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Second Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Sat. 5:00 pm; Sun. 8:00 & 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am

Saturday—9:00am

Chapel Hours

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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How has your Lenten journey been going? Last weekend I preached about the importance of first recognizing our own sinfulness and then moving forward and away from it. One of those important steps is asking the Lord for the help we need. As much as we can feel alone in this world, the Lord is walking with us and will strengthen us for each battle we need to fight.

I have found a couple of the Lenten materials I have been using can really help me see a different side. I can sit and reflect on a reading from the Bible (maybe a reading from the Mass that day). However, if I read someone else's reflection on that same reading, it can give me a different or new perspective. It does not mean that they were right and I was wrong, it just means they spoke to us in different ways. If you read the readings for the upcoming weekend, think about what you would say if you had to preach on that reading. Again, it does not mean if I preach about something else that you are wrong, it simply means that it spoke to us differently. Often times I need to narrow things down, when I see 3 or 4 things I could focus on. Every now and then it is only one thing coming to my mind. The hard one is when it is not clear. If you are reflecting on the readings before the weekend, it can be kind of neat to end up hearing me preach on what you were thinking about. It also does greatly help you prepare for Mass.

Maybe for Lent you are reflecting with someone else on the readings. Some good foundational questions to be asking are.... "Who is speaking?" Is it Jesus telling a parable? Is it a conversation between a few people? Who are they? Is it a statement or a question? To answer some of these, you may need to read what comes before that reading. "Who is there?" Is it just Jesus and the disciples? Is there a crowd listening? Is what is being said meant for everyone or just for a few? "Where is it?" Is this Jesus teaching in the temple? Walking in the middle of nowhere? or on or near water? "Do or don't do?" Are we being reminded to do something or are we being told not to do something?

By asking questions like this, it is not that we are questioning the word of God, just that we are trying to get a deeper understanding of Sacred Scripture. Seeking greater understanding can often help us see what is happening or what is being said. It can help us grow.

We often times can miss what the Lord may want us to see in our life, simply because we are going too fast. We have a go go go mentality in our world. Lent is a great time to make sure we are taking time to slow down and spend time with the Lord. To pray, to reflect, even just to sit in His presence.

My prayer is that you will grow in your faith this Lent. And that we will all continue to look for the Lord in each moment of our day. Walking with us. Loving us.

Fr Backer

Lent Fasting and Abstinence

As Catholics we adhere to the Church regulations of fasting and abstinence:

Abstaining from meat: Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Abstaining from eating meat is in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday.

Fasting Ash Wednesday & Good Friday: Every person between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. What this means is that a person is permitted to eat one full meal on these days. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but together they are not to equal that of a full meal.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FAMILY: Synod at Home: Tips and Tools for Growing in Faith! In the Synod process, the Church is taking time to listen to one another, pray, and discuss in order to determine priorities. These steps are important for every household, too, that wants to thrive. The Synod at Home series takes helpful videos, tips and tools for growing in faith, and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun. Individuals, couples and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home. **New sessions posted**

INVITATION TO DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS: This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray of the Augustine Institute by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Sign up today for free by visiting formed.org/lent!

Reconciliation: God is rich in mercy and he extends His mercy with abundance over those who turn to Him with a sincere heart. The parish communal penance will be on Tuesday March 2nd from 7:00-9:00pm. There will be 3-4 priests here for the sacrament of reconciliation. There will also be several priests available for confession on Monday March 29th beginning at 6:00pm. Come and receive the merciful love of our Lord and prepare your hearts for Easter. Also, if those times don't work for you, confession opportunities are 45 minutes prior to all weekend and daily Masses.

Faith and Family

Today we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John. Here is a reflection on this particular gospel reading taken from a Lenten guide “40 day to Peace and Union with God.” Reflect: At times, God grants us exceptional clarity, joy, and satisfaction along our path of Christian discipleship. He does so because he knows that we need foretastes of the happiness he has in store for us if we are to endure the crosses that mark our way. But sometimes, like spoiled children, we hold on to those good feelings as if they were God himself. We echo Peter’s petition: “Lord, it is good for us to be here! Let’s just put up some tents and never leave!” But earth is not heaven, and God loves us too much to let us settle for anything less than the fullness of his friendship. And so, he leads us down from our high mountains and walks with us to Calvary, where he teaches us to love him and not just his gifts, to give of ourselves, and to store up our treasure in heaven. **Respond:** Why do I take you for granted? You are too patient with me. Maybe I need a dramatic, Transfiguration-type experience to wake me up. I believe in you, Lord. I believe that you are the Eternal king, the Lord, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. And I believe that you—the same Lord, God, and Savior—are really and truly present in the Eucharist... I want to keep listening to you, Lord... Please speak to my heart. Help me to know what you would have me say and do in each moment, in each relationship of my life. Make me like you, so that the right thing, the true thing, the fruitful thing is my natural preference in every situation. Thy will be done, Lord, in every corner of my life... You promise crosses, but you also promise resurrection. Get me ready for my crosses, because I want to experience the new life you won for me through your Resurrection. Teach me to die to everything that is selfish and petty, so that your grace and your life can flow through me and spread your kingdom among everyone around me... If you enjoyed this meditation you can access the entire booklet free at rcspirituality.org.

NET Virtual Retreat : Thursday, March 11, 6-9 p.m., virtual event. Open to teens in grades 8-12 from around the country, this retreat will focus on the person of Jesus for the main large group presentation and is appropriate for teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for confirmed teens who are interested in a retreat experience. Each teen will need their own device and will receive a link via email to the retreat. Register at netusa.org/confirmation. The retreat is 3 hours and costs \$17 per teen.

40 days to Peace and Union with God: Daily mental prayer through “The Better Part” What does God have in store for you this Lent? Is he asking you to go deeper in prayer? Perhaps to commit to daily meditation? Or maybe He is asking you to grow closer even in the midst of ever-changing circumstances around you. This year, you can receive a daily email with a reflection from Fr. John Bartunek’s best seller “The Better Part” to help you grow closer to Him and discover peace in your life. Go to: <https://rcspirituality.org/lent> to sign up. You will receive daily emails along with a free printable download.

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.

THE SEARCH: You’re invited to join Chris Stefanick and Bishops from around the country for a seven-week Lenten retreat using *The Search*. We will be exploring the major questions of life, like: **Why am I here? What is the life I was made for? Is there a God? Does He even care about me?** No need to purchase “The Search” because you have access to it through our parish’s Formed subscription. Join us each week during Lent for a live show on ReallifeCatholic.com, where Chris will be discussing how to successfully utilize *The Search* to IGNITE RENEWAL in the Church through small groups. Go to the link below to get notified each week when the show is live and join us for what could be your **most meaningful Lent ever!** Sign up today at

Catholic Services Appeal 2021: Together in Hope The CSAF’s “Together in Hope” 2021 has begun! *What better time to share the love of Christ with neighbors in need?* To learn more about all 20 Designated Ministries of the CSAF, visit csafspm.org and check out the “Whom You Help” pages. With Lent beginning this week, please consider committing to help those most in need via a donation to GiveCSAF.org as part of your Lenten almsgiving. Thank you from the hundreds of thousands of ministry recipients of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation!

Heart to Heart: Exploring Women’s Vocations Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m., virtual event Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life to join us for this virtual event! Come for an evening of prayer and conversation with Archbishop and consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies and tips on discernment. Find more information and register at 10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

Deacon Discernment Day: Tuesday, March 30, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Saint Paul Seminary. A day set apart for men and their wives, if applicable, to learn more about the permanent diaconate vocation in this archdiocese. The day begins with Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer with current candidates in formation followed by four presentations, including lunch, and concludes with a 4 p.m. Vigil Mass with the Saint Paul Seminary Rector, Fr. Joseph Taphorn. Questions? Contact Deacon Bob Bisciglia at bobbisciglia@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-5782. Registration required (no cost) at semssp.org/idf.

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, March 2nd

8:00 am † Kenneth Albers

Wednesday, March 3rd

8:00 am † Larry and Sharon Joswiak

Thursday, March 4th

8:00 am Ron Shatek

Friday, March 5th

8:00 am † Dennis Hilsgen

Saturday, March 6th

9:00 am Chris & Taylor Johnson & baby

Saturday, March 6th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, March 7th

8:00 am † Albert Notch

10:00 am † Pat Klocker

Minister's Schedule For March 6th & 7th

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.”

A Lenten Journey with Mother Teresa: This Lent we are excited to announce a FORMED Now book discussion on *I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa*. Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Daniel Moloney will explore the gospel-based spirituality found in this book to help your reading of the text be more fruitful this holy season. *I Thirst* provides an opportunity to spend a few minutes every day with Mother Teresa. Take up the invitation to grow in intimacy with the Lord as you reflect on her teaching about God's thirst for us with our own thirst for him. Go to Formed.org to sign up .

Stations of the Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross on all Friday evenings in lent beginning at 7:00pm and on Good Friday at 3:00pm. All are invited to attend and walk the passion with our Lord.



The church family of St. Lukes would like to express our sympathy to Laura Johnson & family as Laura's father passed away.

FREE STORE Annandale The Free Store in Annandale is in need of gently used or new blankets, sheets, and towels. All sizes are needed. A box for these items will be in St. Luke's entryway, next to the food shelf container. Thank you for your help.
God bless, Marlene Imholte, Free Store Manager

KC's Food Drive Our local council will again be collecting food for the Local Food Shelf, through March 21st. The theme this year is "A Can a Day for 40 Days". Cash donations will also be accepted; put in a plain envelope marked "KC Food Shelf" and put in the collection basket. There will be a collection box in the Church entryway for the food. Thank you for your support!

KC's Neighbors Helping Neighbors Our local KC Council wants to ensure our parish community is healthy, safe and cared for. Do you need a ride to an appointment, something picked up or delivered, small tasks done around the home or yard? Any small deeds are welcome requests. Our program of Knights helping Neighbors has a support team ready to help in whatever way we can. We are up to the challenge. Just contact Ron Shatek, 715-279-1844, or Brad at 612-221-0932.

Fish Fry - drive-thru: The Knights of Columbus Council of St. Luke's will be holding a drive-thru Fish Fry on Friday's March 5th and March 19th. Hours for drive-thru will be 5:00pm until 7:30pm both evenings Dinner includes Fried Fish, Cheesy Hash-browns, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll and a Cookie. Cost is \$10.00 for adults (13 yrs. & older) and \$5.00 for children (12 yrs. and under). Cash, check, credit card and debit cards accepted. Thank you for your support!

Readings for the week of February 28th, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday March 2nd
 7:00 pm Parish Reconciliation
Wednesday, March 3rd
 6:45 pm Faith Formation
Friday, March 5th
 9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

****A Reminder:**
 Rosary is said 1/2 hour before every week day mass.





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