



Welcome to
the Parish Partnership of

St. Luke & St. Teresa



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www.stteresabelleville.com

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

Worship Schedule

Mass

Sat:
5:00 pm @ St. Teresa
Sun:
9:00 am @ St. Luke
11:00 am @ St. Teresa

Mon & Thu:
8:30 am @ St. Luke
Tue & Wed
8:30 am @ St. Teresa

**Adoration
Chapel
is
CLOSED**



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"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday - 4:00 pm

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St. Teresa Church,

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St. Teresa School

1108 Lebanon Ave, Belleville, IL 62221

Phone: 235-4066 Fax: 235-7930

Web: www.stteresatigers.org

Sacraments

Reconciliation

4:00 – 4:40 pm Saturday at St. Teresa Church
 or by Appointment

Baptism: Contact Rectory

Marriage: Contact Rectory 4 Months in Advance

Priesthood or Diaconate

Contact: Msgr. David Darin
 or Vocation Office at 235-9601

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

There are many people who are searching for a way to help them meet their spiritual needs, grow closer to God and identify with a community of faith. If you, or someone you know, has a desire to know more about the Catholic faith, please call

Jenifer Lohmann at 233-3500 or

Mary Regan at 580-3595.



Hearing Assist Devices are available at St. Teresa Church, please ask a hospitality minister for assistance.

St. Luke



**Check Out
 The Websites!**

St. Teresa



Gospel Meditation

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What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.



Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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Please Note

☞ Reminder, the new **weekday Mass** schedule is:

- Monday & Thursday 8:30 am @ St. Luke
- Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am @ St. Teresa

☞ **Please remember to register for weekend Masses BEFORE noon on Friday!** We must keep accurate reports and those waiting until the last minute to register just slows the arrival down for all attending. If you have not registered before noon on Friday you may be asked to wait on the side until everyone who has registered is seated.

☞ **Reminder - St. Luke's mailing address is: 1201 Lebanon Ave.**
 There is no mailbox at 301 N Church. We want to make sure all mail is getting to us!

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 Bill Brauer
 Jimmy Buehlhorn
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 Lourdes Colon
 Jim Cook
 Joan Cook
 Steve Earl
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 Joe Gain
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Names are removed after 4 weeks unless the office is notified.

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 June Kahrhoff
 Doug Kellerman
 Keith Kellerman
 Jeanne Lewis
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 Dakota Ray McArthur
 William McKinney
 Juli Ann Meaney
 Linda Miessner
 Karen Neubauer
 Karen Nobile
 Jay Oughton
 Dick Pearl
 Elise Pezres
 Barbara Poettker
 Cliff Polczynski
 Barbara Pollmann
 Dennis Pollmann
 Daniel Price
 Rev. Joe Rascher
 David Rider
 Pat S.
 Gary Stricker
 Shirley Taphorn
 Jayla Triplett
 Hannah Twente
 Mike Vernier
 Diane Vernier
 Marge Von Bokel
 Carl Walker
 Teig Sabo Wetzel
 Sandra Wenzel
 Norm Wilke
 Terry Woolsey

Our Military Prayer Line

Please keep in your prayers our military members.

Amn Abigail Brandenburger, Fort Sam Houston, TX
Sgt. Philip Haake, Ft. Drum, NY
Capt Anthony M. Rowe - Lackland, AFB
ABHC Alec Weeks, CVN 68, Bremerton, WA
John Wildermuth, Goose Creek Naval Base, SC

We welcome to our faith family

Isaac Eugene and **Audrey Lucille Dunnigan**
 who received the Sacrament of Baptism on
 September 20, 2020.



Baptism Preparation

Anyone who is anticipating the birth of a child and has not had a baptismal prep session within the past 5(?) years is required to attend one. You may attend prior to or after the birth of your child. Baptisms may be scheduled the first or third weekend of the month. Please contact Sister Annette (233-3500) if you have questions, would like to attend a baptismal prep session and/or schedule a baptism.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Virtual Fall Retreat sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries

“Cultivating a Spiritual Life in Turbulent Times”
October 17, 2020 via Zoom 10:30 am – 5 pm

Presented by Geri Boyer

Join retreat presenter, Geri Boyer, as she teaches us how we can transform wounds into sacred experiences. She will guide us on how we can cultivate a deeper spiritual life through heart-centered awareness and experience the transformative power of God's unconditional love.

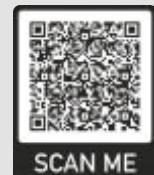
Register online at snows.org/retreat, visit vmusa.org for a printable registration form or call 618.394.6281 for more information or to register.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26 Cosmas & Damian
 5:00 pm @ ST Paul Fiedler
Sunday, September 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am @ SL David Grant
 11:00 am @ ST Orene Sudheimer
Monday, September 28 Wenceslaus
8:30 am @ SL Dorothy Funsch
Tuesday, September 29 Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
 8:30 am @ ST Lucille Fiedler Mayfield
Wednesday, September 30 Jerome
 8:30 am @ ST Marcia, John & Jack Richardson
Thursday, October 1 Therese of Lisieux
8:30 am @ SL Mari & Sandi Usselmann
Friday, October 2 Holy Guardian Angels
NO MASS
Saturday, October 3
 10:00 am @ ST First Communicants
 5:00 pm @ ST Donald Buechler
Sunday, October 4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am @ SL Milton & Mary Clement
 11:00 am @ ST Rose Herbert

Stewardship of Treasure

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September 20

St. Luke

Attendance: 75

Weekly Envelope	\$ 2,060.50
Loose	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 655.04
Total	\$ 2,765.54
Other Collections	\$ 255.00

Weekend	Budgeted	Actual
September 6	\$ 3,770	\$ 5,315
September 13	\$ 3,770	\$ 1,707
September 20	\$ 3,770	\$ 2,766
Total	\$11,310	\$ 9,788

St. Teresa

Attendance: 68 @ 5pm; 82 @ 11am

Envelope	\$ 8,310.01
Loose	\$ 23.00
Online Giving	\$ 5,842.29
Total	\$ 14,175.30
Other	\$ 638.00
Virtual Picnic	\$ 1,175.00

Weekend	Budgeted	Actual
September 6	\$ 10,692	\$ 7,575
September 13	\$ 10,692	\$ 9,404
September 20	\$ 10,692	\$ 14,175
Total	\$ 32,076	\$ 31,154

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Ezekiel 18:25-28. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Philippians 2:1-11. Matthew 21:28-32.

I Don't Want To! Sometimes we bristle at being told what to do. We may say a yes or a no, then do something else. The demands of Christian living are not easy. But we look to Jesus for guidance, for encouragement, for example. Reread Philippians all week. It is a longer version of what we heard on Palm Sunday. It urges us to be like Christ.

- What attitude-adjustment do I need to be more like Christ?
- What will I do to be more compassionate and merciful?
- What interest of another will be important to me this week?

Community Interfaith Food Pantry

Our food pantry is in urgent need of an **assistant treasurer** to train under our current treasurer and then assume his duties next April. This is a volunteer position and requires about 10 hours per week. Some financial background/expertise would be helpful. If interested, please call the pantry at 355-9199 and ask for Dan. Since the beginning of our pantry, the treasurer has come from the parish partnership of St. Teresa/St. Luke. Let's keep up that tradition!

► This week's needed item:

Cereals & Pancake Mix

Also needed: plastic, paper & cloth bags.

Please leave your items in either church and they will be taken to the pantry.

Monetary donations can be placed in the Sunday collections, mark envelope "Food Pantry", & will assist in buying perishables.

“WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



LIVING OUR FAITH



October 7 is the **Feast of the Holy Rosary**, and October is Pro-Life month. Bishop McGovern will pray the Rosary on **Wednesday, October 7, at 3:00 pm**, in the Cathedral of St. Peter. It will be live-streamed. Please join and pray at: www.cathedralbelle.org

From **September 23 through November 1**,

you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** - 40 day of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please visit:



www.coalitionforlifestl.com

or contact theresa@coalitionforlifestl.com

Help Support Moms in Need!

Diaper Drive

Hosted by the Coalition For Life St. Louis

Drop off at Fairview Heights Sidewalk, 331 Salem Place
Tuesday, October 13 • 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Support moms who chose life by donating the following items:

- ◆ Unopened Diapers (any size)
- ◆ Wipes
- ◆ New baby clothes (0-6 months)
- ◆ New Receiving Blankets

Have questions or need more info - Call (314) 827-4039

Respect Life Corner - "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today," In Matthew's Gospel 21:28-32, Jesus uses a parable of the two sons who are asked to work in the vineyard. As you recall, the first son flatly says he will not go, but later changes his mind and works. The second son tells his father that he will go, but never does. This Gospel challenges us to look at our relationship with God and the integrity of our words and actions in our "vineyard.". We are called to love and care for those in our midst, as each one of us is made in the image of God and require care and nurturing.

Learn, Act, Connect and Pray - In the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, we learn more about honoring the life and dignity of the human person. It is important that in examining these teachings that we look at how the poor and vulnerable are treated in our community. We are reminded that we are to embrace a call for solidarity as we are all one human family, brothers and sisters in Our Lord's kingdom.

Sunday September 27	Monday September 28	Tuesday September 29	Wednesday September 30	Thursday October 1	Friday October 2	Saturday October 3
Mass 9:00 am SL 11:00 am ST	Mass 8:30 am St. Luke	Mass 8:30 am St. Teresa	Mass 8:30 am St. Teresa	Feast of St. Therese 	NO MASS	First Communion 10:00 am
PSR 8:45 am St. Augustine		Scouts 5:30 pm SL Parish Center	PSR 6:00 pm St. Augustine	Mass 8:30 am St. Luke		Confessions 4:00 pm St. Teresa
				Quilting 9:30 am Rectory Basement		Mass 5:00 pm St. Teresa
				Legion of Mary 12:30 pm Community House		

Please Note: Items in Green are at St. Luke; Items in Black are at St. Teresa

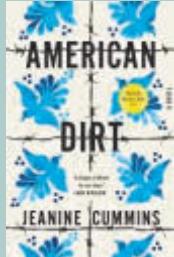
St. Luke



St. Luke's Men's Club
Pork Steak Dinner
Sunday, October 18
Parish Hall
Carry out only
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Book Club

If you enjoy reading, you are invited to join the St. Luke Book Club. We meet every other month at 7:00 pm in St. Luke's Community House (right next to the church). Our next discussion will be on Tuesday, November 17. We will discuss the book **American Dirt (Oprah's Book Club)** by **Jeanine Cummins**. For more information contact Susan Evers, susan.evers@sbcglobal.net, 618-397-2295.



Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are available at no cost and intended for anyone who needs to be wrapped in love and prayers. If you would like a shawl, please contact Susan by email at susan.evers@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 397-2295. The recipient does not need to be a member of our parishes or even Catholic.

St. Teresa

\$10,000 Raffle Tickets Available Now!!! They are going FAST!!

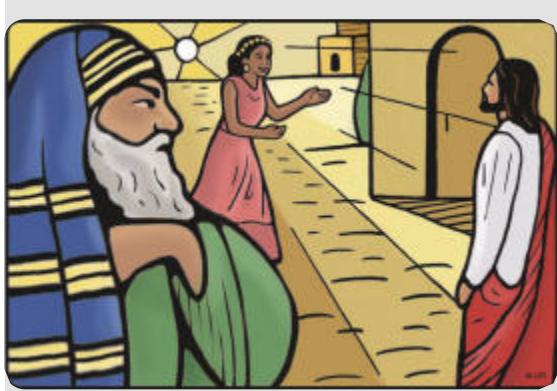


This year there will be a slight change to the drawing. The drawing will take place under the bell tower on **Sunday, October 4, 2020** after the 11 am Mass. You need not be present to win; but you must be 18 years old to purchase a ticket. The cost of the ticket remains \$100 with the first place winner receiving \$10,000, 2 second place winners will receive \$1000 and 1 third place winner will receive \$500. Tickets are now available in the rectory or by contacting Mark or Carol Gass at cgass37425@aol.com (618-779-7541) or Karen Foeller at foellerkaren@gmail.com (618-978-7310). They are also available under the bell tower after Mass. **GET YOURS NOW!!** Proceeds this year will go to the general fund due to the picnic being cancelled. Thank you in advance for your support!!

Student Records

The student records for anyone who graduated in 2015 from St. Teresa School are now available for distribution. If interested, parents should contact the school office at 235-4066 **by October 15** to make arrangements for delivery/pick up. **These student records will only be available until October 15th, after which they will be shredded.** A copy of the permanent student records are maintained by the Diocesan Office

Please note - There will be NO Pet Blessing this year due to the COVID Restrictions.



The Parishes' School of Religion begins this weekend.



Sunday, classes are from 8:45 – 10:10 am &
Wednesday, classes are from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

It is great to have the children back with us once again. We do have families that have chosen to keep their children at home.

We do want all children to participate in the Parishes' School of Religion whether it is in person or at home. If you have not registered, please do so. If you need any information, please contact me at tmarkus@ssndcp.org or at 618-550-9903.

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D. & Sister Carol Markus, S.S.N.D.
Co-coordinators of the Parishes' School of Religion

Sharing the Gospel

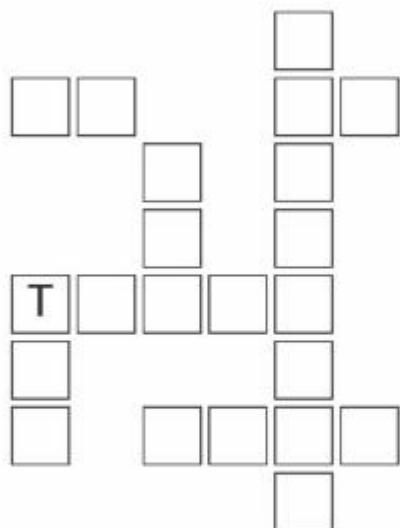
Maybe you have heard that actions speak louder than words. It means that the things you do are more important than the things you say. Show kindness to others. Trust God. He wants what is best for you, so find out how to work for God. Then do what he asks.

Prayer

God, I want to show you that I love you.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
Go and work today in the vineyard.



MISSION

Show kindness to a friend. Help someone pick up a mess they made, just because you love Jesus.

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



"Entering the kingdom of God . . . "

It's been a long day. She sits in her dimly lit living room. It's after 11 p.m.; her day started before six. At the office, it was once crisis after another; then the school called: her eight-year-old she is raising alone came down with a fever, so she had to go and bring him home and arrange for her mother to come over so she could get back to the office. After getting him to bed, she took on the monthly challenge of making her salary cover all the bills (managed to make it again for another month!). She's tired but can't sleep just yet. She needs a few minutes just to be thankful for the beautiful boy snoring up a storm in the next room who makes her life as a mom more than worth it all.

He drives a truck for a package delivery service — and these are busy days. He takes a couple of extra shifts when he can because his family could use the money — the oldest is starting to look at colleges. But one night a week he manages to get home in time to gulp down some supper and head to the community center where he coaches a team of nine and ten-year-olds in the city's youth basketball league. He first started coaching his son's team played — and kept at it long after his son moved on. Yeah, there are other things he could be doing that, frankly, would make life a lot easier, but he knows that for some of these kids, this team is the best thing in their lives. So one night a week he continues to run, push and coach these kids for the good of his own soul.

He helps her with her coat and makes sure she has a good, steady grip on her cane. He then puts her arm in his and they walk the same path they walk every afternoon in the park across the street from their apartment. He points to a cardinal lighting on a tree branch overhead. He cheers a great catch made by a player in a pick-up football game. He talks about last night's call from their son and the latest doings of the grandchildren. But none of it registers with her. She is lost in a fog of dementia. All she recognizes is him, her husband of 63 years. And that's more than enough. He's thankful that they can walk arm-in-arm together for another day.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus upholds the sacred dignity of all men and women in the eyes of God: the struggling, the poor, the powerless, the ignored, the forgotten, the vulnerable, those pushed to the margins and peripheries of society. Every life is open to the "way of righteousness": simple humility, faithfulness and gratitude are the entries to the kingdom of God. Our standing in demographic and marketing profiles, our net worth, whatever labels society applies to us do not determine the "holiness" of our lives or the measure of God's love in our days. Christ invites us to realize the kingdom of God in our lives by our commitment to selfless generosity and faithful gratitude; God calls us to look beyond the designations and stereotypes like "tax collector" and "prostitute" and recognize, instead, the holiness that resides within the soul of every person — including ourselves.

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