



# Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

November 5, 2017

*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Parishioners,

October 31, 1517, Fr. Martin Luther — a priest in the order of St. Augustine — posted 95 “theses”. This was the common way for scholars to advertise that they wanted to take part in an open discussion of a topic, or 95, in order to better understand the truth. Sure enough, there was rampant corruption in the Church of the day — more obviously than at most other times in history. The Church was in need of reform, and very soon God blessed the Church with true saints who led the effort. The doctrinal questions raised by Fr. Luther were answered very soon by faithful Catholic scholars, but Fr. Luther did not agree with their reasons, even though their reasoning was, and remains, sound. Most sadly, the actions of Fr. Luther — and many others who followed his example — divided the Church at a most unfortunate time in history.

I encourage you to use our parish “formed.org” account to learn about Fr. Martin Luther, the effects of his actions, and the Catholic saints who helped heal the Church. Ken Hensley's audio program “Understanding Luther” is a summary of Luther’s later life. Dr. Christopher Blum's audio program “The Reformation: a Tragedy in Five Acts” introduces us to some of the cultural effects of Luther on literature, art, and science. Dr. Tim Gray’s audio program “Heroes of the Catholic Reformation” introduces just four of the saints who helped the Church change.

One of the main disagreements between Catholics and most non-Catholic Christians is Purgatory. Formed.org has an audio program by Dr. Scott Hahn “Answering Common Objections: Purgatory”. The Symbolon program is a complete video introduction to the faith. “Session 10: The Last Things” gives a good overview of the Catholic Church’s teaching on Death, Judgement, Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell. Every Catholic should be able to give a reasoned explanation of the basics of our faith — and these presentations will help sharpen your readiness.

There are many fine other programs available on formed.org — audio programs, videos, books, courses, movies.... These specials marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation may not be online for long. Let’s take advantage of the availability!

Fr. Jim

***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 attend a training class prior to having a child baptized. Please call the parish office to schedule the training.

***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	11/5	9 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass <i>Intentions of Richard Pavlick</i> Senior High Youth Mtg. Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b>
Mon	11/6	12:15 PM	Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> <i>Sacred Heart Prayer Group</i>
Tue	11/7	7 PM	RCIA
Wed	11/8	12:15 PM	Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> <i>Kim Jong Un</i>
Thu	11/9	9 AM 12:15 PM	Catholic Outreach <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass + <i>Jennifer Brown Newton</i>
Fri	11/10	12:15 PM 12:45 PM	Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> <i>Lydia Noelle Alexander</i> Eucharistic Adoration <b>@Holy Cross</b>
Sat	11/11	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b> Mass <i>Deceased members of Moll Family</i>
Sun	11/12	9 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM	Mass Jr. High Youth Mtg. Sr. High Youth Field Trip (forms required) Mass <b>@Holy Cross</b>

### Stewardship Report

Oct 28-29	\$2,369
Online Giving	\$1,560

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

### Readings for Week of November 6

<b>Mon</b>	Rom 11:298-36; Lk 14:12-14
<b>Tue</b>	Rom 12:5-16AB; Lk 14:15-24
<b>Wed</b>	Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thu</b>	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1Cor 3:9C-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
<b>Fri</b>	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
<b>Sat</b>	Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Lk 16:9-15
<b>Sun</b>	Wis 6:12-16; 1Thes4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

**THANKSGIVING DINNER BOXES:** Help Catholic Outreach provide Thanksgiving meals by donating funds and we will do the work for you! If you haven't already, please use the envelope with the turkey for your donation. Please do not buy turkeys. We will buy them at just the right time. Feel free to buy these items and put them in the basket on the outreach cart: chicken broth, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup, green beans, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, sweet potatoes, turkey gravy. Please be sure to bring donations to the church by November 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much from everyone at Outreach.

**Thank you** to all who participated in the blood drive last weekend! Twenty-three complete units were collected. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

**Byzantine Greek Catholic Liturgy:** On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM, a Divine Liturgy (Mass) in the Byzantine Rite, in English, will be celebrated at St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church, 1215 S. Highway 14, Greer, SC. Fr. Joseph Matlak, administrator of St. Basil the Great Mission in Charlotte, NC, will celebrate the Liturgy. Join us for prayer and fellowship afterwards!

**Heart to Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry** will have its monthly meeting a week early due to Thanksgiving. They will meet on Wednesday, November 15 from 10 AM-1 PM. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

#### Friendly Reminders:

**Have you registered with the parish?** If not, don't delay! Register online through the parish website, [www.holycrossstluke.org](http://www.holycrossstluke.org) using the 'My Own Church' button or request a form from the office. If you are using 'My Own Church' please be sure to go back into your account after the password is issued and add all family members! Please call or email the office if you'd like to receive offertory envelopes.

**Please don't forget** to notify the parish office if you have a change of address, phone number, or email address. If you have a My Own Church account you can make these changes yourself!

**Going out of town?** To find a church near your favorite vacation spot or business travels, check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org). Online Giving is a great way to keep your stewardship gifts current while you are away! To sign up, click the QR code below or visit our website and click the Online Giving link.



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