshna Handa  
in memory Members of the Handa & Ainslie Families
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in memory Howard Lehti
- Larry & Pam Van Wyk
- Cork & Peg Horvath  
in memory Horvath Families  
Humphrey Families
- Ron & Kay Erickson
- Donated Cross Wreath  
Minnie  
in memory George Martinez  
Zenida Perez  
Jerry Drury  
Felicita Salinas

# SCRIP

The scrip store will re-open next Sunday, Dec. 31, fully stocked and ready to fill your shopping needs. Cupboards bare after the holidays? Re-stock with Meijer, Family Fare, or Sam's Club prepaid cards.

Are you participating in Scrip? If not, make a New Year's resolution to start participating. It's a win-win situation. You still manage your weekly expenses by purchasing pre-paid cards, and the parish earns a rebate (free money!) for every card purchased. Stop by the scrip table and pick up an information packet. **Have a safe and Happy New Year!**



### **Giving Tree Thank you**

Thank you to all who brought gifts for our Foster Children. The response was overwhelming! This is such a blessing to the children. Please keep these families in your prayers.

### **Job opening at St. Luke's - Part-time Custodian**

St. Luke's is hiring a part-time custodian to work 10-12 flexible hours per week. For questions or to apply, please contact Kim Thomas at [k.thomas@lukespot.com](mailto:k.thomas@lukespot.com).

### **Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser**

Women's Fellowship will have another Cinnamon Roll Sale the weekend of Jan. 13 - 14. We are still working on buying a Votive Candle Stand for the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so we appreciate the support the Parishioners have shown us.

### **Christmas Flower Sale Thank You**

Thanks to the faithful people of St. Luke, the flower sale was a success. We made over \$600. It is a lot of work, but the beauty of God's altar should be made beautiful. I am so grateful to be a part of this. A big thank you to Diane Emelander, Sue Schipper, Val Lehti and the three GVSU students who helped clean up. May the birth of Jesus give everyone peace and love at this glorious time.

Thank you,  
Elaine Briar

### **Winter Adult Faith Formation Meditations on the Christ**

**Who?** All adults of the parish, with a special invitation to our student parishioners.

**What?** A Scripture-based exploration of the identity, meaning, and mission of Jesus Christ and our response to him.

**Where?** St. Luke University Parish.

**When?** Monday evenings, Jan. 8 & 22 and Feb. 5, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Why?** Because the question of who Jesus is and what that answer means to our own identity and life's meaning is the most important and foundational question that we will face in this life. Our Catholic faith teaches that "in reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of the human person truly becomes clear." Christ the Lord fully reveals us to ourselves. More Info? Contact John Graveline, Faith Formation Director, [j.graveline@lukespot.com](mailto:j.graveline@lukespot.com).

### **St. Andrew's Cathedral Midnight Mass Live Broadcast**

Midnight Mass and the Prelude of Carols on Christmas Eve will be broadcast live from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on FOX 17 (check your local listings) and online on the diocesan website, [dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://dioceseofgrandrapids.org), and Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids). The concert begins at 11 p.m. and Mass begins at Midnight. There will be a replay of Midnight Mass on FOX 17 at 6:30 a.m. Christmas morning. The live broadcast of Mass from the cathedral is a ministry provided by our diocese to the homebound and imprisoned for more than 60 years.

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