

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY

St. Luke's Vision Statement:

Joyfully living the Gospel through sacraments, service, and love.

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Tues. 5:30 pm, Wed. 12:00 pm, Thurs. 8:30 am, Fri. 8:30 am, First Sat. 9:30 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 9:30 - 10:00 am, Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Or by appointment

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

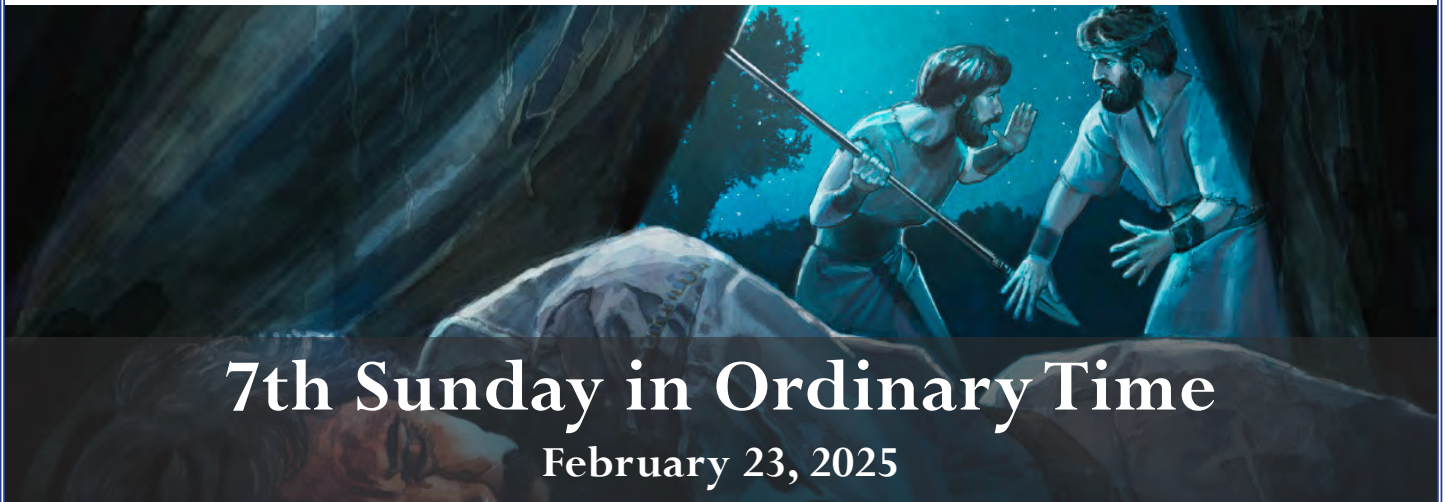
Bulletin Announcements: Due by Friday for the following Sunday bulletin: communications@stlrnc.org

Baptism: Parents must be active and registered in the parish for at least three months prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call the Parish Office 919-848-1533 for more information.

Sacrament of anointing: Conferred upon request prior to surgery or at any time of illness. Please call the Parish Office at 919-848-1533 to set up an appointment.

Marriage: Catholic parties should be registered and active parishioners for at least six months before the wedding to allow enough time in the formation of the sacrament. Please contact Barbara Bower at weddingcoordinator@stlrnc.org for additional information.

Sacrament of Holy Orders: If anyone is discerning a call to the priesthood, please contact the Parish Office 919-848-1533 for additional information.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our Live-Streamed Masses Here:
stlukesraleigh.org

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 *7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

No Daily Mass Pro Populo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30 PM + Rita Muciek
 By John Kraemer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:00 PM + Mary Lou Linardi
 By Joe & Carol Blando

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 *St. Gregory of Narek*

8:30 AM Jim Haag
 By Anna Willigan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 AM + Joan J. DeMarzo
 By Lambertus family

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 *Blessed Virgin Mary, First Saturday*

9:30 AM Terri Haag
 By Anna Willigan

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo

11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

Parish Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM
 VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 *7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
 MASSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 KoFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST.....9:30 AM
 CY1 & CY2 (CONFIRMATION).....9:45 AM
 SANCTI SIMUS (ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION).....9:45 AM
 HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP.....12:15 PM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

LEGION OF MARY.....6:30 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

REGNUM CHRISTI (WOMEN).....9:30 AM
 EVENING MASS.....5:30 PM
 WALKING WITH PURPOSE.....6:30 PM
 REGNUM CHRISTI (MEN).....6:30 PM
 CHOIR PRACTICE.....6:30 PM
 SCHOLA PRACTICE.....7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NOON MASS.....12:00 PM
 WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD.....6:15 PM
 OCIA.....6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 *St. Gregory of Narek*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM
 G.I.F.T.S.....9:30 AM
 LADIES BIBLE STUDY.....12:30 PM
 WALKING WITH PURPOSE.....6:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM
 ADORATION.....9:00 AM
 RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 *Blessed Virgin Mary, First Saturday*

JOURNEYMEN - INTO THE BREACH.....7:30 AM
 FIRST SATURDAY MASS.....9:30 AM
 RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM
 VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM
 TRIVIA NIGHT.....7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
 MASSES.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 CY1 & CY2 (CONFIRMATION).....9:45 AM
 SANCTI SIMUS (ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION).....9:45 AM
 HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP.....12:15 PM

Attention:
 Bulletin announcements are due by Friday for
 the following Sunday bulletin.
 Thank you.

**Adoration of
 the Eucharist:**

Fridays 9 AM - 4 PM



Weekly Readings, February 23 - March 2

Sunday: 1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103 (102): 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 . V/1 Cor 15: 45-49/Lk 6: 27-38

Monday: Sir 1: 1-10/Ps 93 (92): 1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9: 14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2: 1-11/Ps 37 (36): 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9: 30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4: 11-19/Ps 119 (118): 165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9: 38-40

Thursday: Sir 5: 1-8/Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 6/Mk 9: 41-50

Friday: Sir 6: 5-17/Ps 119 (118): 12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10: 1-12

Saturday: Sir 17: 1-15/Ps 103 (102): 13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10: 13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27: 4-7/Ps 92 (91): 2-3, 13-14, 15-16 . VI/1 Cor 15: 54-58/Lk 6: 39-45



Altar Flowers

In loving memory of
Warner Strong

Donated By

Meg Strong



Mary's Corner

*"In Heaven, she is the tireless
Dispenser of divine graces to
the men most in need of them."*

- Cure of Ars

Please Pray For Our Family, Friends & Our Parish

If you would like to have someone's name added or removed from our prayer list, please email: communications@stlinc.org or contact the Parish Office.

Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. If they need to remain longer or if a name has been removed in error please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Liturgy & Prayer

Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	919-528-1068	mktravers@nc.rr.com
Altar Flowers	Carol Blando	919-427-3865	cbblando@gmail.com
Altar Linens	Joan Beebe	316-347-9060	arkg14@yahoo.com
Altar Preparers	Beverly Weiland	919-454-7136	baweiland@gmail.com
Altar Servers	David Sofra	919-847-9978	dsofra@bellsouth.net
Eucharistic Ministers	Virginia Todd	Please Email	vtodd1789@gmail.com
Mass Coordinator	Randi Ostack	919-559-7745	rgo@nc.rr.com
Ministers of Hospitality	Luke Masinick	919-971-8155	luke.masinick@ushadvisors.com
Prayer Line	Teres Scofield	919-412-6542	teres.scofield@gmail.com
Readers	Jim Mooney	510-774-5613	mooney.james.e@gmail.com
Live Streaming	Joe Jacobs	919-400-6327	jjoe.ja@gmail.com

Outreach

Bereavement	Parish Office	919-848-1533	Please Call
Catholic Parish Outreach	Ken Low	919-397-4018	Please Call
G.I.F.T.S.	Peggy Miller	501-762-1635	peg.miller@outlook.com
Habitat for Humanity	Randy Giggard	919-637-1893	randygiggard@gmail.com
Hospital Ministry	Jeanne Rodriguez	919-434-5017	jeanner517@gmail.com
Nursing Home Ministry	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845	bbgunrtb@yahoo.com
Reception Committee	Allison Agnelli	919-244-3149	agshag@gmail.com
Respect Life	Phyllis Gaukel	919-616-6427	phyllisrgaukel@gmail.com

Community Life & Facilities

God's Housekeepers	Dan Schubert	919-847-0282	dan.molly@att.net
Knights of Columbus	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845	bbgunrtb@yahoo.com
Parish Kitchen	Parish Office	919-848-1533	Please Call
Parish Library	Allison Coates	612-418-8201	Please Call
Wedding Coordinator	Barbara Bower	919-841-2202	weddingcoordinator@stlinc.org

Evangelization

Legion of Mary	TBD	919-744-6998	Please Call
RCIA Coordinator	Mike Sanchez	Please Email	dcnmikes7@gmail.com

Pastoral Council

Dave Olechovsky	stlukepc@gmail.com	919-420-7410
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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Those Who Are Sick:

Michael Lewis, Daniel Nisbeth, Al Przytulski, Donald Albert, Stephen Frank, Katherine Fitzgerald, Teresa Green, Michael Boyle, Dan Ritchie, Bill Shultz, Jeanette Shultz, Michele Wallace, Benjamin Fitzharris, Letty Phillips, Martha Sinclair, Ashleigh Lucas, Peggy Kearney, John Loeffler, Joy Boyette, Mary Prevatt, Gretchel Leathers, Barbara Lucas, Barbara Osolinski, Christine Constable, Joan Morris, Anna Weiss, Dorothy Kanop, Milo Orzol, Kathleen Pitz, Barry Herchenrober, Peter Kraehenbuehl, Agnes Synowicz, Walt Ostack, Bill Wolf.

Rest of the Soul:

Patrick Newman.

Those Who Are Actively Serving In The Military:

Nathan Thomas, Brendon Burns, Bret Marrow, Lt. Colonel Brad Miller, Lane Wade, Madeline Chafin, Nico Muzo, James Boland, Caroline Todd.



SOURCE: YOUNG-CATHOLICS.COM

Reflection on the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offers us lessons on mercy, forgiveness, and living like Jesus. The readings guide us in avoiding judgment, showing compassion, and bearing the image of Christ in our actions. By reflecting on these themes, we can grow in love and understanding, bringing us closer to living out our faith in everyday life.

Showing Compassion

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us of Jesus' teaching about not judging others. Jesus warns us against judging because it leads to unfairness and a lack of compassion. When we judge, we often don't know the whole story and can hurt others with our assumptions.

Jesus calls us to understand and help each other. Instead of judging, we should try to understand the struggles others are facing. Showing compassion means being kind and supportive, even when we don't fully understand someone's situation.

Judging others can create barriers and harm relationships. It separates us and makes it hard to see the good in others. By choosing to show understanding instead of judgment, we can build stronger, more loving communities.

Reflecting on this message during the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we see that Jesus wants us to follow His example of love and mercy. When we avoid judging and instead show compassion, we follow the path that Jesus set for us. This way, we help bring more kindness and understanding into the world.

Living Like Christ

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C also brings Paul's message about bearing the image of Christ. Paul explains that we are to live like Jesus, showing His love and mercy in our actions. Living like Christ means embodying His values in our everyday lives.

Being in the image of Christ means showing love, kindness, and forgiveness. Jesus showed us how to love others, even those who hurt us. By following His example, we can reflect His goodness to the people around us.

This calling is not always easy. It requires patience and a willingness to put others first. But when we strive to live like Christ, we become a light for others, showing them the path to peace and love.

Reflecting on Paul's message during the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we are reminded of our call to live like Jesus. By bearing His image in our actions, we help to spread His message of love and kindness. This way, we bring a bit of Christ's love into the world each day.

Mercy and Forgiveness

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teaches us about being faithful to Jesus' call. Jesus tells us to love our enemies, which goes against the way our world usually works. Today, we often see competition, especially in politics and on social media, where getting ahead seems most important. Imagine how different things could be if we truly loved our enemies and showed forgiveness and mercy to everyone.

Jesus' message is clear. We are called to a life of mercy, just like David showed mercy to Saul. Mercy means choosing kindness over revenge. It means forgiving others, even when it is hard. This path is not easy, but it brings us closer to living like Jesus.

Forgiveness is something we all need. We might think it is just for those who have wronged us, but we also need it for ourselves. Holding grudges can harm us and prevent us from finding peace. Jesus reminds us that we should forgive to be forgiven.

Healing from wounds takes time. When someone hurts us, the pain doesn't disappear overnight. We can pray for God's help in healing our hearts. Asking for the strength to let go of our need for revenge and for the desire to forgive can lead us to true peace.

On this 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, let's remember Jesus' teachings. By choosing love and mercy over revenge, and by seeking forgiveness, we can live a life that reflects Jesus' love. This change in our hearts can make the world a better place.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

February 23, 2025

Our Parish Website:
www.stlukesraleigh.org



Opening Hearts, Transforming Lives

The theme for the 2025 Bishop’s Annual Appeal, “Open Your Heart, Open a Door,” invites us to reflect on how our generosity can open doors to hope and transformation. This year’s appeal supports critical diocesan ministries, including religious education, pastoral care, and outreach to those in need. Your gift will help ensure that the Church can continue to serve and uplift all members of our community. As we open our hearts in faith, let us also open doors to new opportunities for those who rely on the Church’s support. Thank you for your continued commitment to the mission of the Church!

Budget Comparison	
Feb-25 Mo Budget	101,653.22
Actual	49,617.76
Over Under	(52,035.46)
YTD Budg-	691,005.69
YTD Actual	671,228.22
Over/Under	(19,777.47)
Budget	-2.86%

FY24-25 Weekly YOY					
Jan-25	621,610.46	Jan-24	593,570.03		
Current Year (FY 2025)		Prior Year (FY 2024)		Difference	
Feb	Total 2025	Feb	Total 2024	\$ YOY/WK	% YOY
2nd	17,243.50	4th	17,093.63	149.87	1%
9th	16,366.13	11th	48,785.58	(32,419.45)	-66%
16th	16,008.13	18th	19,669.38	(3,661.25)	-19%
23rd	0.00	25th	12,204.88	(12,204.88)	-100%
24th-28th	0.00	26-29	4,627.22	(4,627.22)	-100%
Total	49,617.76	Total	102,380.69	(52,762.93)	-52%
Thru		Thru 02.2024			
	671,228.22		695,950.72	(24,722.50)	-3.55%

**Upcoming
 2nd
 Collection**

**Church in Central
 America
 March 5, 2025**

Offertory Counting Ministry
Volunteers Needed!
 If you are called to help, please contact Cyndy Aremia by email : Accountant@stlrnc.org or call between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays: 919-848-1533
 Thank you for your prayerful consideration of joining our team.

Faith Formation

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, 2/23	9:15a.m.	Sancti Simus & Confirmation
	12:30p.m.	Carpe Diem & Vita Nova
Monday, 2/24	10:00a.m.	Magnificat Moms
Tuesday, 2/25	9:15a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday, 2/26	6:15p.m.	Lenten Mission: Eucharist
	6:30p.m.	OCIA
Thursday, 2/27	6:30p.m.	Walking with Purpose
Friday, 2/28	---	-----
Saturday, 3/1	7:00p.m.	PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT
Sunday, 3/2	9:15a.m.	Sancti Simus & Confirmation

Family Formation Activity



Parish St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Save the Date for lunch, learning, and blessing!

**Sunday, March 23
12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.**

To Volunteer for the Planning Team, Contact Lydia Tatum at DRE@STLRNC.ORG

Sancti Simus

Elementary Faith Formation
Kindergarten-5th Grade
Sundays at 9:45a.m.

Register Online:
osvhub.com/stlukesraleigh/forms/2024-25--sancti-simus



Elementary Sacrament Prep

A Two Year Curriculum for First Holy Communion Preparation

Sundays at 9:45a.m.

Contact Lydia Tatum to register at DRE@STLRNC.ORG



High School Sacrament Prep

A Two Year Curriculum for Confirmation Preparation

Sundays at 9:45a.m.

Contact Lydia Tatum to register at DRE@STLRNC.ORG

Lydia Tatum

Director of Religious Education
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Faith Formation Assistant
FaithAssistant@STLRNC.ORG

Faith Formation

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

EPIC: The Early Church

February 25

Semester Break: NO CLASS

Wednesdays in the Word

2025 Lenten Mission

The Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre

NO HOMEWORK!!

February 26

Session Five:

Mysteries of the Tabernacle: The Bread of Presence

Limited Books still available. Contact Katja Mulligan to join at any time: FaithAssistant@STLRNC.ORG

Walking With Purpose

Thursdays: Opening Your Heart

(Women's Study)

February 27

Session 19:

What Challenges Will I Face in My Efforts to Follow Jesus More Closely

Sacrament Preparation

This spring, over 50 people in our parish will celebrate their first sacraments—children in First Holy Communion, teens in Confirmation, and adults and children alike entering the Church at Vigil through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

As these families enter this final season of preparation, let us all pray for their formation and for their protection from spiritual attack as they draw closer and closer to Jesus.

St. Robert Bellarmine,

St. Imelda Lambertini,

St. Michael the Archangel,

Pray for us.

Knights of Columbus

Journeyman Into the Breach

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

A PARADISUS DEI® Study

1st and 3rd Saturdays

7:30a.m.-9:00a.m.

In the Holy Family Room



MYSTERIES
of the ROSARY

Vacation Bible School



SAVE THE DATE!!

June 23-27, 2025

VBS Registration Opens March 17

Adult Volunteer Registration:



Youth Volunteer Registration:



Youth Ministry

St. Luke's Youth Group

Carpe Diem

6th-8th Grade

Vita Nova

9th-12th Grade

Next Youth Meeting

Sunday, February 23 at 12:15p.m

Join us for Games, Lunch, and
Theology of the Body Part 7!

CARPE DIEM & VITA NOVA ADORATION RETREAT

When: Saturday, March 22

Time: 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Where: St. Luke's Evangelist Church

Who: Middle and High School students and Friends
Dinner will be provided.



VITA NOVA SOCIAL NIGHT

When: Saturday, March 15

Time: 6:30 - 10:30 pm

Where: St. Luke's Church

For: High Schoolers and their Friends

COME FOR FOOD, GAMES, AND
COMMUNITY

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 1, 2025

7:00-9:00p.m.

Prize Donations Needed!!

(Preference for donations in multiples of 8)
Donations of gift cards, goods, & services will be used as prizes for winning tables and grab bags throughout the evening!

Contact Anne Puetzer to Donate: (919) 612-4104

All proceeds support Family Formation Activities and St. Luke's Youth Ministry.

Register for Youth Group

Join our Email List



Youth Ministers: Conor Mulligan and Nick Aremia

Contact Us: Youth.Ministry@STLRNC.ORG

www.stlukesraleigh.org/middle-school-youth-group or www.stlukesraleigh.org/high-school-youth-group

At St. Luke the Evangelist



CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

FEBRUARY'S FOOD TARGET: BAGS OF RICE

(1-2 POUND BAGS PREFERRED)

A donation box is in the lower gathering space.

Scan the QR code for more details about CPO.



March's Food Target will be PASTA SAUCE - NO GLASS, PLEASE!

Assisted Listening Devices:

As part of our continued effort to make sure everyone has a good listening experience during Mass we wanted to make you aware that we have several new Assisted Listening Devices. **They are very easy to use.**

You basically put the earpiece on your ear, turn the little device on, and adjust the volume to your liking. Several parishioners have also found that their personal earbuds plug into the devices and work really well. **They are available at each Mass by simply asking one of our Ministers of Hospitality to get one for you.**

We have had several parishioners test these, including some of our seniors. They tell us that the earpieces provide excellent enhanced sound. **Please let us know if you would like to try one!**



Week of February 23, 2024



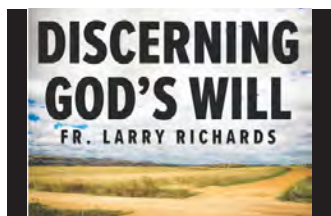
An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/father-michael-mcgivney-an-american-blessed>



The Our Father

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/session-1>



Discerning God's Will

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! <https://watch.formed.org/videos/discerning-god-s-will-by-fr-larry-richards>

St. Luke's parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://watch.formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Sign up for Parish Trivia Night at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church

12333 Bayleaf Church Road, Raleigh, NC

Saturday, March 1, 2025

7:00-9:00p.m.

Cost: \$10/person or \$80/table

REGISTER HERE



All proceeds support Family Formation Activities and St. Luke's Youth Ministry.

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Katherine Drexel was born in Philadelphia in 1858. She took an avid interest in the well being of black and native Americans. She began by donating money but soon realized more was necessary.

She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Black and Native American peoples, dedicating her life and fortune of \$20 million to this work.

She opened the first mission school for Indians and many others for blacks in the south. She founded Xavier University in New Orleans.

Katherine became only the 2nd recognized American born saint in 2000.

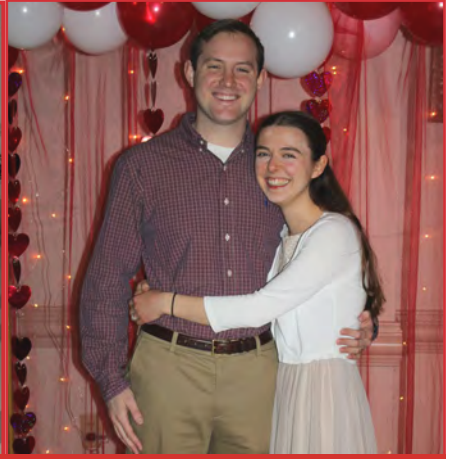


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MAGNIFICAT MOMS

Interested in connecting with other mothers of young children in our parish? Our Magnificat Moms playgroup meets most Monday mornings offsite from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

For more information and to join our email list, please visit our website: <https://stlukesraleigh.org/magnificat-moms>



St. Luke's Valentine Dance 2025



Around the Diocese



22nd Annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference

April 4-5, 2025 at NC State's Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. A Great Opportunity for Your Lenten Retreat!

Meet your friends, learn about your Faith from our great speakers, receive the sacraments, and be moved in Adoration and veneration of saint relics. Don't miss this unforgettable day!

Friday Night: IBT is offering a Lenten Youth Retreat... a Night of Adoration, Praise, & Worship for ALL ages. Led by Fr. Jason Brooks, with Speaker Dan Briggs, and music by Dana Catherine.

Saturday's speakers include Fr. Robert Spitzer, Fr. Augustine Wetta, Msgr. James Shea, Fr. Jason Brooks and Sonja Corbitt, plus Morning Mass with Fr. Michael Burbeck.

Adult admission for both days is just \$30. Students of all ages are FREE with food provided for both days. Who will you invite?

Tickets: IgnitedByTruth.org or 919-789-1428.



Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. Give the gift of your love by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Mar 21-23, 2025 in EMERALD ISLE, NC and May 2-4, 2025 in HICKORY, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.



project rachel

Project Rachel Support Group

Abortion is experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find healing and peace. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late March.

If you have experienced an abortion and would like (confidential) information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email: project.rachel@raldioc.org, or go to the website: <https://rachelnc.org>. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



Prayer

Once again we stand before you to ask for the strength and power of your Holy Spirit as we begin the great work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2025.

Fill our hearts, we pray, with your peace and your light, so that our lives may be illuminated as the doors of your generosity open to the needs of the Diocese of Raleigh.

Let us become channels of your love and grace, responding with boundless compassion.

Remind all of us who wish to serve that we are stewards entrusted to each other's care and challenged to bring hope to all who are in need of believing and beholding that you are the source of good in every situation.

We give you praise and glory and raise our prayer to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



"I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door I will come in..."

In that same spirit, we are called today to open our hearts to those in need.

Opening DOORS

to those called by the Lord to pursue ordination... to continue in our Catholic faith for many years to come.

to the hungry and desolate through our food distribution and outreach programs distributing roughly 4 million pounds of food and providing assistance to nearly 50,000 families.

to a new generation of children through Christian formation and education across 35 catholic schools and a multitude of youth programs.

to marriages and families needing love and support, helping them through even the most inadvertent times.



Ways to give

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