



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

September 24, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

As I write from Atlanta, I have already attended 11 hours of talks on stewardship. Not one of them made any suggestion that we directly ask people to give money to the Church. Sadly, that's the first thing most Catholics think about when they hear the word. What else, then, is stewardship?

Stewardship is a Christian's response to God's blessings. Various religious orders have "spiritualities", or "charisms", that guide all of their choices. Dominicans, for example, are the "Order of Preachers" who focus on sharing the Word of God. Franciscans follow the example of Francis of Assisi and remember the poor Jesus. Benedictines are guided by a vision of prayer and work. People who are not in religious orders -- lay people and diocesan priests -- benefit from these spiritualities, but is there a spirituality for us who are not in religious orders? YES, and that is stewardship.

Members of religious orders hold everything in common, and put their individual skills at the service of their community. Lay people and diocesan priests have an extremely wide variety of skills and property, and the spirituality of stewardship should guide each of our decisions. More to follow!

Fr Jim Dubrouillet



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The facilities of St. Luke are available to all ACTIVE parishioners. This includes the use of the church for Baptism, Weddings and other Sacramental events. Active Membership is determined as follows:

- 1. Registered in the parish for 6 months.*
- 2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.*
- 3. Financial support of the church according to your means.*

Baptism: *Parents must attend a training class prior to having a child baptized. Please call the parish office to schedule the training.*

Marriage: *Those contemplating marriage should contact the office at least EIGHT months prior to the wedding date to schedule an appointment with the priest.*

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Stewardship Report

September 16-17 \$2,785

Online Giving \$1,180

Thank you for your generosity and support!

This Week in Our Parish

Sun	9/24	9 AM 10 AM	Mass + <i>Joseph & Gladys Egan</i> Sr. High Youth Mtg. (Annunciation Hall) Jr High Youth Mtg. (Annunciation Hall)
		10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Altar server training/pizza party Mass @ Holy Cross
Tue	9/26	7 PM	RCIA Inquiry Class
Wed	9/27	10 AM 12:15 PM 6:30 PM	Hearts to Hands Prayer Shawl Mtg. Mass @ Holy Cross Religious Ed (grades 1-6) Adult Bible Study
Thu	9/28	9 AM 12:15 PM	Catholic Outreach @ Holy Cross Mass + <i>Jade Barefoot</i>
Fri	9/29	12:15 PM	Mass @ Holy Cross + <i>Julie Elias</i>
Sat	9/30	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession @ Holy Cross Mass @ Holy Cross + <i>Carl J. Eck</i> Mass
Sun	10/1	9 AM 10 AM	Mass Sr. High Youth Group (Annunciation Hall)

- ❖ There will be **No Daily Mass October 2-5**. All priests in the Diocese of Charleston will be on Priest Retreat. Please pray for all those who will be traveling.
- ❖ **Catholic Outreach** "Putting your faith into action" From May through August, we received \$12,689.38 which enabled us to help 173 people with utility bills and 140 people with food. Thank you for your ongoing support. God Bless you.
- ❖ **40 Days for Life:** You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort from September 27 through November 5. **40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally** will be held on Sept 30; 9:30 am–10:30 am, Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Rd. Parking is at the empty shops across the street from Piedmont Women's Center and at Grove Road Baptist Church. **Rosaries for Life** - Remember to pray your Rosaries for Life this fall during the 40 Days for Life. Pray 5 decades daily from Sept 27th – Nov 5th. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to rosaries4life@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Hearts to Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry** will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 27 from 10am until 1 pm.
- ❖ **FLU Shot clinic** Holy Cross together with Wal-Mart-Pickens will be offering a FLU Shot clinic and blood pressure screening at Holy Cross on October 28 prior to the 4PM Mass. Please bring your Medicare/Insurance card with you that day. Keep an eye on future bulletins for more information. RSVP by October 15 by calling 878-0574.
- ❖ **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Inquiry Sessions:** The St. Luke Catholic Community welcomes you as you seek to enrich your faith life and explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian. Our community shares and celebrates this journey with you, through a process called: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please join us on Tuesdays at 7 PM for a series of inquiry sessions. We'll meet in Annunciation Hall, and all are welcome. If you'd like more information, contact Stan Brooks at 864-979-2586, stanbrooks@bellsouth.net.
- ❖ **5th Marian Eucharistic Conference:** November 4-5, 2017 at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville. For more information, please call 864-354-7160 or visit www.meconferencesc.net. Registration by October 24 is required; \$75/adult, \$40/youth.

Readings for Week of September 25

Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32