March 21 & 22, 2020
4th Sunday of Lent

All Public Masses and liturgical celebrations have been suspended through April 5. This includes all Masses, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, etc. Fish Fry and Soup Supper are canceled.

Individual Confession will be available at the usual times, and the Light is On for You will take place on Thursday, March 26, as planned.

The Church will be open for prayer to individuals and groups smaller than 10 people. Prayer hours are Sunday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Perhaps you are wondering what to do now that everything is shutting down for the next few weeks. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Mass:**
  - Mass from the Cathedral of St. Andrew on Fox 17 Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
  - Online:
    - [http://catholictv.org/Masses/notre-dame-Mass](http://catholictv.org/Masses/notre-dame-Mass)
    - [https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
    - EWTN: [https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule)

- **Grow in your faith:** This is a perfect time to learn more about the Catholic faith. Our parish subscription to FORMED offers lots of videos, audiobooks, and e-books available for download, all for free. To access, go to [https://stlukegvsu.formed.org](https://stlukegvsu.formed.org). Our parish access code is 7BPX7.

- **Service to others:**
  - I would encourage everyone to check in on family members, friends, and neighbors over age 70. This age group is the most vulnerable to the coronavirus. Offer to pick up their groceries, prescriptions, or other necessities for them. And just check in with them on a regular basis to see how they are doing. Solidarity, not fear, is necessary in times like these! If you yourself are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to call the parish at 895-2247.
  - Love INC here in Allendale is looking for volunteers to help deliver food and other necessities to needy families in the area. Please call St. Luke’s to let us know if you are able to help.

- **Prayer:** Pray for anyone who may be suffering from the coronavirus or from its economic impact, for caregivers and medical personnel, and for an end to the crisis. Here’s a prayer sent out by the National Knights of Columbus:

  **A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

  O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

  We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus’ pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

  O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

  Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

  Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

  Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers. O glorious and blessed Virgin, Amen.

  Please know that I am praying and celebrating Mass for all of you daily. Together let us renew our trust in the Lord.

  Sincerely in Christ,

  Fr. Bill
St. Luke University Parish

Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday, March 22, 2020
No Public Masses
No Faith Formation
4:00 p.m. RCIA Catechumenate Group 1.................................Conference Rm 1

Monday, March 23, 2020
No Faith Formation

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
No Public Masses
10:00 a.m. Spirit Stitches......................................................Multi-Purpose Area
6:00 p.m. Drive-Thru Food Pantry .........................................McConnon Rm

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
No Public Masses
No Faith Formation
6:30 p.m. RCIA Catechumenate Group 2...............................Conference Rm 1
8:00 p.m. 2nd Scrutiny.............................................................Conference Rm 1

Thursday, March 26, 2020
No Public Masses
3:00 p.m. Drive-Thru Food Pantry .........................................McConnon Rm
6:00 p.m. The Light is On for You Sacrament of Reconciliation ..............Chapel

Friday, March 27, 2020
No Public Masses
No Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28, 2020
No Public Masses

Sunday, March 29, 2020
No Public Masses
No Faith Formation
4:00 p.m. RCIA Catechumenate Group 1.................................Conference Rm 1

Readings for the Week of March 22, 2020

Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1-6, 9-13-17, 34-38

Monday
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday
Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Food Pantry Needs

- Laundry Products
- Peanut Butter
- Dish Soap
- Jelly
- Cleaning Supplies
- Tuna Fish
- Toilet Paper
- Mac & Cheese
- Kleenex
- Ramen Noodles
- Granola Bars

January Food Pantry winner: Larry Flag. Compliments of Murphy’s

To donate, please drop items off in the shopping cart outside the pantry, please no open items per Feeding American.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food and your time; it is greatly appreciated.

Next Pantry Date: March 26, 2020**
**Pantry on March 26 will be Drive-thru only.

The Light is On for You is this Thursday

Here’s your last-minute reminder that our parish is participating in “The Light is On for You: An Evening of Penance” THIS THURSDAY (March 26). Join Father from 6-8 p.m. in the confessional as we prepare for the Lord’s resurrection on Easter. Visit grdiocese.org/penance/ for details.

Diaper Drive Continues

The Ladies Fellowship is sponsoring a diaper drive at St. Luke’s to help fill the diaper pantry at Valley Church. We will be collecting diapers and wipes throughout Lent. This pantry supports families throughout our community. Valley Church is located in the Chemical Bank building on Lake Michigan Drive. Free diapers, wipes, rash cream, hugs, and prayers are given to families in need of a little extra help and support. Please drop your diaper and baby wipe donations off in the playpen located in the lobby of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.
SCRIP News
Scrip will not be available in person due to Masses being canceled, but you can still get digitally for many vendors through www.shopwithscrip.com.

COVID-19 Updates and Resources from the Diocese of Grand Rapids
Several announcements have been made by the Diocese of Grand Rapids about COVID-19. All Bishop Walkowiak’s letters, guidelines, and updates are available online at godiocese.org. Just look for the blue banner with updates or the section that says “Coronavirus Guidelines for Parishes and Schools”.

Don’t forget about Online Giving!
Just because Masses are canceled doesn’t mean the Church doesn’t need your support. St. Luke’s remains open for prayer despite Masses and events being suspended. Please consider contributing through Online or Text Giving.

Financial Update
Financial Updates are unavailable at this time. New figures will be available soon.

Ministries for March 28 & 29, 2020
Masses for March 28 & 29 are canceled. See the Parish app or website for more information.

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USCCB Resources
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