

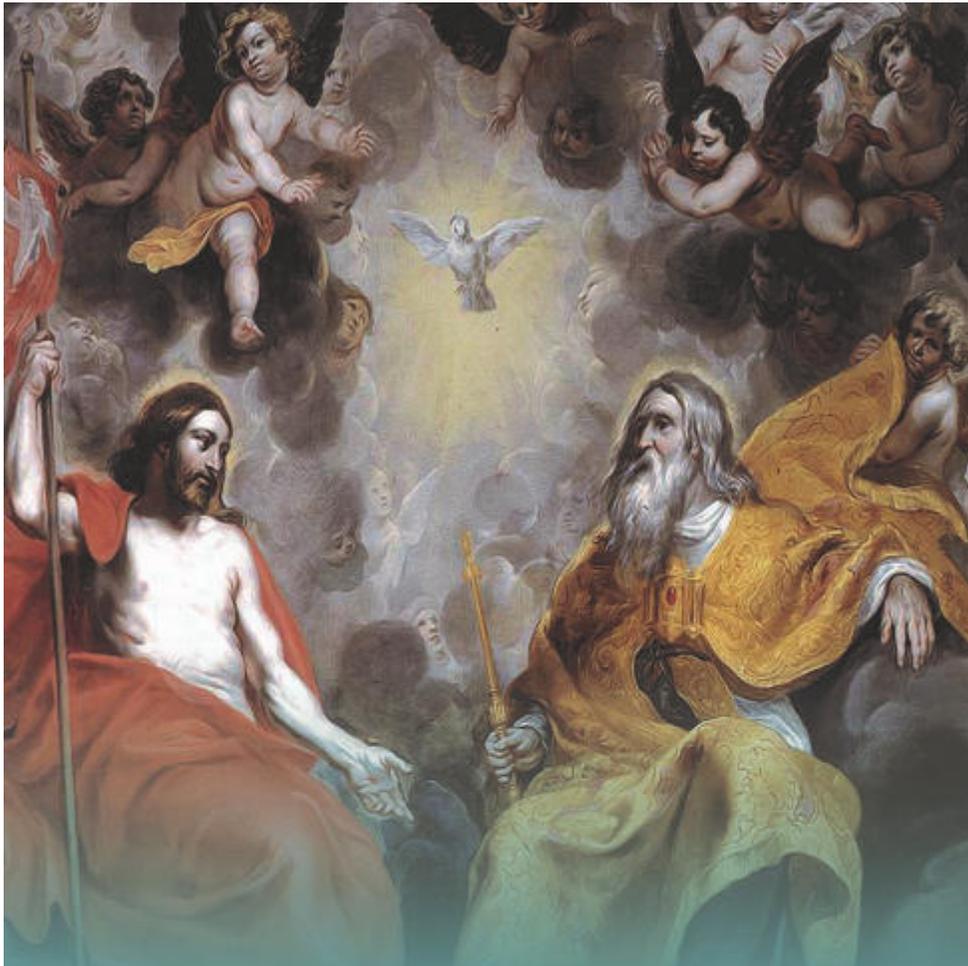
WELCOME TO  
THE CHURCH OF  
**SAINT LUKE**

The Most Holy Trinity - May 30, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” - Mt 28:19-20

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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

##### Hospitality after Mass

Join us in the gathering area for coffee

#### 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.

##### RCIA

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# PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

As we continue to "Sunset" this pandemic, the new phrase I keep hearing, I pray the changes that took place this weekend went well for everyone. I am sure many of you will have a greater sense of 'normal'. More changes will be coming. There is so much happening that it will just take a little time. I would like to thank all who have helped during this time of change. Some who have not had much or even anything to do over the last year are starting to get some things back and going again. If you have been in a ministry, more so if that ministry has been limited or on hold, you likely will be hearing from the ministry head about the changes.

I would like to take a moment to highlight one of the other changes that are not visible to everyone. During this last year there were many restrictions put on priest, both for our own protection and the protection of the person we were ministering to. One of those was when we anointed someone, we were to use a cotton ball so as not to make contact with the person. I will be honest with you, I understood but this was very hard for me. We have just been informed that we may once again use our thumb to anoint. Not that I am looking to make more work for myself, but I do believe that many people do not avail themselves of this healing sacrament. It is no longer 'Last Rites', you may be anointed before going into surgery, you may be anointed because you are sick or injured (even if it's not life threatening). Contact me at the parish office if you would like to set something up (it helps a lot if we can pre-plan it). Also, please remember if you are in the Hospital, Hospitals no longer call and let priest know that you are there, HIPAA changed this. You will need to let us know yourself through family or ask that the Hospital let us know. Please be aware that St Cloud Hospital has 2 priest on staff at the Hospital, this makes it even easier to receive the sacraments. (some restrictions on Baptism have not yet been lifted).

Tomorrow May 31st is Memorial Day, the parish office will be closed. However, even though it is my day off, I will be coming over to have a 9:00am Mass on Memorial Day. It is a special day to remember veterans, but even anyone who has passed away. After the Mass we will go out to the cemetery for the honor guard and a blessing of the cemetery. At the time of this writing, I do not have a time for the honor guard at St Luke's cemetery. The group goes cemetery to cemetery and they read the names of all veterans buried there and then have the gun salute.

Memorial Day is a popular day to visit a cemetery, but I have always enjoyed walking through cemeteries. If I am early for a burial at a different cemetery, I will walk around looking for: the most common name, the oldest grave, the youngest burial, etc. etc. I remember a burial I had down in Dassel. There was a huge monument on a small hill and I wondered as I walked to it, what it could be? I thought maybe it was for the 'Unborn' or some war memorial. Boy was I caught off guard. It was for a priest, one priest!!!! I don't know if he was the founding pastor of the parish? I started wondering if St Luke's would make me a hill? But I have plans to be buried at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights. My decision is based on the fact that Resurrection has a section that is just for priest. As I told my mother when she asked about being buried at a parish I grew up in. "I have not personally been a part of that parish since 1985 (I am now wondering if they would give me a hill). Why would I not want to lay with my brother priest?" Running through the center of this section of priest burial plots is a row of Archbishops. Archbishop Flynn was buried there in 2019, Archbishop Roach was laid to rest there in 2003.

To me cemeteries are not scary places, but places to reflect and remember. If you have never walked a cemetery, give it a try, they can be very peaceful.

Blessings  
Fr. Backer

**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](mailto:mfl@archspm.org).

## 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 the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love. Below is a beautiful piece from "The Better Part" on the gift of Baptism to ponder on.

*Baptism inaugurates the soul's life of grace, its life of intimate friendship with God. When we are baptized, we inherit individually Christ's promise to be with us "until the end of the age." He is with us through the other sacraments (to which baptism is the door), which strengthen and sustain us throughout our difficult and wonderful earthly pilgrimage. He is with us through his Scriptural Word and through the living word of his teaching Church. And he is with us by being always within us. We have become temples of the Holy Trinity, as St Paul put it; through the blessed waters of baptism, the Triune God has taken up his dwelling in the very core of our being.*

*Jesus: You never have to be alone. I am the one who knows you better than you know yourself and loves you with an infinite, crucified, unconditional love, and I am your constant companion. None of the restrictions of human friendship (time, space, miscommunication, selfishness, inconstancy) apply. You are wholly mine, and I am wholly yours. The perfect family of the Trinity has adopted you into our midst; such is the love of your incomparable Friend.*

### Important dates to Remember

May 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00am: Memorial Day Mass with memorial service at the cemetery to follow

May 30<sup>th</sup>-June 9<sup>th</sup> : Drop off for St Luke Garage Sale which will be June 10-13th

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:30pm for a week of faith, fun and fellowship for youth in Preschool age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade! Watch for sign up info.



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

## 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.

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**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](http://10000vocations.org)

**Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute — School of Discipleship.** June 22-September 25 at St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park or via 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](http://semssp/ci).

**2021 Calix Retreat** This retreat, offered by the Calix Society, is filled with spiritual nourishment and fellowship, with the Sacraments, speakers, workshops, reflection, meals and tours. The retreat takes place on Friday, August 6th to Sunday, August 8th at the Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on St. Croix. FMI: [treasurer@calixsociety.org](mailto:treasurer@calixsociety.org) or register online at [https://www.archspm.org/2021-calix-retreat/Michael\\_Donnelly](https://www.archspm.org/2021-calix-retreat/Michael_Donnelly) –an experienced and dynamic recovery speaker –will speak to this year's theme of "The Beatitudes and The Twelve Steps." Father Roland A. Lajoie, S.M. will lead the faith and sacramental portion of the convention, and will be joined by Father Douglas McKay, O.F.S., Calix Chaplain. About the Calix Society: Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12-step program.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Monday, May 31st

9:00 am Memorial Day Mass with memorial services at the cemetery to follow.

### Tuesday, June 1st

8:00 am † Fr. Bryan O'Rourke

### Wednesday, June 2nd

8:00 am Hazel Rindahl

### Thursday, June 3rd

8:00 am Chris & Taylor Johnson and Baby

### Friday, June 4th

8:00 am † Eric Raddatz

### Saturday, June 5th

9:00 am St. Luke's Staff Members

### Saturday, June 5th

5:00 pm Parishioners

### Sunday, June 6th

8:00 am † Sarah Imholte

10:00 am † Donnie Niebolte

## Minister's Schedule For June 5th & 6th

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+

### Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

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

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/  
Mk 14:12-16, 22-2

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The Church of St. Timothy in Maple Lake is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Thursday, July 22nd. You are invited and encouraged to join Fr. Meyer and Monsignor Callahan for a day of renewal in body, mind and spirit. The Shrine has many beautiful chapels, statues, gardens, and devotional areas and welcomes pilgrims from all over the world. For more information pick up a flyer at St. Timothy's on the table by the adoration table. Registration cost is \$55 and is capped at 45 so sign-up early! Call Donna 320-310-1127 with any questions.

St Luke Parish family express their sympathy to Mary Kurgan and the family of Wayne Klinkner who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

**St. Luke Garage Sale!** Mark the dates **June 10th-13th**. Tell your family, friends and neighbors. This is a huge fundraiser for our building fund.

Drop off dates are **May 30th—June 9th** during regular office hours. Please bring gently used clothing, household items and furniture. **No electronics or TVs and no old Paint and no exercise equipment.** Thank you!

**Please keep all your Holiday items until October when we will have our Annual Holiday Sale.**

Thank you for your Generosity!!



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!

**Faith in Action is looking for a friendly Volunteer Coordinator** to join our team in Becker. As a Volunteer Coordinator, your main focus will be to assist with recruiting volunteers for our non-profit organization. In addition, you will be coordinating the needs of our elderly clients, checking in with clients as needed, and helping with daily operations of Faith In Action. This is a flexible 24 hour work week position. Please send a resume to Darin Bohlken E.D. at [darinb@grfia.org](mailto:darinb@grfia.org).

**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](http://archspm.org/family) or call 651.291.4489

### **St. Luke's Calendar**

**Monday, May 31st**

9:00 am Memorial Day Mass with memorial services at the cemetery to follow

The parish office will be closed Memorial Day

**Tuesday, June 1st**

8:00 am Quilting

4:00 pm Cuppa Joe

**Friday, June 4th**

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

### **Prayer for Christian Unity**

Our Father, We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry. We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common. Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

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

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