

FAITH MATTERS



Members of the Hispanic Ministry prepared mouth-watering tacos, quesadillas, and nachos for attendees during the Fall Festival. Photo by Rob Leugers.

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Fall Festival Success

What a beautiful day for a festival! There was a crisp breeze in the air, but we still had over 960 parishioners and community members in attendance! Father Paul Gary kicked off the festival with a prayer, followed by Cynthia Leugers, who sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

To help make the festival a success, our generous parishioners donated their time, baked goods, silent auction items, gift cards, handmade crafts, and books. Over 100 parishioners volunteered at the festival with a substantial turnout by our teens - great job everyone!

The Hispanic Ministry and Knights of Columbus generously donated all of the food sold during the festival, resulting in a significant cost savings for the church.

Peter Gary, the pastor's brother, won the mountain house raffle, and the 50/50 raffle was shared by Cristiri Beyner, Mary Kate O'Reilly, and Bill Machold.

Unfortunately, the ticket for the fine dining raffle was unreadable, and we need help finding the winner! The winning ticket number is **4316782**. If we don't hear from the winner by November 7, another winner will be selected. Congratulations to the Fall Festival Committee for a terrific festival!



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All Souls Day

All Souls Day is on Sunday, November 2. During November, we remember and pray for all souls in purgatory. It is actually the third day of a triduum called *Allhallowtide*. Allhallowtide encompasses All Hallows' Eve on October 31 (Halloween), All Saints Day on November 1, and All Souls Day on November 2.

Catholics believe that when a baptized person dies, they go to purgatory for the purification of their venial sins. We know the living on earth can assist the purification process through prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to attain the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. The Church gives the name 'Purgatory' to this final purification...which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned."

Before we enter Heaven, Jesus said that we must "be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48; Revelation 3:2) So, continue to pray for your departed loved ones so that they may obtain perfection and ultimately go to Heaven.

At the entrances to the church, you will find envelopes for All Souls Day, where you can write the names of your deceased, and they will be placed on the altar during the month of November.



An 11-Day Pilgrimage to
ITALY
with Fr. Andrew Templeton

November 9-19, 2026

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Father Andrew Templeton
Parochial Vicar at St. Luke

ASK FATHER TEMPLETON

We asked children in our Faith Formation Program and youth group, Teens for Christ, to submit questions to Father Templeton about things they would like to know about him or about the Catholic religion in general. Father has kindly agreed to answer one or two questions each month in this newsletter. We will also post some of the questions on our social media pages on Monday nights, so be sure to follow us on **Facebook and Instagram @stlukesminthill**.

Q: What is your favorite song or hymn?

A: All of these are nostalgic for me. (We included links so you can listen to the songs on YouTube.)

Chant Piece: "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments" by Thomas Tallis (<https://tinyurl.com/T-ifye>)

Hymn: "O God Beyond all Praising" (<https://tinyurl.com/T-beyond>)

Praise Song: "In Christ Alone" by Kristian Stanfill (<https://tinyurl.com/yvwmpdpx>)

Indie Folk/Hip-Hop: "Morning Light" by Josh Garrels (<https://tinyurl.com/T-morn>)

Welcome Social

Below are a few photos from our Welcome Social for new parishioners held on October 18. *Photos by Catherine Zotto.*



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November

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>.

Sat., Nov. 1	All Saints' Day Mass, 9:00 am, not a Holy Day of Obligation
Sun., Nov. 2	All Souls' Day OCIA - Rite of Acceptance at the 9:00 am Mass <u>Teens for Christ</u> , 6:00 - 8:00 pm, in the Narthex
Mon., Nov. 3	<u>Catholic Foundations</u> , 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Family Life Center on Lawyers Rd., open to all
Fri., Nov. 7	First Friday Adoration, 9:00 - 10:00 am in the church
Sat., Nov. 8	Altar Server Training, 9:00 - 11:00 am in the church Flag Ceremony, 3:00 - 4:00 pm at the church pavilion
Sun., Nov. 9	Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, in the Narthex
Mon., Nov. 10	Catholic Foundations, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Family Life Center on Lawyers Rd., open to all
Tue., Nov. 11	Veterans Day; church office is closed
Sat., Nov. 15	Mission Cooperative Appeal Family Bonfire, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, church pavilion
Sun., Nov. 16	Mission Cooperative Appeal Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Narthex
Mon., Nov. 17	Catholic Foundations, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Family Life Center on Lawyers Rd., open to all
Sat., Nov. 22	Advent Retreat, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, registration required https://tinyurl.com/advent-25 Hispanic Advent Retreat, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, church
Sun., Nov. 23	Teens for Christ, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Narthex
Mon., Nov. 24	Catholic Foundations, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Family Life Center on Lawyers Rd., open to all
Wed., Nov. 26	Church office closed
Thurs., Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day; church office closed Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am
Fri., Nov. 28	Church office closed
Sat., Nov. 29	Angel Tree Tags on the tree in the Narthex
Sun., Nov. 30	First Sunday of Advent Angel Tree Tags on the tree in the Narthex

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