



# Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

In addition to new signs by the road at Holy Cross // St. Luke, we have purchased 100 front license plates, and 100 bumper stickers, for parishioners to help advertise the location and Mass times for our Church. These are provided at no cost to you — but we are accepting donations designated toward our advertising efforts. I certainly hope someone will ask you what the symbol means, and I hope the following explanation will be easy enough to remember!

The Cross, the fish, and the Chi-Rho Alpha-Omega are among the oldest symbols used by Christians. Many assorted denominations of Christians use the Cross and the fish as symbols, but I have noticed the Chi-Rho Alpha-Omega in use only by Catholics. For this reason, I chose this symbol for our new church signs.

The Chi (X) and Rho (P) are the first two letters of “Christ” in Greek. In the ancient world, they were superimposed to signify “good”. In his day, the emperor Constantine used the Chi-Rho for his own name. Not long afterward, Bishop St. Ambrose of Milan adopted it for Christians - but added the Alpha (the first letter of the Greek alphabet) and Omega (the last letter of the Greek alphabet) to indicate that Christ is the beginning and the end.

At the Easter Vigil Mass, an Alpha and Omega are inscribed above and below a cross on the Easter Candle with the prayer “Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever. Amen.” Jesus, as the eternal Son, has been present since time, and He is the Word spoken by the Father to create all else — Christ is the beginning. All who come to the Father will be brought by Christ — He is the end.

Fr Jim Dubrouillet

**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 complete training prior to having a child baptized. Please call the parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor.

**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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## This Week in Our Parish

Sun	3/18	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM	Mass + <i>Patricia Bida</i> Eucharistic Adoration Confirmation Class CWO Mtg. Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b>
Mon	3/19	12:15 PM	Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> + <i>James Moran</i>
Tue	3/20	7 PM	RCIA
Wed	3/21	12:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> <i>Ellen Bennett</i> Religious Education (grades 1-6) Adult Bible Study
Thu	3/22	9 AM 12:15 PM	Catholic Outreach <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass + <i>Josephine Taylor</i>
Fri	3/23	12:15 PM 4:30-6 PM 6:30 PM	Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> <i>Joyce Griffin</i> Confessions <b>@Holy Cross</b> Stations of Cross/Meal <b>@Holy Cross</b>
Sat	3/24	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass + <i>Joseph &amp; Cecilia Dworak</i>
Sun	3/25	9 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass Jr. High Youth Mtg. Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> + <i>Richard Lavalley</i>

### Readings for Week of March 19

<b>Mon</b>	2Sm 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24A
<b>Tue</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wed</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thu</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Fri</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Sat</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sun</b>	Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

### Stewardship Report

March 10-11    \$3,414  
Online Giving    \$785

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

### Confirmation Class

The next class will be held on  
**Sunday, March 18** after  
Mass in Annunciation Hall.



**Holy Thursday Garden:** Help us turn Annunciation Hall into a reminder of the garden of Gethsemane. If you have artificial trees or shrubs that you can loan to the parish, please call the office.

**40 Days for Life:** It is not too late to participate in *40 Days for Life*. The hope is to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. **Closing Celebration** – Saturday, March 24, 9:30 am – 10:30 am, public right-of way, Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road.

**St. Luke Parish Square Dance:** Save the date, Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> after Mass in Annunciation Hall. Fun for all ages, light food available.

**How can I support Catholic Outreach Ministry?** Support the Church financially. 3% of stewardship donations are designated for the Outreach ministry. Bring unexpired food and place in baskets in vestibule. Volunteer your time at Outreach (they are open on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at Holy Cross. If you donate items to Miracle Hill, please mention that you are a member of St. Luke Catholic Church. They will mail gift certificates to St. Luke for use in their store that we will have available for those who go to Outreach for help. Donate funds directly to Outreach by placing cash or check in the poor box in the vestibule. Please make checks payable to St. Luke with 'Catholic Outreach' in the memo line. These donations will be included in your annual tax letter.

### Capital Campaign/Construction Cost Update as of 3/6/2018

From Long Term Savings	\$550,000
Interest Income Savings	\$ 46,999
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$552,387</u>
Raised to date:	\$1,149,386

Building Costs	\$1,238,471
<u>Loan Interest</u>	<u>\$ 10,703</u>
Total Cost to date	\$1,249,174

Need to raise	\$ 99,787
<u>Pledges</u>	<u>\$ 65,897</u>
Unpledged Needs	\$ 33,890



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