



Third Sunday of Advent | December 14th, 2025



St. Luke Catholic Church

Iglesia Catholica de San Lucas



Mission Statement

As Catholics committed to a sacramental life, we are called to be disciples of Christ and help one another as we journey to Heaven under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Communion of Saints.

Guided by St. Luke, we evangelize by showing God's love, mercy, and generosity, through the traditions of the Catholic Church. We grow the faith through our love for the Eucharist and community outreach.

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Welcome!

We are glad you are here to worship with us. Whether you are a cradle Catholic, or this is your first time at a Catholic Mass; whether you are a lifelong member of St. Luke or a visitor to our parish we are blessed by your presence. If you are new to our parish or a visitor, be sure to introduce yourself to Fr. Aldrin, Deacon Gary, or Deacon David on your way out of Mass. If you are interested in joining our parish, please visit our website to register or registration cards may be found in the vestibule.

This Week's Reflection

Reflexión De Esta Semana

Third Sunday of Advent

The Prophet's Profit

Old Testament prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, that God would protect them and support them. Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses.

The third gift of the prophets was hope: That by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Second, we need patience and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Finally, the reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear His word, (Is 35:5) and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Is 35:10).

Tom Schmidt

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

La ganancia de un profeta

Los profetas del Antiguo Testamento no eran muy populares. La mayoría fueron asesinados o exiliados porque desafiaban a la gente a seguir los mandatos de Dios. Juan el Bautista sufrió de la misma forma. Entonces, ¿qué impulsó a los profetas a seguir adelante?

En primer lugar, los profetas tenían fe en Dios. Creían que Dios hablaba a través de ellos, que Dios los protegería y apoyaría. En segundo lugar, tuvieron paciencia. Perseveraron cuando la gente rechazó su predicación. Algunos profetas tuvieron que ser pacientes con sus propias debilidades.

El tercer don de los profetas fue la esperanza: que al cumplir los mandatos de Dios, el pueblo de Dios se renovarían, junto con toda la creación. La primera lectura es un ejemplo de esta esperanza, con sus descripciones de desiertos convertidos en jardines y de enfermos y discapacitados sanados y fortalecidos.

Entonces, ¿qué aprendemos de estos profetas? Primero, tenemos que mantenernos firmes en nuestra fe en Dios. Si vas a la iglesia una vez a la semana, lo mínimo requerido, sería como hacer ejercicio solo una vez a la semana y pensar que eso te mantendrá en buena forma. Segundo, necesitamos paciencia, y no solo con nuestros hijos. Necesitamos ser pacientes con nosotros mismos y con Dios. Algunas personas dejan de ir a la iglesia porque no ven crecimiento espiritual en sí mismas. Así que sean pacientes; no esperen ser santos de inmediato. Finalmente, la lectura de Isaías nos da la esperanza de que Dios abrirá nuestros ojos de fe, nos aclarará los oídos para escuchar su palabra (Is 35,5) y nos recibirá con gozo y dicha (Is 35,10).

Tom Schmidt

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard for 30 minutes before each weekend Mass time and may be heard upon request. Please call Fr. Aldrin to make an appointment.

Baptism

Parents must be registered parishioners and must also attend instruction prior to Baptism. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

A program of formation and information (OCIA) is offered each year beginning in September. Call or email the office for more information.

Marriage

Six months notice and completion of the diocesan marriage preparation program is required. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Communal celebrations are held in the spring and in the autumn. Individual celebrations may be celebrated upon request at any

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 13

4:30 pm Ints. of Bryan James

Sunday, December 14: The Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Howard Deane

10:00 am For the People

4:30 pm Misa en español

Tuesday, December 16

12:00 pm † John Regester

6:00 pm Simbang Gabi

Wednesday, December 17

12:00 pm Ints. of Bishop John Stowe

Thursday, December 18

12:00 pm † Mike Montgomery

Friday December 19

12:00 pm Ints. of Erin Perry

Saturday, December 20

4:30 pm † Imogene Blakeley

7:00 pm Simbang Gabi

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 Ints. of Matt and Celeste Moore

10:00 am For the People

4:30 pm Misa en español

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers those in the Military — **Amanda and John Boone**, daughter and son-in-law of Chuck and Pam Kelly, both in the Air Force and stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California; **Joshua Bottom**, National Guard stationed in Lexington, Ky, **Michelle Bottom**, National Guard, stationed in Fort Campbell, Ky., son and daughter-in-law of Rosemary McCrady; Air Force **1st LT Keith Brinkman**, Peterson SFB Colorado Springs, **1st LT Wes Brinkman**, son of Tab and Julie Brinkman and his wife **1st LT Elizabeth Fantini** are both serving in England, **Maddie Buncher**, daughter of Mark and Cathy Buncher, is in the US Navy; **Zachary Lee**, Rich and Jan Berger's grandson, is stationed at Fr. Campbell; **Suzanne (Miller) and husband Jack Tully**, USAF, have been assigned to the 492nd Fighter Squadron in England; **Nick Roman**, grandson of Jim LaFountain, is in the Air Force; **CDR Dan Roseman**, son of Ken and Mary Roseman, in Japan; and **Patrick McGrath (and family)**, son of Bob McGrath, serving as the Army Assistant Military Attache in Stockholm, Sweden.

Please Pray For:

Gertie Deeken	Tyler Greenhouse
Steve White	Carolyn Large
Gilda McCowan	Robert Lootens
Rosa Hernandez	Joe Leach
Francis Barber	Tom McDermott
Steve Sheiko	Skip Stoen

St. Anthony Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Could you not watch with me one hour? (Mt 26:40)

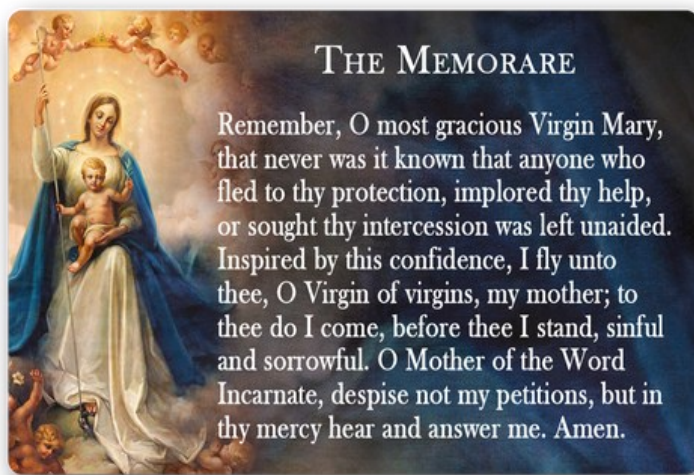
Available Hours:

Monday at 2am, Friday at 12am AND 1am, Saturday at 11am AND 1pm

Prayer Partner Needed:

Thursday at 2am, Saturday at 12pm AND 3pm

If you are interested in taking or sharing in an hour with Our Blessed Lord, or would like to be a substitute, call Heidi Klug, 859-536-9214 or the office at 859-885-4892.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Saint Luke Catholic Church

Our Stewardship



Sunday Collection Nov. 29/30... \$10,312

You can make your donations online at:
osvhub.com/stlukenicholasville/giving/funds.

Attendance.....430

Capital Campaign

Goal: 4.1 million

Pledged: \$3,445,939

Parish Calendar of Events *Calendario de eventos parroquiales*

Monday, December 15

6:00pm Spanish Bible Study
6:30pm OCIA
7:00pm Magnify

Tuesday, December 16

1:00pm Millions of Monicas
7:00pm Knights of Columbus
7:00pm Simbang Gabi

Wednesday, December 17

7:00pm Fiat

Thursday, December 18

6:30pm Young Adults

Saturday, December 20

10:00am Christmas Pageant Practice
7:00pm Simbang Gabi

Monday, December 22

6:00pm Spanish Bible Study
6:30pm OCIA
7pm Magnify

Wednesday, December 24

3:30pm Christmas Pageant
4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25

12:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

6:00pm Estudio bíblico en español

6:30pm OCIA

7:00pm Magnify

Martes 16 de diciembre

1:00pm Millones de Mónicas

7:00pm Caballeros de Colón

7:00pm Simbang Gabi

Miércoles 17 de diciembre

7:00pm Fiat

Jueves 18 de diciembre

6:30pm Jóvenes adultos

Sábado 20 de diciembre

10:00am Ensayo de la obra de teatro navideña

7:00pm Simbang Gabi

Lunes 22 de diciembre

6:00pm Estudio bíblico en español

6:30pm OCIA

7:00pm Magnify

Miércoles 24 de diciembre

3:30pm Espectáculo navideño

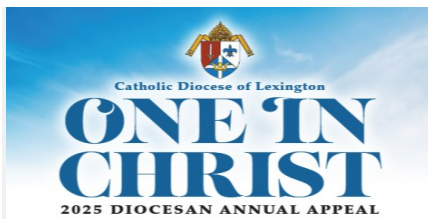
4:30pm Misa de Nochebuena

Jueves 25 de diciembre

12:00am Misa

10:00am Misa

Lunes 15 de diciembre



Goal - \$34,850

Pledged - 28,360

Participation Goal – 229 families

Current Participation – 66 families

Millions of Monicas (MOM) Meetings

Reuniones de Millones de Mónicas (MOM)

ONE HOUR - ONE PURPOSE

Inspired by St. Monica, we gather with rosaries and open hearts to pray for our children's return to the Catholic faith. All women are welcome. Meetings are held twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm in the church. For more information text or call Mary Jo James at 859-619-9733 or Kathy Montgomery at 859-576-6801.

Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00pm

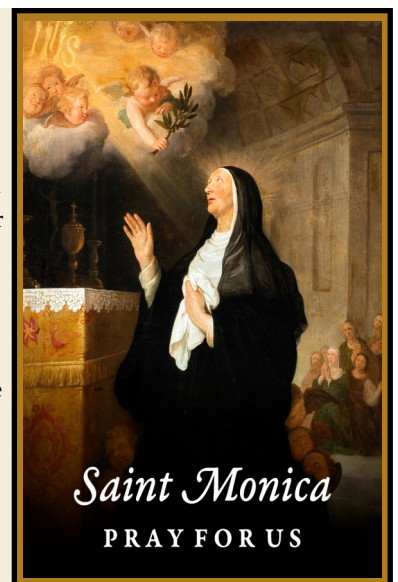
Tuesday, January 6 at 1:00pm

UNA HORA - UN PROPÓSITO

Inspirados por Santa Mónica, nos reunimos con rosarios y corazones abiertos para orar por el regreso de nuestros hijos a la fe católica. Todas las mujeres son bienvenidas. Las reuniones se realizan dos veces al mes: el primer martes y el tercer martes a la 13:00 en la iglesia. Para obtener más información, envíe un mensaje de texto o llame a Mary Jo James al 859-619-9733 o a Kathy Montgomery al 859-576-6801.

Martes 16 de diciembre a las 1:00pm.

Martes 2 de enero a las 1:00pm.



Religion Classes (CCD/OCIC/Youth Group)

Clases de religión (CCD/OCIC/Grupo de jóvenes)

All classes include: preschool/ kindergarten during 10:00 mass, elementary 8:30-9:30am & Confirmation/ OCIC 5:30pm - 6:15pm followed by Youth Group

December 14: All classes will be meeting at their normal time.

December 21: Classes will not be meeting.

Todas las clases incluyen: preescolar/ jardín infantil (misa de 10:00 a. m.), primaria (8:30h a 9:30 h) y Confirmación/ OCIC (17:30h a 18:15h), seguida del grupo de jóvenes.

14 de diciembre: Todas las clases se reunirán en su horario habitual.

21 de diciembre: No habrá clases.

HAPPY 30th ANNIVERSARY St Anthony of Padua Adoration Chapel!

On December 17th, St Luke's will be celebrating a milestone in the life of our parish community: the 30th Anniversary of our St Anthony of Padua Perpetual Adoration Chapel! That's over 260,000 hours of prayer and adoration in honor of our Lord!

Come and celebrate with us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 14th after the 10:00 Mass with an International Food Fair pot luck hosted by the St Luke's Women's Group and supported by our diverse international parish community. Listen to the sharing of chapel stories, socialize, and see the 'big reveal' and blessing of our new chapel sign.

Who has been there the longest? How many religious vocations have we had from the chapel? Hear comments of favors granted or other 'chapel fruit'!

Learn more about how YOU can become part of this important ministry and celebrate with the many 'adorers' we've been blessed with over the years. For additional information, to submit a story or volunteer the share a 'favor granted', please contact Dan or Heidi Klug. If you'd like to bring your favorite family dish for sharing, please contact Kathy Montgomery or any member of the St Luke's Woman's Group.

Blessings on Your Birthday!

12/13 Maria Julieta Meza, Selena Xico Ramirez, Pat Wade

12/14 Aria Padron

12/15 Jessica Graves

12/16 Elisa Chacin, Oscar Rodriguez Jantes, Angel Morales

12/18 Ali Gifford, Cassidy O'Hara, Molly Reynolds, Zoe Reynolds

12/19 Larry Caudill, Landon Combs, Anna Maria Farrell, Candy Ginn, Kirk Grant

12/20 Brian Collier, Charlie Cooper, Daliana Cortes, Samih Dabain, Pedro Hernandez Trujillo

St. Luke Women's Group News

Noticias del Grupo de Mujeres de San Lucas

Breakfast Food Donations for East Jessamine Middle School will continue. Thanks to all for your generosity. We deliver on the 3rd Thursday each month of the school year.

The date of the January meeting has been changed to **January 8.**

El programa de desayunos para la escuela secundaria East Jessamine Middle School continuará. Gracias a todos por su generosidad. Realizamos las entregas el tercer jueves de cada mes durante el año escolar.

La fecha de la reunión de enero se ha cambiado al **8 de enero.**

Advent & Christmas at St. Luke Catholic Church

Adviento y Navidad en la Iglesia Católica de San Lucas



Simbang Gabi

December 16 & 20 at 7:00pm

Simbang Gabi, also known as the

“Misa de Gallo,” or “Rooster’s Mass,” is a beloved Filipino tradition, that helps prepare us for the joyous Christmas Feast.

Simbang Gabi

16 y 20 de diciembre a las 7:00pm

Simbang Gabi, también conocida como la

“Misa de Gallo” o “Misa del Gallo”, es una querida tradición filipina que nos ayuda a prepararnos para la alegre celebración de la Navidad.

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

3:30pm Christmas Pageant

4:30pm Mass

Midnight Mass

Nochebuena

Miércoles, 24 de diciembre

3:30 Representación navideña

4:30pm Misa

12:00am Misa

Christmas Day

10:00am Mass

Día de Navidad

10:00h Misa

Solemnity of Mary

Vigil Mass, December 31 at 6:30pm

Thursday, January 1

10:00am Mass

Solemnidad de María

Misa de vigilia, 31 de diciembre a las 6:30pm

Misa a las 10:00am

Each Christmas, we decorate the altar with the beauty of poinsettias to accentuate the joyfulness of the Christmas season, the birth of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. You are invited to help make this a particularly beautiful season by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one who has gone before us. Each poinsettia is \$25, please provide the name of the person to be remembered. We will read the names of these loved ones prior to each Christmas Mass. You can bring your payment and name to the parish office, or, you can leave an envelope titled “Christmas Flowers” with your donation and name of your loved ones in the collection basket. Names and donations due by December 23.

The Christmas Pageant will take place at 3:30pm on Christmas Eve. The next rehearsal will be Saturday the 20th at 10:00am. Children of all ages are welcome, roles are available for the tiniest lamb to readers. Please contact Rebecca or Andy Johns if you have any questions..



Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Tour Code:
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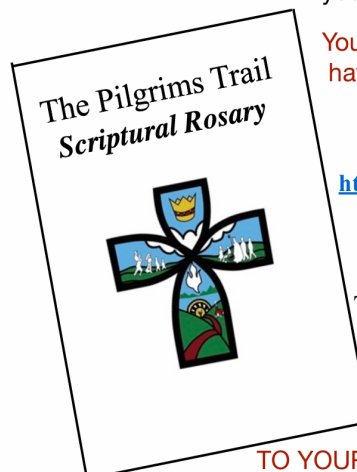
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Priests, Religious, and Deacons

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Bday: August 17
Ordained: 06-29-2019

Fr. Tony Stephens
4047 Chapel Dr.
Champion, WI 54229
Bday: December 13
Ordained: 06-04-2005

Rev. Richard Watson
501 W. Short Str.
Lexington, KY 40507
Bday: January 1
Ordained: 05-21-2011

Rev. Brandon Bigham
299 Colony Blvd.
Lexington, KY 40502
Bday: January 6
Ordained: 05-20-2017

Rev. Rob Adams
137 Bryan Street
Pikeville, KY 41501
Bday: July 2
Ordained: 05-21-2016

Dc. David & Mary Jo James
109 Emma Katherine Lane
Nicholasville, KY 40356
Bday: September 12
Ordained: 06-06-2020

Dc. Mark & Cathy Averett
1104 Arnica St.
Danville, KY 40422
Bday: May 9
Ordained: 06-04-2016

Sister Mary Faustina of the Divine Redeemer (Katie Byrd)
3721 Belmont Road
Birmingham, AL 35210
Bday: July 4

Rev. John Moriarty
299 Colony Blvd.
Lexington, KY 40502
Bday: February 23
Ordained: 06-01-1991

Rev. Nick Pagano
1348 Copperfield Ct.
Lexington, KY 40514
Bday: April 24
Ordained: 05-20-2006

Fr. Frank Sherry
300 Berry Ave.
Versailles, KY 40383
Bday: September 23
Ordained: 12-22-1989

Rev. Danny Taylor
799 State Highway 1947
Grayson, KY 41143
Bday: March 30
Ordained: 06-13-2020

Dc. David & Cathy Hanson
231 Brickling Rd.
Irmo, SC 29063
Bday: December 27
Ordained: 02-2004

Sister Marie Therese of Christ's Redeeming Mercy (Theresa Zink)
3721 Belmont Road
Birmingham, AL 35210
Bday: January 10

Rev. Andres Ramirez
117 W. Main Str.
Danville, KY 40422
Bday: November 25
Ordained: 11-25-2005

Rev. Patrick C. Fitzsimons
14544 Lebanon Rd.
Old Hickory, TN 37138
Bday: November 19
Ordained: 05-19-2001

Rev. John Dane
193 Barnsley Rd.
Wombwell, Barnsley
South Yorkshire S73 8DR
United Kingdom
Bday: December 12
Ordained: 02-16-1991

Rev. Chris Shofner
503 North 4th Street
LeSueur, MN 56058
Bday: August 7
Ordained: 05-28-2005

Dc. Gary & Doris Rudemiller
107 Yates Court
Nicholasville, KY 40356
Bday: September 7
Ordained: 06-04-2016

Dc. Marco & Kathy Rajkovich
11990 Market St. #1117
Reston, VA 20190
Bday: November 22
Ordained: 06-02-2012



A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

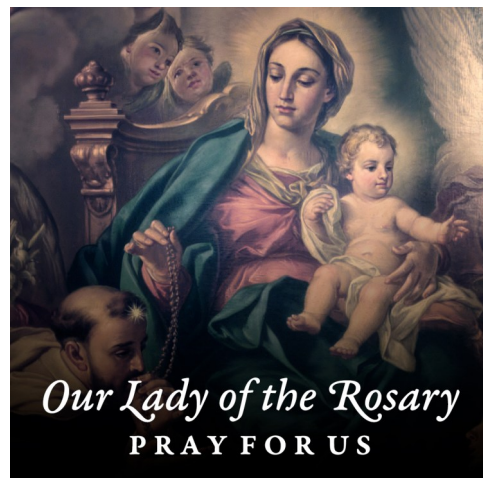
Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is March 13 - 15 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, OH.

The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and return to that newlywed feeling. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>

For more questions or more details contact:

Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859- 653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org

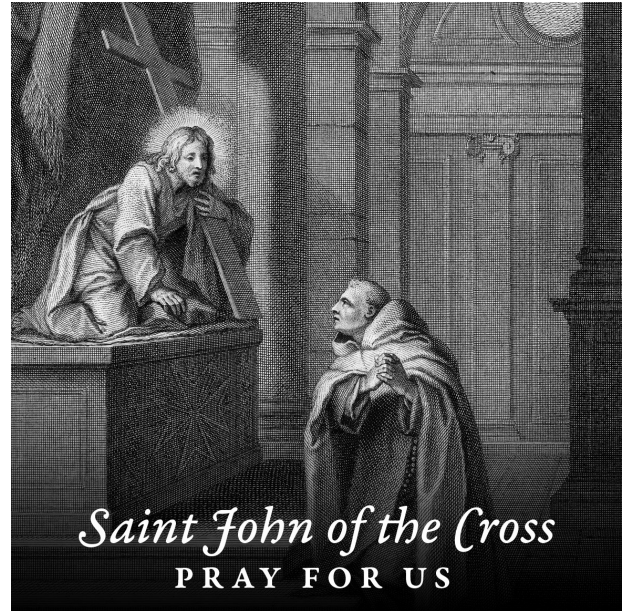


Francine Parsons and Lynn Jolly want to thank our St. Luke family for the support and prayers during the illness of our nephew, David Gulley. David passed away at Baptist Health in Lexington on December 1, 2025. He was an organ donor. His parents are Jim and Rose Gulley and he had a sister, Jennifer Gulley. His funeral Mass will be held in Penfield, NY.

*THE COMING OF THE
LORD IS AT HAND*
JAMES 5:8

Saint Luke Catholic Church

Jerry Patrick Riley, 79, passed away on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at the VA Medical Center. He was born on September 8, 1946, in Lexington to the late L.P. "Lawrence" Riley and Ann E. O'Neill. Jerry was preceded in death by two sisters, Ann Riley Angel and Patricia "Patty" Riley, and two brothers, Tom Riley and W.P. "Bill" Riley. He is survived by his children, Jay Landon Riley (Amanda), Lawrenceburg, Jeri Elizabeth Riley (Morgan), Frankfort; his grandchildren, Mikayla (Alijah) Hume, Clark Riley, Piper Riley, and Bradlee Morrow; and his great-grandson, Joshua John "JJ" Hume. He is also survived by twelve nieces and nephews, along with several great-nieces and great-nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted December 1, 2025, at St. Leo Catholic Church, followed by burial at Calvary Cemetery, where pallbearers will be Thad Holway, Bill Riley, Thomas Riley, JR Miracle, Jay Riley, and Lawrence Riley.



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St. Luke's Parish Council 10263

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at 7pm in the Parish Hall

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