

**Liturgy Schedule for St. Luke & Ascension Parishes**

**Saturday, August 28th, Saint Augustine**

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Richard LeMay, 11th anniversary of death  
Ginny Bogni-LeMay

**Sunday, August 29th, Twenty- Second Sunday**

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: Roland Renaud Art and Sue Renaud  
John and Charlene Stech by the family

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: Kenneth Barkyoumb Deb Irish

**Monday, August 30th**

9:00 am – NO MASS

**Tuesday, August 31st**

4:00 pm – 4:55 pm – Adoration w/ Confessions at St. Luke

5:00 pm - St. Luke: Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, September 1st**

9:00 am - Ascension: Deceased members of the Minor and  
LaVallee families Jim and Karen

**Thursday, September 2nd**

9:00 am - St. Luke: James Smith Art and Sue Renaud

**First Friday, September 3rd, Saint Gregory the Great**

9:00 am - Ascension: Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, September 4th**

4:00 pm - St. Luke: For the People

**Sunday, September 5th, Twenty-Third Sunday**

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: Peter Cadieux his Mom  
David Bachand Heather Nielsen and  
Jeremy Bachand

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke : For the People

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Collections for the Weekend of August 22, 2021**

St Luke: \$2,330.75 votive candles \$28.76

Ascension: \$2,622.50

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly donations. Visit our website at: [www.stlukev.org](http://www.stlukev.org) and click "Online Giving"

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Parish	Parish Goal	Amount Pledged	% of Goal
Ascension	\$16,371.00	\$10,029.00	61%
Saint Luke	\$18,973.00	\$13,263.00	70%

**DEADLINE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

The deadline for registering for the upcoming Religious Education classes is August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Grades 6 & 7 are scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year; students in upper grades who have not received Confirmation should contact us to make arrangement to receive Confirmation this year.

To register go to [stlukev.org](http://stlukev.org) click on: APOSTOLATES; RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and follow directions for registering. This link is for students at both St. Luke and Ascension parishes interested in Family Faith Formation, Confirmation, or Atrium. Please contact Heather Nielsen or Mary Beth Redding for more information.

**Religious Education at Ascension**

**Family Formation - Save the date!** Families with children in grades K-5 please mark your calendars for our first Family Formation session to be held on Sunday, September 12 after the 8:30 AM Mass (approximately 9:45-10:30). If you have children in grades 6-7, our first Confirmation class will be held that same day, from 4-6pm (Parents should plan to attend at least the first 30 minutes).

**What is Family Formation?** This is a Catechesis program that involves the entire family. We will meet at church once a month, where children (grouped by age) and parents will each receive catechesis based on the monthly theme. Parents will also receive guidance on home lessons that you will be provided with to do with your children over the following 3 weeks, at a day and time that works for your busy family. The format will bring your family together and create an opportunity to share and grow in your Faith together. And rest assured, you do not need to be an expert in the Faith to be successful with this program! As always, reach out to Heather Nielsen ([nielsen628@gmail.com](mailto:nielsen628@gmail.com) or 802-922-1246) with any questions or to volunteer to help!

**Second collections**

August 29th: No second collection

September 5th: Catholic University of America

**Our Lord's True Presence in the Blessed Sacrament**

"For One in such a lofty position to stoop so low is a marvel that is staggering," exclaimed the Seraphic Father, St. Francis. "What sublime humility and humble sublimeness, that the Lord of the Universe, the Divine Son of God, should so stoop as to hide Himself under the appearance of bread for our salvation! Behold the humble way of God, my brothers. Therefore, do not hold yourselves to be anything of yourselves, so that you may be entirely acceptable to One Who gives Himself entirely to you". And St. Alphonsus Liguori adds with his usual affectionate tenderness, "My Jesus! What a lovable contrivance this holy Sacrament was --- that You would hide under the appearance of bread to make Yourself loved and to be available for a visit by anyone who desires You!" May some remembrance of the priest, who every day gives us Jesus, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus our God and all priests, be always in our affections toward the Most Holy Sacrament; for the Eucharist, Our Lady, and the priest are inseparable, just as Jesus, Mary and St. John the Evangelist were inseparable on Calvary. Let us learn all this in the school of the Saints. They lived in a way that was ardent and sublime, as true seraphims of Love for the Eucharist. These are the ones, as Vatican II declares (Lumen Gentium, n. 50), who are the "most safe path" to the Eucharistic God of Love.

~ The Most Holy Eucharist by Fr. Stephano Manelli, O.F.M

*"We cannot separate our lives from the Eucharist; the moment we do, something breaks. People ask, 'Where do the sisters get the joy and the energy to do what they are doing?' The Eucharist involves more than just receiving; it also involves satisfying the hunger of Christ. He says, 'Come to Me.' He is hungry for souls."*

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta, her Feast Day is September 5th.

"But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child - a direct killing of the innocent child - murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love, and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even his life to love us. So the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love - that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts. By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Each year, parishes of the Diocese of Burlington are required to provide a financial report to the Bishop and to the parishioners. Please note we have posted on the church bulletin boards profit and loss statements for Saint Luke Church and Ascension Church for fiscal year 2020-2021. Also, the new budget for fiscal year 2021/2022. Please take a moment to look at these. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the office @ 849-6205.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Saint Luke Church and Ascension Church.

Thank you also to the members of **Saint Luke Finance Council**: Jim McGuinness, Mark Milne, Peter Fitzgerald, Kevin Colling and Vincent Redding, and the members of the **Ascension Finance Council**: Dennis Moore, David Juare, Mark Esposito, Jean-Charles Thouin. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

**Companions with the suffering Christ:** Please remember in your prayers all who are ill or confined, and all who are in need of healing: James Austin, Vance Bacon, Brenda Barkyoumb, Linda Barrows, Tonia Barbin, George Bilodeau, Danielle Bovat, Clem Cardinal, Joanne Carey, Alice Collins, Barbara Cobiere, Charlotte, Sandy Cutting, Jim Godin, Jean Gregoire, James Kendall, Jo Ann Kendall, Jinny Bogni-LeMay, Jillian Mathieu, Lisa Ouimette, David Parisi, Kristy Pigeon, L Q., Joseph Q., Fr. Donald Ravey, Eleanore Sawyer, Mary St. Arnold, Dan Valley, Delaney Werneke, Sam Wilbur, Inmates of the Northwest Correctional Facility

**Military News:** Please pray for the safety and well-being of our military personnel, especially those who have been deployed: Sgt. Brion Houston, MAJ Christopher H. Stafford

**HOW TO GIVE EVERY ACTION INESTIMABLE VALUE**

The first act of every good Christian in the morning is to fall on his knees and make his Morning Offering. It can be done in this wise: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the most pure hands of Mary, I offer Thee all the prayers, works and sufferings, all the actions of this day and of all my life, in union with the Masses being offered all over the world, for the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart and for the Apostleship of Prayer. Every breath I draw, every beating of my heart, every glance of my eyes, every step I take, every single act I do, I wish to be an act of love for Thee." This little act takes one minute, but it must be done slowly and with full deliberation. We must mean what we say. It is a short act, but it gives immense value to every action. Our every act, as a consequence, gives glory to God and receives a distinct reward in Heaven. This offering has still more value if, from time to time during the day, we renew it by saying briefly: "All for You, dear Lord." Who can be so foolish as to neglect this sacred obligation, yet many make the act in a careless, distracted fashion. Some do not make it at all! All the saints and holy writers attach the gravest importance to the Morning Offering.