

WELCOME TO  
THE CHURCH OF  
**SAINT LUKE**

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time – January 29, 2012



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# CANDLEMAS

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### Parish Office

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**Hours** ..... Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am-3:00 pm  
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**Deacon:** ..... Peter Bellavance

**Trustees** ..... Rita McCooley & John Aasen

**Finance Council Chairperson** ..... Daniel Flicker

### Parish Staff

**Parish Administrator** ..... Connie O'Konek  
admin@churchofstlukes.com

**Coordinator of Faith Formation** ..... Julie Zirbes

**Maintenance** ..... John & Rita McCooley

**Hospitality Committee**... (KC's— Gene Quast)

**Parish Coordinator** ..... David Herzan  
david.s.herzan@gmail.com

**Music** ..... Judy Post

### Mass Schedule

#### **Weekend**

Sat. 5:00 pm; Sun. 8:00 & 10:00 am

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am

Saturday—9:00am

#### **Adoration Chapel Hours**

Mon. — Thurs. Office hours

Fri 9:00 am—9:00 pm

#### **Hospitality after Mass**

Join us in the gathering area for coffee

### Sacraments

#### **Reconciliation**

Before weekend Masses:

Sat.- 4:15 PM; Sun.— 7:15 & 9:15 AM

And by appointment

#### **Baptisms/Baptism Prep Classes**

Prep class required before each baptism, please call parish office to make arrangements.

#### **Weddings**

Contact the parish office one year prior to your requested wedding date.

#### **RCIA**

Contact: Bruce Fladebo—320-558-4085  
bjfladebo@frontiernet.net

### Registration

Welcome to the Church of St. Luke. Please call the parish office to become a registered member.

Website [www.churchofstlukes.com](http://www.churchofstlukes.com)

# REFLECTIONS

## The Presentation of the Lord

On [the Feast of the Presentation] we contemplate the Lord Jesus, whom Mary and Joseph bring to the Temple “to present him to the Lord” (Lk 2:22). This Gospel scene reveals the mystery of the Son of the Virgin, the consecrated One of the Father who came into the world to do his will faithfully (cf. Heb 10:5-7).

Simeon identifies him as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Lk 2:32) and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God and his final victory (cf. Lk 2: 32-35). This is the meeting point of the two Testaments, Old and New. Jesus enters the ancient Temple, he who is the new Temple of God: he comes to visit his people, thus bringing to fulfillment obedience to the Law and ushering in the last times of salvation.

It is interesting to take a close look at this entrance of the Child Jesus into the solemnity of the Temple, in the great comings and goings of many people, busy with their work: priests and Levites taking turns to be on duty, the numerous devout people and pilgrims anxious to encounter the Holy God of Israel. Yet none of them noticed anything. Jesus was a child like the others, a first-born son of very simple parents.

Even the priests proved incapable of recognizing the signs of the new and special presence of the Messiah and Savior. Alone two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, discover this great newness. Led by the Holy Spirit, in this Child, they find the fulfillment of their long waiting and watchfulness. They both contemplate the light of God that comes to illuminate the world and their prophetic gaze is opened to the future in the proclamation of the Messiah: “*Lumen ad revelationem Gentium!*” (Lk 2: 32). The prophetic attitude of the two elderly people contains the entire Old Covenant which expresses the joy of the encounter with the Redeemer. Upon seeing the Child, Simeon and Anna understood that he was the Awaited One.

*Pope Benedict XVI*

### Canticle of Simeon



Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,  
 your word has been fulfilled:  
 My own eyes have seen the salvation,  
 which you have prepared in the sight of  
 every people:  
 a light to reveal you to the nations  
 and the glory of your people Israel



## VISION STATEMENT

*The Church of St. Luke is a Catholic Community, centered in Christ through baptism and formed by the Eucharist.  
 We strive to always be a community where every heart is touched by our Christian fellowship.*

## Faith Formation by Julie Zirbes

We have regular class this week 6:45-8:00.

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at the Temple, sometimes called Candlemas. We will have a Mass to celebrate this Feast Day at 7:00pm. The candles which will be used in the church during the coming year will be blessed. Blessed candles will also be available for each family to take home.

February 3rd is the Feast day of St. Blaise. This is when we have the blessing of the throat. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century. Some say that he came from a rich family and received a Christian education. As a young man, Blaise thought about all the sufferings and troubles of the times. He began to realize that only spiritual joys can make a person really happy. He became a priest and then bishop of Sebaste in Armenia which is now modern day Turkey. With all his heart, Blaise worked to make his people holy and happy. He prayed and preached; he tried to help everyone. When the governor, Licinius, began to persecute the Christians, St. Blaise was captured. He was sent to prison to be beheaded. On the way, people crowded the road to see their beloved bishop for the last time. He blessed them all, even the pagans. A poor mother rushed up to him. She begged him to save her child who was choking to death from a fishbone. The Saint whispered a prayer and blessed the child. He worked a miracle that saved the child's life. That is why St. Blaise is called upon by all who have throat diseases. On his feast day, we have our throats blessed. We ask him to protect us from all sicknesses of the throat. In prison, the saintly bishop converted many pagans. No torture could make him give up his faith in Jesus. He was beheaded in the year 316. Now St. Blaise is with Jesus forever.

Saturday, February 11th, we will be making Valentine Cards for the Annandale Care Center. Please sign up if you are able to help. It will last from 9am to 12:00 Noon.

Help Needed - if you enjoy facebook and Twitter and would be willing to help St Lukes reach out to the parish in new ways please call Deacon Pete at 651-249-8439.

**Catholics Returning Home—An Invitation—**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Buffalo is offering a six week series to those who want to give the Catholic Church another chance. It has begun, but you are still welcome. There is no fee, no obligation, no registration. You are not obligated in any way to join St. Francis or any Catholic Church to attend. If you or someone you know may be interested see the flyers on the bulletin boards in the gathering area.

## Baptism

Attendance at a one hour Baptismal Preparation Program is required and parish registration is expected. Please call the parish office to sign up for upcoming classes. The next class will be on March 13th at 7:00pm

## Weddings

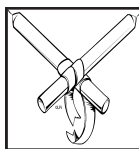
Contact the parish office *one year prior* to your requested wedding date and set up an appointment with Father Steven. Marriage Preparation classes and a retreat are required.



The family of Dorothy Johnson sends their thanks to Father Steven, the choir, those who served the lunch, and all others that helped make her funeral special.

The Funeral Coordinator would also like to say thanks to all those who have worked so hard and donated so much of their time to the recent funerals.

**Married Couples Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** The next weekend is February 10-12, 2012 at Christ the King Retreat House in Buffalo, MN. For more information call 763-420-9125 or check the website at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)



February 2nd -Candlemas/ Feast of The Presentation-Masses at 8am & 7pm. Blessing of The Throats at the 7pm Mass.  
February 3rd-Feast of St. Blaise-Mass at 8am Blessing of the Throats at this Mass.

## Considering a Vocation to be a Permanent Deacon?

*"The Living Icon of Christ the Servant in the Ministry of the Word, of Sacrament, of Charity"*

For single or married men between 30 and 60 years old who want to follow Christ Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.

## Diaconate Inquiry Sessions

Thursday, February 16, 6:30-9:00 pm: Your Basic Questions Answered

Thursdays, February 23 and March 1, 6:30-9:00 pm: A Closer Look

Saturday, March 10, 8:00-11:30 am: **The Next Steps**  
St. Paul Seminary, Brady Education Center, Room 105.  
Wives of married inquirers should attend if possible.

To register for Feb 16, contact Patty McQuillan at [patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu](mailto:patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu) or (651)962-6891  
Questions? Contact Deacon Joseph Michalak, [jtmichalak@stthomas.edu](mailto:jtmichalak@stthomas.edu)

We will repeat the Inquiry Sessions in Fall 2012.

## Advertiser of The Week!

Clearwater American Legion - Post #323  
Stop in for breakfast and nightly dinner specials.  
Thank them for advertising in our bulletin.



## MISSION STATEMENT

*"We, the community of St. Luke, come together to worship with joy and unity, to guide our children in faith, to show compassion and love towards others, and to work together as a parish family, so that we may be instrumental in building a meaningful and everlasting community to God by sharing our time and talents and following our Lord Jesus Christ."*

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, January 31st

8:00 am † Helen Stokes

Wednesday, February 1st

8:00 am Mary Tucker

Thursday, February 2nd Candlemas

8:00 am Sheila Jones

7:00pm Candlemas-Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 3rd

8:00am St. Blaise-Blessing of throats

† Ed Puntsack

Saturday, February 4th

9:00 am † Fr. Jerry Fenton

Saturday, February 4th

5:00 pm † Dan Hudek

Sunday, February 5th

8:00 am † Vera Schwartz

10:00 am Parishioners

## Minister's Schedule For February 4th & 5th

### Servers

5:00 pm Lily Conte & Abby Luttschwager

8:00 am Jacob Klisch & Wyatt Laughton

10:00 am Jacob Popp & Kelly Vait

### Lectors

5:00 pm Hannah Lisson

8:00 am Tom Godlewski

10:00 am Bruce Fladebo

### Ushers

5:00 pm Dale Ellis & Donald Kalla

8:00 am Mike Gohman & Victoria Wittrock

10:00 am Don & Vicky Helget

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm Mert Gohman, Connie O'Konek & Gene Quast

8:00 am Jack Krocak, Della Lansing & Judy Lashinski

10:00 am Mary Beth Dreier, Greg Koenigs, Steve LaFond,  
& Terry Rassier

### Sacristans

5:00 pm Gene Quast

8:00 am Nora Dockendorf

10:00 am Donna Dovel

### Sound

5:00 pm Jeff Meierhofer

8:00 am Mitch Imholte

10:00 am Bruce Ganfield

### Video

5:00 pm Alyssa & Teresa Luttschwager

8:00 am Marlene Imholte

10:00 am Kathy Ganfield

### Music

5:00 pm Paul, Mark & Leah

8:00 am Praise Company

10:00 am Praise Company

### Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Volunteers Needed

8:00 am Volunteers Needed

10:00 am Volunteers Needed

### Greeters

5:00 pm Dee Moffat

8:00 am Teresa & Tyler Steinhaus

10:00 am Shirley & Char Christenson

Sunday, January 22, 2012



### General Fund

Envelopes (92) .....	\$2,352.00
Plate .....	\$723.00
Children .....	\$9.00
EFT (12) .....	\$840.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$3,924.00</b>
Budgeted .....	\$5,381.98
Shortage .....	(\$1,457.98)

### Building Fund

Envelopes (5) .....	\$370.00
EFT (12) .....	\$840.00
Net for January.....	\$4,504.00
Monthly Payment.....	\$9,024.45
Short for Payment.....	(\$4,520.45)

*Thank you for your giving!*

## Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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## Church Cleaning For Week of Jan. 30th—Feb.4th

Church... Marlene Imholte, Lynette Tottz & Jane Ergen  
Parish Center.... None

## St. Luke's Calendar

### Monday, January 30th

6:30 pm Jeff Cavin's Bible Study

7:00 pm AA Meeting

### Tuesday, January 31st

8:00 am Quilting

6:30 pm Choir Practice

### Wednesday, February 1st

6:00 pm Praise Company

7:00 pm Widow's Ministry Meeting

### Thursday, February 2nd

8:00am Mass—Candlemas

7:00 pm Mass—Candlemas-Blessing of Throats

7:00 pm Cantor Practice

### Friday, February 3rd

8:00am Mass-St. Blaise-Blessing of Throats

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration



Prayer Line:

558-6169