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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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**Weekend**

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**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am

Saturday—9:00am

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Sun.—Sat. 5:00 am to 9:00 pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fri 9:00 am—9:00 pm

**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation**

1/2 hour before Daily Mass Tues-Sat

Before weekend Masses:

Sat.- 4:15 PM; Sun.— 7:15 & 9:15 AM

And by appointment

**Baptisms/Baptism Prep Classes**

Prep class required before each baptism, please call parish office to make arrangements.

**Weddings**

Contact the parish office one year prior to your requested wedding date.

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# PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

2021 has not proven to be any magical change. I received a text from a dear friend informing me of what was happening at our nation's capital on January 6th. The violence that we all witnessed on our TV or computer screen is not the answer. It was horrifying to hear chants of hanging our current Vice President (my understanding is that a make-shift gallows was even constructed). What would have happened if this violence was not stopped when it was? How many more would have died? Five people died that day at our nation's capital. And at this writing there are concerns that there will be more violence. This is not the nation I love. I am not going to say who is responsible, that is not my role. I do know that if this nation is going to heal, we need to stop the violence.

There has been a LOT of name calling, on both sides, a LOT of yelling and screaming, on both sides. Do we really need any more divisions in our nation? Our nation is in need of a LOT of prayer and healing right now. I have been praying that the Lord will place his hand on our nation, and give us His peace and healing. We need to put God first in our lives, not some political leader.

This last year I have been deeply saddened by how divided our nation has become, from the division with the current pandemic, to the whole election cycle this past year. Families have been divided. Friendships have been lost. Sometimes this happens simply because people do not agree with one another. I was asked on Facebook, "What do you think Jesus thinks about the events of our time?" I have spent time pondering that. The image that keeps coming to mind is of Jesus crying over us. He loves us so much and I believe he feels the pain many of us are going through. Can we be instruments of love and peace in our world?

When the Lord called Samuel, he first does not understand. He thinks it is Eli who is calling him. It even takes a few times for Eli to realize that it is the Lord who is calling Samuel. The response Eli gives to Samuel is a great way for us to start out our personal prayer time. Eli tells Samuel, if you are called again say "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Often we can get so busy speaking that we fail to listen for the Lord to speak to us. Try to find some time for quiet time alone with the Lord. Simply pray, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening!" Sit in the silence and listen.

Peace and Blessings on all of you and on our nation,  
Fr. Backer

**Archdiocesan Synod: Faith and Culture Series** January 21 – February 9, Four sessions 7-8:30 p.m., Virtual Event; Link Sent to Registrants. Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church. Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion. Registration is required to participate live. Find topics, dates and registration at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).

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*The Church of St. Luke is a Catholic Community, centered in Christ through baptism and formed by the Eucharist.  
We strive to always be a community where every heart is touched by our Christian fellowship.*

## Faith and Family

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concluded the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel of John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist. We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly during Mass. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is Jesus' first encounter with his first disciples. It is the beginning of the second half of human history – an important occasion. Surely the evangelist is describing every detail with care, most especially the very first words that Jesus speaks in this Gospel. He asks his future Apostles a simple question: "What do you want?" What do you seek? What are you hoping for? It is still one of Christ's favorite questions. Jesus already knows the deepest desires of every heart, but many people never take the time to reflect on their deepest desires. Jesus poses the question in order to spur that kind of reflection. Unless we take time to examine ourselves and our lives, we can easily end up looking for meaning and happiness in the wrong place, mindlessly latching onto every passing fancy and popular guru, bouncing from fashion to fad, never drinking of the living water that only he can give. Take some time to meditate on the following:

*Where do you live, Lord?* I want to find you and stay with you. You are the creator of the mountains, the ocean, the clouds and the stars. You are the wisdom that gives order to the universe. You are the spark of light that gives man a knowing mind and a loving heart. You are the source and goal of all things. And you have come to live in my heart. You are mine, and I am yours. Let me stay with you...

*I need a Teacher, Lord,* and I choose to sit at your feet and listen to you. Sometimes I find myself yearning so much to understand things, to have true wisdom that I am almost in pain. You made me with a need for truth. You are the Truth. Speak to my heart, Lord. Send your Spirit to teach and guide me. Never take your eyes off of me...

*What do I want?* I want so many things! I want happiness, Lord. I want happiness for myself, and for those around me. Fulfillment, meaning, satisfaction. I want my life to bear the fruit you created it to bear. I want to look into your eyes and see you smile on the day you call me home to eternity, and hear you say, "Well done, good and faithful servant..."

(adapted from Sunday Connection and The Better Part)

**The Bible in a year?** This New Podcast from Fr. Mike Schmitz from Duluth has become the #1 App in the world! The Bible in a Year has started, but you can still sign up! Father Mike Schmitz is reading through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing insights, commentary, and reflection along the way. Let's delve into God's word by signing up and listening. Learn more and get the reading plan at [ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear](http://ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear) or text CATHOLICBIBLE to 33-777.

## Baptism

Attendance at a one hour Baptismal Preparation Program is **required** and parish registration is expected. Please call the parish office a minimum of 2 months prior to your desired date for baptism to register for the Baptismal Preparation classes.

## Weddings

Contact the parish office *one year prior* to your requested wedding date and set up an appointment with Father Backer Marriage Preparation classes and a retreat are required.

**2021 Archdiocesan Newly Married Retreat** – Talking with Purpose will be held on Saturday, February 6 from 9:00am-2:30pm Live via Zoom (Link Sent to Registrants) You can register on line at <http://livinginlove.org/newly-married/>. This is a day for all couples married 0-7 years. This year's focus is Communication in Marriage. Speakers Brad and Libby DuPont will present, "Every Day in Love." Cost is \$20 per couple and includes a printable guidebook. Registration deadline is February 1. Register today.

**Retrouvaille Weekend** for couples struggling in their marriage. For more information call 320-255-5314 or go to <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/> to find the next weekend retreat.

**Marriage Encounter:** A weekend get away to help great marriages get even better. For more information call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or go to <http://www.wvme.org/>.

**Beginning Experience (B.E.)** is a Catholic based weekend program for adults grieving the loss of a relationship due to separation, death or divorce. Call (888) 565-0178 for more information.



**March for Life State Capitol January 22** Due to COVID restrictions there will be no bus transportation from St. Luke's to the Cathedral prayer service and rally.

**Prayer Service for Life Friday, January 22, 10:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul and via live stream. Please join us for this prayer service to commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. Limited seating will be available, and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. The prayer service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page: [facebook.com/cathedralsaintpaul](https://facebook.com/cathedralsaintpaul).

**March for Life Youth & Family Conference** Friday, January 22. High school and college students are invited to this day of prayer, inspiration, pro-life education and advocacy for the pre-born. Families are welcome and may register as a group at [archspm.org/marchforlife](http://archspm.org/marchforlife). Cost is \$10 per person; please bring your own bagged lunch. Watch for more details to come!

**Natural Family Planning (NFP)** Classes teach couples the Church approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit [www.archspm.org/family](http://www.archspm.org/family) or call 651-291-4489.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"We, the community of St. Luke, come together to worship with joy and unity, to guide our children in faith, to show compassion and love towards others, and to work together as a parish family, so that we may be instrumental in building a meaningful and everlasting community to God by sharing our time and talents and following our Lord Jesus Christ."*

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, January 19th

8:00 am Anthony Kantor

Wednesday, January 20th

8:00 am John & Rita McCooley

Thursday, January 21st

8:00 am †Ed Corrigan

Friday, January 22nd

8:00 am †Dennis Hilsgen

Saturday, January 23rd

9:00 am †Fr. Patrick Griffen

Saturday, January 23rd

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, January 24th

8:00 am †Ed & Berniece Clement

10:00 am Todd Fussy & Joe Rand

## Minister's Schedule For January 23rd & 24th

The Ministry Heads will be  
contacting volunteers to minister.

### Mass Options

If You are Staying Home During the Pandemic

Church of St Luke FaceBook Page 10:00am Sundays

EWTN at 11:00am Sundays. 7:00am Daily Mass

Check website for other Mass times too.

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv>

Catholic TV catholicTV.org

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>

Televised Mass: Diocese of St. Cloud: Sundays, 11 a.m. on  
KSTC-TV/45

Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sunday, Noon on Fox 9+

### *Spiritual Communion*

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things  
and I desire you with all my heart.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself to you completely.

Please do not let me ever be separated from you.”

Whereas patience is the mother of expectation, it is expectation itself that brings new joy to our lives. Jesus not only made us look at our pains, but also beyond them. “You are sad now, but I shall see you again and your hearts will be full of joy.” A man or woman without hope in the future cannot live creatively in the present. The paradox of expectation indeed is that those who believe in tomorrow can better live today, that those who expect joy to come out of sadness can discover the beginnings of a new life in the center of the old, that those who look forward to the returning Lord can discover him already in their midst.

– Henri Nouwen

The Temperament God Gave You Cana Groups - Attention moms of young children: YOU are invited to The Temperament God Gave You Group! Do you sometimes think that your husband's and children's behavior make no sense? You're not alone! Come learn how understanding temperaments helps us to become a better spouse and parent. Discover how it equips us to more effectively encourage, motivate, and strengthen our family. Join a group to renew yourself so every moment spent with your husband and children counts. Invite your friends! Visit [canafamilyinstitute.com/programs/temperament](http://canafamilyinstitute.com/programs/temperament) to join a group today! Questions? Contact [cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com](mailto:cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com).

**Virtual Ascend Conference** January 21-23, online This conference for young adults will take you on a deep dive into what it means to be "created for worship." It is our hope that these three nights of high-powered keynotes, convicting exhortation, live whole-hearted worship, and our very own "Ascend Show" will open your heart to a new and profound experience of your identity in Christ. Special Guests Father Mike Schmitz, Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Dan Keating. Register at [ascendspo.org](http://ascendspo.org).

**Formed Pick Of the Week:** Our parish has a FORMED subscription. This week, as we contemplate Jesus' baptism, dive into the mystery of the sacrament of Baptism! Through the Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your baptism. Check out Formed! There is so much for all ages to help us grow in our faith. Sign up for FREE at [Formed.org/signup](http://Formed.org/signup).

**KCs neighbors helping neighbors!** "Leave No Neighbor Behind". During this pandemic our local KC Council wants to ensure our parish community is healthy, safe, and cared for. If you or anybody you know can use a helping hand with small projects please contact us. We have a support team of Knights prepared to act, support or help whatever way we can. Contact Ron Shatek at 715-279-1844 or Brad at 612-221-0932.

#### Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/  
Mk 1:14-2

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### St. Luke's Calendar

Wednesday, January 20

6:45 pm—Faith Formation

Friday, January 22

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

#### **Registration**

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