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Pentecost Sunday - May 23, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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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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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear St. Luke's Parish Family,

I want to highlight for you some of the changes you will be seeing next week here at St. Luke's. To start with, a couple of things that are not yet changing (as of this writing). "The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be suspended." This is a direct quote from the Archdiocesan Covid update document. The MN Bishops have been talking together about reinstating the requirement and have not yet decided the "when". The other thing that was a surprise to me is that they are not yet giving us permission to return Holy Water to the fonts; however, I do believe this will happen soon.

May 28th is the first BIG day of changes:

1) As I stated, on May 28th the **Blue Tape** will be going away. The side sections will not be roped off, leaving space for those who would still like to keep some distance. However, we will no longer be under social distancing restrictions.

2) Communion Distribution

"After May 28, distribution of Holy Communion to the assembly is no longer to be deferred to after Mass; it is to occur after the clergy have received, before the Prayer After Communion. Moreover, parishes that are no longer roping off every other pew should distribute Communion in familiar Communion lines as was done prior to the pandemic. It is recommended that ministers sanitize hands before and after distributing, but communicants are not required to sanitize before receiving. Ministers and/or recipients may still wear masks if desired." When we first came out of lockdown, we were instructed to distribute Communion after the Mass. A little time ago, we were given permission to move back to the normal time. I chose not to do so at that time. However, now the directive is to return to the pre-Covid practice. Receiving the Blood of Christ is still not allowed.

3) Confessions

For the past year I have been hearing confessions in my office. This has allowed for social distancing and protection of the seal of the confessional. "With the removal of social distance and facemask restrictions, it no longer seems necessary to relocate confessions to a wide-open space. Pastors are encouraged to resume celebrating individual confessions (Form I) in the confessional". So as of May 28th I will be returning to my confessional before the Masses. Please remember, if the light above the door is on, I am in the confessional. If the door is closed, someone is in confession, please wait for them to leave. If the door is open, that means no one is currently in confession and you may come in and close the door. (It is always embarrassing for the person opening the door and the one in confession if we're not observant.) When leaving, please leave the door open for the next person. If someone closes the door when they leave I will get up and open it a little. Having been over a year, I thought it would be good to review.

July 1st Changes:

1) "After July 1, parishes may resume passing the basket (though it is safer to use long-handled collection baskets) and gifts may be brought forward with bread and wine at the Preparation of the Altar."

NOTE: it does state 'may' since this is still over a month away, if COVID numbers continue to go down, we will likely be able to simply return to our normal routine. I am not yet making that call.

2) "**Sign of Peace** and other physical contact. Because the coronavirus spreads mostly through respiration, hand-to-hand touch is less risky, especially during this phase of pandemic sunseting. After July 1, persons from different households may exchange the Sign of Peace with a handshake or other touch. However, this should not be forced upon those uncomfortable with physical contact." Again, note the 'may'. I know some of you have already been giving the sign of peace to your families or even gesturing to those around you. That may be just where you are at. So on July 1st I will start stating the invitation to "offer one another a sign of Christ's peace". Yet, as I said in last week's bulletin, please respect those who may not yet be comfortable.

In the next few months, I will try and keep you updated on the most current information I receive. I also would like to review more things that we are going back to that may not be in the liturgy and how they are working.

Blessings,

Fr. Backer

Holy Spirit Academy is seeking a full-time Administrative Director for the 2021-22 school year. This position is the main front office and professional support to the Headmaster, helping manage hospitality, recruitment, clerical work, and school events to ensure a safe and professionally managed learning environment. The ideal candidate will be a friendly, organized, and energetic team-player with a deep commitment to the mission of Catholic education. Clerical experience and competency with Microsoft Office are necessary. This is a salaried, yearly, full-time position opening in the Spring of 2021. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Please contact Headmaster Andrew M. Lang with inquiries at alang@holyspiritacademy.org or 763-220-2402.

V I S I O N S T A T E M E N T

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

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Holy Spirit is alive and among us today as well. Come Holy Spirit, come into our lives and fill the hearts of your faithful. Jesus promised us in Scripture that he would not leave us but would send us an Advocate. An advocate is a person who pleads for or on behalf of another, an intercessor. Christ's promise to the Apostles was that he needed to ascend to heaven but would not leave them alone. This same Advocate that He promised and gave to the Apostles, was given to all of us as well. When we give ourselves to the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives He will take complete control and help us through all circumstances in life. Here is an excerpt and prayer by Cardinal Mercier that is wonderful advice and guidance as we journey through life: "I am going to show you a secret about holiness and happiness. For five minutes every day let your imagination be quiet, close your eyes to everything they see, and shut your ears to all the world's noise so that you can withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptized soul, the temple of the Holy Spirit. And speak to that Holy Spirit and say to Him: *Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore Thee. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen and comfort me. Tell me what I ought to do and order me to do it. I promise to submit to anything that you request from me, and to accept everything that you allow to happen to me. Just show me your will.* If you do this, your life will be quiet and peaceful, and comfort will abound even in the middle of troubles. For Grace will be given to match any stress together with strength to bear it, grace that will take you to the gates of Heaven, full of merit. Such submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of holiness." The Holy Spirit has so much to give us if we just ask. Take this prayer and pray for your family as well by replacing the "I and me" with that loved one's name. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in our hearts the fire of your love.

Important dates to Remember

May 31st 9:00 a.m.: Memorial Day Mass with memorial service at the cemetery to follow.

May 30th - June 9th : Drop off for St. Luke's Garage Sale which will be June 10-13th.

ADULT and YOUTH Volunteers Needed: VBS *Rocky Railway* will be held on August 1st through August 5th! We need adults (both men and women) along with older youth to help get this off the ground! We need lots of creativity and workers in our planning for Rocky Railway VBS! Please sign up to help make this a fun and wonderful opportunity for our youth to walk closer with our Lord. Please email stlukefaithandlife@gmail.com or call 763-262-5649 to sign up to help.

FORMED Our parish has a Formed subscription. Check it out! There is so much for all ages to help us grow in our faith. SIGN UP FREE at Formed.org/signup.

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."

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.

Bethany House Summer Program June 12 – August 7, 2021 – currently accepting applications! Bethany House is a place, set apart, with an environment of support and encouragement for Catholic women as they intentionally discern consecrated life. The women live in community, pray together, have meals together, host Religious Sisters, and participate in a discernment book study during the program. For more information and to request an application, see 10000vocations.org.

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute - School of Discipleship June 22 - June 25, 2021 at St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park or Livestream. Taught by Jeff Cavins, this course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this 7-week course, students become "activated disciples" and embark on a guided 40-day discipleship challenge to help put what they learn into practice. The course culminates with an interactive seminar with Dr. Mary Healy. The cost for the course, materials, and seminar is \$125. Sign up with a friend and get a discount! For more information visit semssp/ci.



Archdiocesan Marriage Day Honoring those married 25 or 50 years in 2021! Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul.

This celebration includes Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! In-Person Registration is required by contacting 651.291.4488. Social distancing will be observed. Couples married one year or more may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life by May 30 at 651.291.4488 or mfl@archspm.org.



It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, May 25th

8:00 am †Kevin Clement

Wednesday, May 26th

8:00 am Vince Lenk

Thursday, May 27th

8:00 am Fr. Backer

Friday, May 28th

8:00 am Those Being Ordained

Saturday, May 29th

9:00 am †Gilbert & Irene Jansky

Saturday, May 29th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, May 30th

8:00 am †Clarence Dockendorf

10:00 am †Deacon Greg Steele

Minister's Schedule For May 29th & 30th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor
12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;
16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-
7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk
10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir
36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk
10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20,
22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-2

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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+

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 archspm.org/family or call 651.291.4489.



Congratulations 2021 Graduates! Congratulations and Best Wishes to our High School Graduates! We pray that you will always seek the Lord as you journey through life. If you keep Christ close to you through prayer and His sacraments, He will always guide you through good times and difficult times. Keep in your prayers: Vitaliy Brusso, Hunter Holewa, Parker Jordan, Megan Kardell, Gracelyn Powell, Hope Theede, Jackie Yoerg, Isaac and Trevor Voigt.

Pro-Life Perennial Plant Sale will be on Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. both days. Any plants you wish to donate are welcome, but please label and pot them. Bring them to St. Luke's the day before the sale. We will be selling varieties of Hostas, Peonies, Lily of the Valley, Yellow Buttercup, Black-eyed Susans, Daylilies, Ferns, Spirea bush, Tiger Lilies, and a few others, reasonably priced. Come and take a look! Any questions, call Kathy Ganfield, 612-986-8596 or Betty Eiden, 320-293-4232.



VBS 2021 Rocky Railway! *Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!* Climb aboard with Jesus, as he is by our side in life's wild ride! Get ready, get set, and mark your calendar, August 1st through August 5th, 6:00-8:30 p.m. A week of faith, fun and fellowship for youth in Preschool Age 4 through 6th grade! Watch for sign up information.

Planning is underway for this summer's festival, August 22nd. As you look forward to this event, be thinking about Baskets from Heaven, the Produce Booth, and Prizes for Games!



St. Luke's Garage Sale – Our parish garage sale is fast approaching. Please keep this major fundraiser (and fun event!) in mind as you do your spring cleaning. The sale will be held **June 10th - 13th**. Drop off dates are **May 30th - June 9th**. Thank you for your generosity!

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, May 25th
8:00 am Quilting
Thursday, May 27th
7:00 pm KCs Meeting
Friday, May 28th 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Plant Sale
Saturday, May 29th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Plant Sale

Registration

Welcome to the Church of St. Luke. Please call the parish office to become a registered member.

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