



*Saint Luke Catholic Parish*  
*1820-2016*

Church Cornerstone - August 11, 1895

**307 SOUTH MARKET STREET, P.O. BOX P**

**DANVILLE, OHIO 43014-0616**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – DECEMBER 25, 2016**

**FATHER MARK HAMMOND, PASTOR**

**FR. VINCE NGUYEN, Parochial Vicar**

Deacon Tim Birie

Father Homer Blubaugh, retired

Thomas Harrmann, Director of Religious Ed.

Betty Hoffman, Secretary

Sandy Mickley, Bookkeeper

Donald Hawk, Parish Council President

**Sacramental Emergencies – 398-6285**

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**LITURGY OF THE MASS**

*Saturday Evening:* 5:00pm

*Sunday Morning:* 10:00am

*Daily:* Tues. 8am, Wed. 11am, Thurs. 8am

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday through Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm

740-392-4711 ext. 1 @ St. Vincent de Paul Parish Office

740-392-4711 ext. 7

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1-740-502-2679

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**SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY**

*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* Saturday 3:30-4:30pm  
 and by appointment

*Marriage:* Call Parish office or contact Father six months  
 before the wedding date; Instruction is required.

*Baptism:* Call Greg Henkel at 740-392-4711 ext. 5 or  
[grehmhenkel@gmail.com](mailto:grehmhenkel@gmail.com); instruction required.

*In Case of Sickness:* Call parish office if you are sick  
 or hospitalized; also, inform us about the sick or  
 aged who are unable to attend church.

**MISSION STATEMENT** – We are St. Luke Church, people of God, created in the image and likeness of Christ, and committed to living our faith in the Roman Catholic tradition under the authority and direction of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor.

As people baptized in Christ, gifted with many talents and rooted in strong families, we reach out and welcome all. Our mission is to proclaim the good news, as a prayerful and caring community celebrating Christ's presence in worship, sacraments, and service.

Readings for December 25, 2016  
The Nativity of the Lord



Readings for January 1, 2017  
The Solemnity of Mary

**First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10**  
**Responsorial: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6**  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6**  
**Gospel: John 1:1-18**

**First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27**  
**Responsorial: Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8**  
**Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**  
**Gospel: Luke 2:16-21**

	DEC/JAN		MASS INTENTIONS	OFFERED BY	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday	24	<b>4:30pm</b>	People of St. Luke		Carol Ann Durbin-Bronson Durbin Aidric Bocock-Andrea Holland
Sunday	25	<b>9:00am</b>	Ray Hoffman	Family	Addison & Garren Wills-Eva Hawk
Tuesday	27	8am	<i>No Mass</i>		
Wednesday	28	11am	Otto & Ruth Blubaugh		
Thursday	29	8am	<i>No intention</i>		
Saturday	31	5pm	Robert & Kathryn Forster	Pam Magers	Annika Adam-Laura Morris
Sunday	1	10am	People of St. Luke		Joseph Hedge-Regina Worley

*Mass Intentions for weekday Masses are welcome, as we have a very limited number. Mass Stipends are \$10.*

**THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THE WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS.**

**Saint Luke is a member of the Knox-Licking Consortium with St. Vincent de Paul.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Website:** [www.st-vincentdepaul.org](http://www.st-vincentdepaul.org)

Go to Quick Links at the bottom of the page for 'Church Bulletin'

**St. Vincent Mass times for Christmas:**

Dec. 24 at 4pm, 6pm, & Midnight; Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10:30am

*No Masses Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday after Christmas; Friday at 5:30pm*

*No Liturgy of the Hours Thursday*

### **Your Stewardship to God – December 17 & 18**

\$4,278.00 Weekly Offering, Thank you!

50.00 Immaculate Conception-30, Solemnity of Mary-20

65.00 Retirement Fund for Religious-25, CCHD-20, Diocesan Charities-20

4,045.00 Bishop's Annual Appeal Refund from Diocese (amount collected over goal)

**Catholic Charities Collection – Christmas, Dec. 24/25:** This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

**Prayers are requested for...** Kaden Allering, Jeff Allison, Helen Austin, Donna Beckley, Gloria Bulwinkle, Spencer Capelle, Judy/Jim Colopy, Rose Crawford, **Theresa Crow, Deloris Delgado, Jim Denuit, Wendy Didinger, Tom/Brenda Dixon, Roseanne Euman, Jacob Hall, Liza Heffelfinger, Tripp Heffelfinger, John Kick, Kathy Kosman, Bailey Larrison, Drew Lawson, Larry McWilliams, Barb Miller, Ben Miller, Joe/Eileen Miller, Bernard Oberfield, Dave/Lorna Patton, Carol Roberts, Beth Sapp, Jackie Shackle, Father Snoke, John Staggs, Don Stanton, Shirley & Rodger Stoner, Sr. Jean Welling, and closure of abortion clinics. Call the parish office when admitted to the hospital if you wish to have a visit.**

**Welcome to St. Luke Parish!** If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to Father Hammond or Father Vince and drop by the parish office at the west end of the Community Center to register. You may also pick up a Family Registration form in the church from the table near the side entrance or in the vestibule, or one can be mailed to you upon request. Just fill it out with your information and return it to the parish office. If you are currently a member of another parish in the diocese, the diocese will transfer your membership to St. Luke's.

MINISTRIES			Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday	12/31	5pm	Rashleys Keith Miller	Joanna Mickley	Theresa Morris-Keith Mickley Roger Holland-Carol Hall-Barb Smith
Sunday	1/1	10am	Eric Winterhalter Joe Tapocsi	John Fongheiser	Joan Bross-Leo & Teresa Mickley Ed Gardner-Mary Ann Pomputius

**Cantors:** Saturday, December 31 at 5pm: Rochelle Adam

Sunday, January 1 at 10am: Rochelle Adam & Mark Fongheiser

**Offertory Counter Team:** January 1 – Brenda Arnold, Brad & Shelby Mickley

**Would you like to serve St. Luke Parish in a ministry?** We are in need of more people to serve as ushers. Currently, there are only four teams of ushers for the 5pm Mass, and five teams of ushers for the 10am Mass.

**Were you active at a former parish in a ministry that you would like to continue?** Please call the parish office if you would like to serve the parish as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Cantor, or other ministry.

**2016 Contributions to St. Luke Church:** If you wish to make a year-end contribution for 2016, it must be received at the office by Friday morning, December 30.

**Updates for 2017 Parish Directory:** If you have changes to your listing in the directory, such as a change of address or phone number, or a child no longer living at home, please call the parish office.

**March for Life Trip to Washington, DC, Jan. 26-28, 2017:** The annual March for Life will be held on Friday, January 27 in protest of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States. The anniversary of Roe vs. Wade is January 22, but due to the inauguration the March is moved to the 27<sup>th</sup>.

This year will be St. Luke's 18<sup>th</sup> year traveling to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. The trip is open to all our friends and parishioners. We will be leaving Danville on a Pioneer Trails chartered bus Thursday, January 26 and returning on Saturday, January 28. Our stay in Washington will be at the Hampton Inn, Alexandria, Virginia which is a beautiful remodeled hotel.

While in Washington, we will participate in Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday evening, the 26<sup>th</sup>, and the March for Life on Friday, January 27. John Durbin, a career courier with the government and a former St. Luke Parishioner, will be our tour guide for any free time we have. Hopefully this trip will be informative and spiritual. Please join us.

Your cost for the trip will be: \$280 each for a double room, and \$240 each for 3-4 persons in a room, with reservations taken on first-come basis. **A \$50.00 deposit per person is due now.** Final payment is due on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to St. Luke Parish. Contact the St. Luke Parish office 740/599-6362 or Bobbie Thomas 740/398-9710 or 740/427-4044 for further information.

**Drug Abuse is a big problem, even in Danville. Do you have questions about the Drug Problem? What should you look for?** Wednesday evening, January 4<sup>th</sup>, the second semester of our Parish School of Religion will kick-off with Mass at 6:30, followed by a gathering in the Community Center with Danville Police Officer Mark Perkins. This presentation is for our students and their parents, as well as all concerned parishioners. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

**A Communication System** is being launched by the Parish Council Safety Committee for communicating critical information, cancellations, etc. to the Parish via text and email: The safety committee will be calling to get email addresses, cell numbers and carriers. Information you provide is confidential. You may opt out if you wish. If you have questions, please contact any member of the Safety Committee or the Parish Office.

**Save These Saturdays:** Columbus Catholic Women's and Men's Conferences

Women: February 18, 2017 – Men: February 25, 2017 If you've been to one already, you know why you want to return. If you've never been to one, COME, FIND OUT!!!!

**The "German Epiphany" Celebration:** The celebration of the Columbus Germania Verein for the feast of the Epiphany will take place at Holy Spirit Church on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 7:00p.m. The ecumenical prayer service will feature lessons and carols in German for the celebration of the traditional Epiphany, which historically was always set on January 6. You are invited to attend. Refreshments served afterward in Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

## EVENTS OF THE COMING WEEK

Saturday	December 24	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 4:00pm – Children’s Christmas Pageant, 4:30pm – Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday	December 25	<b>Christmas Day</b> – 9am Mass
Tuesday	December 27	<i>Office closed, No Card Party</i> <b>NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK</b>
Wednesday	December 28	<i>No PSR classes</i>
Saturday	December 31	Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, 5pm Mass
Sunday	January 1	Solemnity of Mary, 10am Mass

**May the Birth of Christ** be our source of Joy this Christmas Season and may God Our Father bless us with Peace and His Love in the coming year. Christmas Blessings from Father Mark J. Hammond, Pastor, Father Vincent Nguyen, Associate Pastor, Deacon Tim Birie and the staff at St. Luke Parish.

**GIFT GIVING:** Isn't it wonderful to have all the people on your list checked off and all your gifts bought and wrapped? Was Jesus on your list? What did you get for Him? If you forgot, its not too late. Make a gift to Jesus of your time. Your precious time will be the best gift of all. Come and spend one hour of your time with Him in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Commit to one hour each week and give Jesus the best Christmas present ever! Call Barb Smith (740-668-2202) or the parish office to sign up for your special hour. Jesus will say "thank you" for your beautiful gift in many, many ways.

### **The Christmas mystery** (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 525*)

Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven’s glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.  
The angels and shepherds praise him and the magi advance with the star,  
for you are born for us, Little Child, God eternal!

### **Why Did the Word Become Flesh?**

With the Nicene Creed, we answer by confessing: “For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.”

The Word became flesh for us *in order to save us by reconciling us with God*, who “loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins”: “The Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world,” and “he was revealed to take away sins.”

The Word became flesh *so that thus we might know God’s love*: “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.” “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

The Word became flesh *to be our model of holiness*: “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me.” “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.” On the mountains of the Transfiguration, the Father commands: “Listen to him!” Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: “Love one another as I have loved you.” This love implies an effective offering of oneself, after his example.

The Word became flesh to make us *“partakers of the divine nature”*: “For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God.” “For the Son of God became man so that we might become God” “The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods.”

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 456-460*

**Congratulation to our new Parish Council members:** Steven Bratton, Don Horn, and Dave Rashley. Thank you to everyone who ran.