

## DECREE BESTOWING UPON A NEW PARISH THE PATRONAGE OF SAINT LUCY

In accordance with the norms of canons 121 and 515 of the Code of Canon Law, I, the Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Metropolitan Archbishop of Saint Louis, erected a new and unique territorial Parish on May 28, 2023, through a true and proper fusion of the former Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Saint Mary Magdalen Parish, and Saint Joan of Arc Parish, all in Saint Louis, Missouri.

After having consulted the pastor who received the counsel of the members of the new Parish for its proper name, I hereby decree that this Parish is henceforth known as **Saint Lucy Parish** in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Lucy (c. 283-304) was born in Syracuse and raised in the Christian faith. Her father was of Roman origin and died when she was five years old, for which reason she was subsequently brought up by her mother, Eutychia. Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God and hoped to give her dowry to the poor. Her mother, who was suffering from a serious illness, was unaware of the vow that Lucy had made to God and arranged for her to be married to a young man of a wealthy pagan family. When he learned of the vow that Lucy had made, he denounced her as a Christian to the Prefect, Paschasius, who ultimately had her put to death for her belief in Christ.

His Holiness Pope Francis reminds us that “Lucy tells us that life is made to be given. She lived this out in the supreme form of martyrdom, but the value of *the gift of self* is universal; it is the secret to true happiness. Man does not become completely fulfilled by having or by doing. One is fulfilled by loving, *i.e.*, by giving of oneself. And this can also be understood as the secret of the name ‘Lucy’: a person is ‘full of light’ to the extent that he or she is a gift to others” (Address to the National Council of the Italian Union of Blind and Sight-Impaired Persons, December 13, 2014). The feast day of Saint Lucy is celebrated as a titular solemnity in this Parish on December 13.

In accordance with the norms of canon 535 §§1, 3-4, Saint Lucy Parish is to have parochial registers, that is, those of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and deaths; its own seal; and a storage area, or archive, in which the parochial registers are protected along with letters of bishops and other documents which are to be preserved.

The titles of the former parish churches of Saint Lucy Parish cannot be changed given that they were consecrated or dedicated (canon 1218).

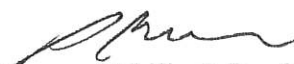
This Decree is effective December 1, 2024. Its official notification is its publication on the website of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis on December 1, 2024.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given in the offices of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, this twenty-fifth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, 2024.



Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of Saint Louis



Very Reverend Philip J. Bené, J.C.D.  
Notary

