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St. Lambert Parish
Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord
October 15, 2017
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL
Website: www.StLambert.org

Sunday Masses: (5 pm Sat)
8am, 10am, 12pm

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am (Mon -Fri) 8am on Saturday

Confessions: Saturday at 8:30am

Pastor: Rev. Richard Simon

Rev. Know-it-all:
reverendknow-it-all.blogspot.com

Deacon: Mr. Chick O’Leary

Music Director:
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Baptisms: Third Sundays of the month at 1:30 pm. Baptismal Prep Class is the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the rectory. For guidelines and to register, email Debbie.

Weddings: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance.

For Online Giving:
www.givecentral.org

To Register as a Parishioner:
Go to stlambert.org under “About Us” or by phone.

Bulletin Guidelines:
Submissions should be received at the office 10 days preceding the date of bulletin publication. Submissions should be in electronic format and send to debbie.stlambert@aol.com.
Masses for the Week

Saturday, October 14
5:00 † Janet M. Bichl

Sunday, October 15
8:00 People of St Lambert
10:00 † Charles & Ellen Kelly and Thomas & Mary O’Knae
12:00 Michael Holden, health & well being

Monday, October 16
7:15 † Marie-Rose Claire Joseph

Tuesday, October 17
7:15 † Manuel Fuentes

Wednesday, October 18
7:15 Magdalena Nodleno

Thursday, October 19
7:15 † Ursala Blix

Friday, October 20
7:15 † Laurean Panaligan & Pauline Panaligan

Saturday, October 22
8:00 † Yolanda Fuentes
5:00 † Prudencio Abad

Sunday, October 23
8:00 People of St Lambert
10:00 † Theresa Kim
12:00 † Hector M. David

THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today’s first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us “RSVP” to God’s invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Sunday Offertory Collection

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Thank you for your continued support!
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As members of the Catholic Church, we are called to renew our commitment as missionary disciples on World Mission Sunday. Like *Renew My Church*, mission *ad gentes*, or proclaiming the Gospel to those who do not know Christ, reminds us that we have a responsibility to those outside our parish boundaries, our Archdiocese, and even our nation.

When we support our world missions together, we build bonds among each other, sustaining of life in Christ and we are transformed through service and solidarity as Christ's missionary disciples.

The World Mission Sunday collection, held on **October 21-22**, and executed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on behalf of Pope Francis, is a global effort to provide for 1,111 mission dioceses across four different continents. This weekend's collection supports those with the greatest needs and the missionaries who evangelize and accompany them through the Sacraments while providing pastoral care, education, basic health care, and safe housing.

Let this celebration of **World Mission Sunday** also be a day to honor the many ways we commit to missionary discipleship. God is persistent and generous with the call to go forth. I pray that every parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago uses World Mission Sunday as an opportunity to be renewed in our commitment to prayer, testimony of life, and the sharing of our gifts. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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**Calendar Raffle Winners**

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Winning raffle booklet numbers are put back in the hopper. Giving you more opportunities to win throughout the year!

**PRIZES:**
- $50 Monday-Saturday
- $100 Weekly Sunday (except 1st Sunday)
- $500 Every 1st Sunday of the Month
Continued from last week...

As I said before, now on to Jericho! But, one must ask, “which Jericho?” There about 20 Jerichos that stretch back 13,000 years. Throughout the Holy Land you will see hills. Some are just hills. But there are hills that are more than they appear. They’re called “tells” and they have a tale to tell. (Sorry. Couldn't resist the pun. I hate puns. They are downright punishing). “Tell” or “tel” is a Hebrew word that means hill. By the way, “Wad” is an Arabic word that means “gulch or ravine.” We pseudo-scholarly types delight in using words that no one really understands. It makes us look smart even when we are lapidarily dense. A Tell or Tell is really a colossal monument to poor sanitation. In the midst of prehistory when the first hunter gatherer cave persons settled down, they did so by springs or rivers or fields of barley. In fact the most recent theory is that farming and settled life emerged just when we discovered that last week’s barley soup fermented, developed bubbles and tasted good. Not to mention making one smile. They called it beer.

Wandering humanity settled in stable communities in order to grow and harvest barley so they could make more barley soup and stick around while it aged. Well, if you drink too much of last week’s barley soup, you tend to throw stuff out the window until the garbage just piles up and you have to either throw out the trash or build over it. In a male dominated society you can imagine what happened. Soon you were living on a hill and that convenient stream was down the hill and the water had to be schlepped up the hill. This was no problem. The carrying of water was the job of women. The job of men was to chase a pig around town, or to watch the other guys chasing the pig.

The problem with Jericho is that there are lots of Jerichos. Some even have walls that have fallen down. If you assume Ramses the Great was the pharaoh of the Exodus, then the Israelites would have entered the Holy Land around 1200BC. Tel Jericho (how’s that for scholarship?) was unoccupied at that time. The reason that we assume Ramses was the pharaoh of the Exodus is that 1) the Hebrew slaves built the city of Pi-Ramses and 2) Yul Brenner made such a great Ramses in the film “The Ten Commandments.” The Bible (1 Kings 6:1) places the Exodus 480 years before the building of Solomon’s Temple. That would mean Exodus happened around 1450 BC.

Manetho, the ancient Egyptian historian also favors a more ancient though more gradual exodus. Saying that Ramses built Pi-Ramses is like saying the English settled New York. Ramses and the English were fond of renaming things. The Dutch settled New York but called it New Amsterdam. Pi-Ramses existed long before Ramses. In the 1400's BC there was a Jericho up there on the tell, though not much of a town. Remember these are men telling the story and they probably also fished. No one ever catches a fish that got away that wasn't an aquatic monster. Enjoy Jericho. It really is the place where Israel entered the Holy Land and where Zacchaeus climbed the tree.

Next we arrive at the inn of the Good Samaritan. This is the place where the story of the Good Samaritan didn't happen. It was a parable. A story. It’s a great story. But it didn't happen. The locals will enthusiastically show you where it didn’t happen. On the road going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, there are the remains of a building that fits the parable very nicely.

In the 6th century, a monastery with pilgrim facilities was built on the site of what was may have been a travelers’ inn at or before the time of
Christ. The Crusaders built a fort on a nearby hill to secure the road for pilgrims. In 2009, Israel built a museum there. The remains of the monastery church were rebuilt with an altar but no Christian symbols. In my pseudo-scholarly opinion, the sites in Galilee are pretty good archaeology as is Bethlehem and the church of the Holy Sepulcher. These have good archaeology and good history behind them.

Next Jerusalem!!

Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed
Are you interested in helping seniors in your community? Catholic Charities partners with Meals on Wheels America to provide a noontime meal for those who are homebound or unable to prepare their own food due to physical or mental difficulties. Many of our Meals-on-Wheels clients see only one person per day—our volunteers. Many of them would be unable to live independently without home-delivered meals. Volunteers are needed throughout Lake County, but the need is greatest right now in Fox Lake, Wauconda, and Mundelein. This is a great role for a group or individual who has a few hours once a week or once a month. Substitute and seasonal volunteers are needed as well! For more information, please visit www.volunterbridge.com or contact Sue Fowler at (847) 782-4126 or sfowler@catholiccharities.net

Catholic Charities Congregate Meals for Seniors
All seniors over the age of 60 are invited to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship at Catholic Charities senior congregate dining sites located throughout Suburban Cook and Lake counties. Enjoy a hot, nutritionally balanced lunch while getting to know others and enjoying friendly games of bingo and Wii bowling, movies, and more! A donation for every meal is appreciated, but no qualifying senior is turned away due to their inability to donate. No senior goes hungry! For more information, contact a location near you:

Arlington Heights – (847) 797-5350
Lake County (8 sites) – (847) 782-4170

Come Join Us for our Autumn Seminar
“Caring by Preparing”

This presentation will change the way you view and plan for the future.

We’ll cover such topics as:
Wills & Trusts * Funeral Options * Medicaid Coverage for Nursing Home Care * Final Expenses * Preplanning * and Much More!

Featured Speakers:
Mr. Richard Witry, Attorney
Mr. John Haben, LFD & Owner Haben Funeral Home
Mr. Richard Kehoe Family Service Counselor, Haben Funeral Home

Monday, November 6
1:00pm & 7:00pm
Roberts Hall
(Enter from parking lot)

For planning purposes, please RSVP by calling 847.673.6111. Light refreshments and take home materials will be available.
‘There are not a hundred people in America who hate the Catholic Church. There are millions of people who hate what they wrongly believe to be the Catholic Church — which is, of course, quite a different thing.’ - Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Many myths about the Catholic Church and the origins of Christianity have been taught over the years. Mike Aquilina, Deacon Carl Sommer and Rod Bennett will examine those myths and offer responses rooted in the history of the Church and the writings of the Fathers of the Church.

Saturday, October 21, 2017
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Talks will be held in Trainor Hall (lower level of the church) suggested donation $10 per person

Please note that no lunch is provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own food or to plan on dining at one of the many options in the neighborhood.

For information contact Deacon Chick O’Leary at 773-775-6659
Jesus told Pharisees another parable, which was about a wedding feast the King prepared for his son. The King sent his servants to inform the guest of the wedding that the feast is ready. But the people invited to the wedding did not care about it and they just went away for their own work. Other invited people hurt the king's servants and killed them. The king was so enraged and destroyed those murderers and burned their cities. Then, the king ordered his servants to bring people from the streets, no matter if they were good or bad. The feast was eventually filled with guests. The king noticed a man who was not wearing wedding clothes, he asked this man why, but the man did not answer. The king ordered to tie this man up and throw him out of the feast. Then Jesus said, “Many are invited but few are chosen”.

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