

FAITH MATTERS



Our middle school Faith Formation students learn about St. Jude Thaddeus whose feast day is on October 28. He is the patron saint of hopeless things and impossible causes.

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The Feast of St. Luke

The feast day of our patron, St. Luke the Evangelist, is on Saturday, October 18. Luke is the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. His Gospel was believed to have been written between 70 and 85 AD.

Educated as a physician in Antioch (part of present-day Turkey), Luke accompanied St. Paul on his travels as his personal physician and, in effect, a biographer. St. Paul referred to him as “our beloved physician.”

Scholars have ranked Luke among the top historians of his time. He was the only evangelist to incorporate the personal testimony of the Blessed Mother, whose role in Christ’s life emerges most clearly in his Gospel.

In addition, Luke was an artist. Tradition credits him with painting several icons of the Blessed Mother. One of the portraits believed to have been painted by Luke is known as the “Salvation of the Roman People” (*Salus Populi Romani*) and is housed in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome.

To learn more about St. Luke, please go to [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org). All parishioners have a free subscription through our parish.



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Parochial Vicar at St. Luke

ASK A PRIEST

We're excited to announce a new monthly column that will feature questions from children in all grades of our Faith Formation Program. We asked children, including those in Teens for Christ to submit questions, and Father Templeton has kindly agreed to answer one or two each month. This column may also help you answer questions you receive from your children at home.

Q: *Why do you chant/sing at Mass?*

A: The Church encourages chanting/singing at Masses on Sundays and high feast days as a way to distinguish Sunday Mass from daily Mass. Plus, chanting and singing are common ways for a group of people to connect and worship together.

The Church has terms for this. There are "daily Masses" and "Sunday/feast day Masses." A daily Mass would be a Mass where there is no chanting/singing; this is more appropriate for daily Masses. (Sometimes at daily Masses, you will have a hymn or two, and that's perfectly fine!)

A high Mass will have a lot of chanting/singing as a way of showing the importance and uniqueness of the Sunday Mass. Every Sunday Mass is considered a "little Easter" insofar as we celebrate and are reminded of the Lord's Resurrection on Sundays.

"Gregorian Chant, as the supreme model of sacred music, should be given pride of place in liturgical celebrations, especially on Sundays and feast days. It is fitting that the priest chants or sings the liturgical prayers to maintain the solemnity of the celebration."

—*Musicam Sacram*, par. 7 1967

"The celebration of Mass is the Church's primary means of worship, and its rites should be carried out with appropriate reverence. It is desirable that parts of the liturgy, such as the Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei be chanted, in order to enhance the solemnity of the celebration."

-- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, par 39

Teens for Christ

Teens in grades 7 through 12 are welcome to join our youth group, Teens for Christ! They are also welcome to bring their friends. We meet in the Narthex on most Sunday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Dinner is provided.

See the schedule at <https://tinyurl.com/T4C25>. If you have questions, please email

katyde_ath@stlukecatholicminthill.org.

Youth

Red Cross Blood Drive

by Ann Helms

Blood donation is a act of compassion and community service that can save countless lives. Every day, hospitals and clinics rely on donated blood to treat patients undergoing surgeries, injured in accidents, or battling life-threatening conditions like cancer and anemia. You or someone you love may have needed a blood transfusion at one time.

Did you know a single donation can help up to three people? This makes it one of the most impactful ways an individual can contribute to public health. Despite medical advancements, there is NO substitute for human blood. A consistent supply is essential to meet both routine and emergency medical needs.

The act of giving blood is safe, quick, and simple, yet its impact is profound. By participating, individuals not only help save lives but also support a healthcare system that depends on the generosity of voluntary donors.

The St. Luke Blood Drive was started over 35 years ago by lifelong parishioner, Charlie Ward. Back in the early days, he would wait at the end of Mass with a clipboard and sign folks up. Around 2003, he recruited "Charlie's Angels" to assist with the blood drives. Dottie Bramhall, Sue Sansevero, and Jane Hodapp have all spent over 20 years volunteering in this ministry. Trish Quinlivan joined the Angels in 2017.

We host blood drives three times a year in February, June, and October at the old campus on Lawyers Rd. Our next blood drive is **Saturday, October 4th**. These days, instead of a clipboard, you can go online to <https://tinyurl.com/Give-Life>.

I hope you will consider joining us for the upcoming Blood Drive. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.



L-R: Trish Quinlivan, Sue Sansevero, and Ann Helms



Fast Facts

A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood

One donation can save up to 3 people

Every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood and/or platelets

The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O

About 45% of people in the U.S. have Group O (positive or negative) blood; the proportion is higher among Hispanics (57%) and African Americans (51%)

The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units



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Young Adults Ages 21 - 39

Father Templeton would like you to complete his survey! He is planning to host gatherings for young adults ages 21 through 39. Please complete the survey at

<https://tinyurl.com/youngads>. Let Father Templeton know the types of activities you are interested in and how often you would like to get together!



St. Luke's Annual

Fall Festival

Sat., October 11
 10 am - 4 pm
 13700 Lawyers Rd.

 Fire truck from 10:00 - 11:30 am!

Activities include:

- FREE Kid Zone
- Artisan Market
- Music
- Bake Sale
- 50/50 Raffle
- Face Paint
- Used Book Sale
- Silent Auction
- Games for all ages
- Food



To see a full list of Mass times, ministry meetings, Faith Formation classes, please go to our website calendar at <https://www.stlukechurch.net/full-calendar>. For current volunteer opportunities, please go to <https://www.stlukechurch.net/volunteer>.

- Fri., Oct. 3** First Friday Adoration, 9:00 - 10:00 am, in the church
- Sat., Oct. 4** Blood Drive, 7:00 am - 12:00 pm, Lawyers Road Campus
Blessing of the Animals, 9:00 am, at the church pavilion
Fall Festival and Raffle Tickets on sale after Mass
- Sun., Oct. 5** Fall Festival and Raffle Tickets on sale after Masses
Respect Life Prayer Chain, 2:30 - 3:30 pm, on the sidewalk in front of the church
Pathways to Healing Prayer Vigil, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, at the church pavilion
Teens for Christ 6:00 - 8:00 pm, in the Narthex
- Sat., Oct. 11** St. Luke's Annual Fall Festival, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Lawyers Road Campus
- Sun., Oct. 12** Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, in the Narthex
- Mon., Oct. 13** Office closed for Columbus Day
Catholic Foundations, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Family Life Center on Lawyers Rd., open to all
- Fri., Oct. 17** Trunk or Treat, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, in the parking lot at the church
- Sat., Oct. 18** Welcome Social, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, in the Narthex
- Sun., Oct. 19** Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, in the Narthex
- Mon., Oct. 20** Catholic Foundations, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Family Life Center on Lawyers Rd., open to all
- Sun., Oct. 26** Holy Hour, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, in the church
Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, in the Narthex
- Sun., Oct. 27** Catholic Foundations, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Family life Center on Lawyers Rd., open to all

*"How can we expect our children to know and experience
the joy of giving unless we teach them
that the greater pleasure in life
lies in the art of giving rather than receiving."*

-James Cash Penney