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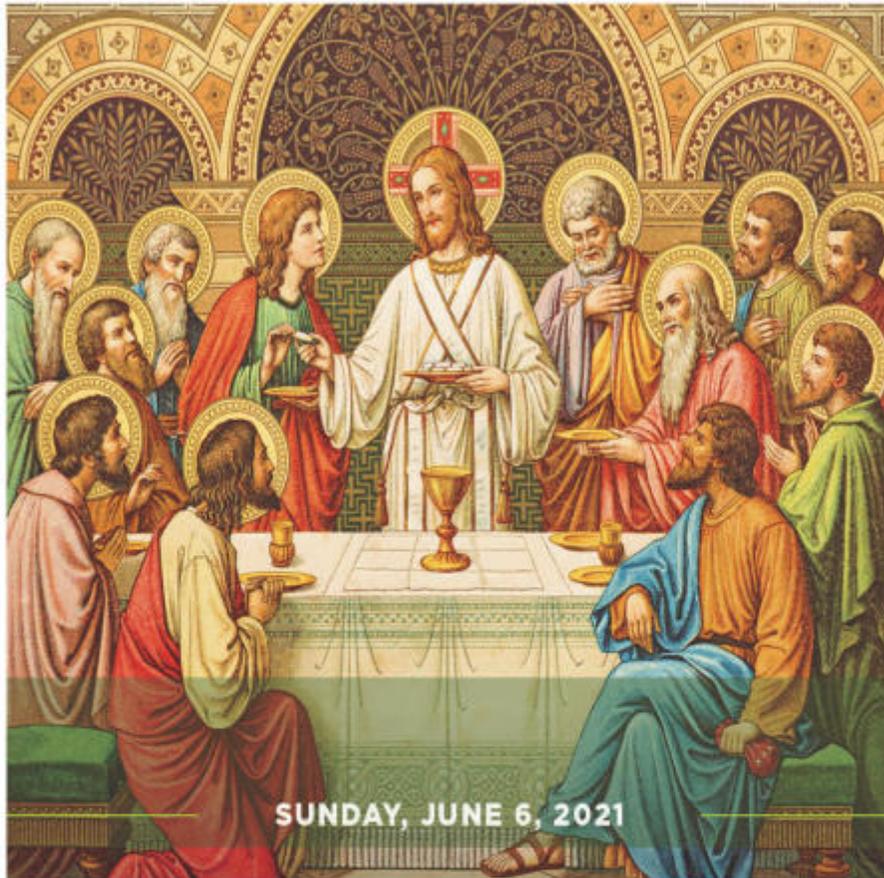
The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ - June 6, 2021



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SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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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.

#### **RCIA**

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# PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

This weekend is the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Gospel is the Last Supper from the Gospel of Mark. This can be a good time to address our belief and understanding of the Eucharist and how to receive it.

First off, any host that is consecrated through the words of consecration, is always His Body. Whenever I find a host on the floor or anywhere (sad to say that it has happened), I will always assume that it is consecrated. I would rather show undo respect to an unconsecrated host than disrespect a consecrated one. A consecrated host that is not able to be consumed, say it has been on the floor or is dirty, has a proper way to be treated, and then put down the sacrarium (a special sink) in the sacristy.

If I, a Eucharistic Minister, or a person receiving communion has a host fall to the floor, that host becomes the first priority. The Eucharistic Minister should not distribute to anyone else until that host has been picked up. Care should also be taken so that it is not stepped on. Also, if a host breaks in the person's hand, care should be given that all of the host is consumed. Respect should always be given to a host and even a part of a host. The smallest of partials is still Jesus. On a rare occasion of running low on the number of hosts, a Eucharistic Minister or I may start breaking hosts to get to more people in line. Care should be given to how this is done, but if you do not receive a full host, it is still Jesus fully present.

One of the hardest things is when distributing at a funeral or wedding, since we do not have what is called an 'Open Altar' where all are welcome to receive. I normally will make an announcement about "If you are Catholic and coming to Communion..." But if someone comes up and does not look like they know what they are doing, I will ask them or offer them a blessing. Harder yet is if someone received a host and did not consume it. I will get it back, yes, even if this means going to the back of the church, or having others wait to receive as I deal with that person. I never want to see someone pocket a host. Even if they are not Catholic and receive, at least I know where that host is; if they have not consumed it, who knows what will happen???. It needs to be addressed so respect is always shown to a consecrated host.

There may be times that you have a mortal sin on your soul and should go to Confession before receiving Jesus again. It is ok to come up and simply receive a blessing until you can get to Confession. Yet some will choose to receive unworthily and add another sin to their Confession, simply because they worry what people may think if they do not receive. None of us should be judging each other if someone receives a blessing rather than receiving the Eucharist. To me it is a wonderful testimony of a greater understanding of His real presence in the Eucharist.

I think last year when we went into lockdown and there were no public Masses, some people who may have been taking the Eucharist for granted may have come to a deeper desire for it, since they were not getting it at the time. I know my experience of Mass alone in my chapel made me really miss the people and their responses. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Blessings,  
Fr. Backer

**ADULT and YOUTH 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! 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](mailto:stlukefaithandlife@gmail.com) or call 763-262-5649 to sign up to help.

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## 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 is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. We celebrate the gift given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper. We celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, the gift of the body and blood of Jesus that we are so privileged to receive each Sunday at Mass and during the week at daily Mass. Our Lord Jesus Christ is really present in the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass in many ways: in the people assembled together to celebrate Mass, in the person of the priest celebrant, in the reading of the Word, and most especially under the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. It is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us, when during the consecration the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. We do not see a physical change but we believe Jesus' words. God promised that through Jesus' death on the cross, we would be forgiven for our sins. At the Last Supper, when Jesus took bread and wine and blessed them, he promised to give his own body and blood to show us God's great love for us. We remember and celebrate this promise every time we celebrate Mass. We become intimately united with him when we receive him in the Eucharist at each Mass. Christ dwells within us. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist on a regular basis can transform us and help us in our daily lives. We can be strengthened by the Eucharist to better serve our families and others in our community. The power of the Eucharist received on a regular basis can bring us closer to Christ.

*In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.*  
(John 14:19-21)

### Important dates to Remember

June 7 - June 9 : Drop off for St. Luke's Garage Sale  
 June 10 - 13: St. Luke's Garage Sale  
 June 13: Sign Up for VBS

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**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.

## 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 Calix Retreat** filled with spiritual nourishment and fellowship, with the Sacraments, speakers, workshops, reflection, meals and tours. Friday, August 6th to Sunday, August 8th at the Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on St. Croix. For more information, email [treasurer@calixsociety.org](mailto:treasurer@calixsociety.org) or register online at <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". Fr. Roland A. Lajoie, S.M. will lead the faith and sacramental portion joined by Father Douglas McKay, O.F.S., Calix Chaplain. 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.

**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.

**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](http://semssp/ci).

**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).

## 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, June 8

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, June 9

8:00 am Jan Wicks

Thursday, June 10

8:00 am †Mary Jane Thell

Friday, June 11

8:00 am †Fr. Brian O'Rourke

Saturday, June 12

9:00 am †Larry Joswiak

Saturday, June 12

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, June 13

8:00 am †Ed Corrigan

10:00 am Allen & Helen Jaeb Family

## Minister's Schedule For June 12th & 13th

The Ministry Heads will be  
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

### Mass Options

If You are Staying Home Due to Health Concerns

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  
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### *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”.

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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>, 6:00-8:30 p.m., a week of faith, fun and fellowship for youth in Preschool Age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade! Sign up begins June 13.

St. Luke's Garage Sale! Mark the dates, June 10th - 13th. Tell your family, friends and neighbors. This is a huge fundraiser for our building fund. You may still drop off items through June 9th, during regular office hours and Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 7th & 8th, between 6 and 8 p.m. Please bring gently used clothing, household items, and furniture. No electronics or TVs, 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 well underway for this summer's festival, taking place on August 22nd. As you look forward to this event, be thinking about Baskets from Heaven, the Produce Booth, and Prizes for Games!

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](https://Formed.org/signup).

#### Readings for the Week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/  
Mk 4:26-34  
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34  
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31  
[1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-

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#### St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, June 8th  
8:00 am Quilting  
Thursday, June 10th  
9:00 am Garage Sale  
Friday, June 11th  
9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration  
9:00 am — Garage Sale  
Saturday, June 12th  
9:00 am — Garage Sale

#### Registration

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

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