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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 4, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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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 we celebrate independence Day on the 4th of July. It is the independence of our nation, but this same independence comes with a responsibility and a price. Over the years many have served our nation in military service to protect our freedoms and independence. So many paying the ultimate price, may we never take for granted the price that has been paid. It is not just at Memorial Day that we should remember and thank those who have served this country, please take the time to say thank you to our service men and women.

The independence of our nation, does not mean we are free to do whatever we want. Oh, that we would all look to do the greater good for everyone. I have seen and heard people do some horrible things in the name of independence or freedom. We should be concerned that many of our personal actions can have an effect on the people around us. Our greatest happiness will come when we are improving the lives of those around us.

Yet as we celebrate independence, remember that it is not independence from the Lord. We are all dependent on the Lord, whether we know it or not. Each and every one of us was given life and so many gifts by the Lord. We should keep clinging to God in all the stages of our life. At some time in our life we were introduced to the Lord God by someone. I know a couple people who come to my mind, who taught me much about the Lord. My mother was one of them, in my eyes, she was never far from the Lord. She modeled prayer and a relationship with God as a high priority in her life. She taught me much, much by example.

At another stage of life, we claim our relationship as our own and it is up to us to keep it going. Any relationship in our life will drift or die unless we pay attention to it, check in with the Lord in our prayer. Strengthen the bond through the sacraments (both Confession and the Eucharist should be regular in our life).

As we get to where we know there is more of this life behind us than there is in front of us, we often start to think more about being ready for that next life. Yet this is something we all should be doing, since we never know when that time will come for us. It has always been difficult for me when I have a funeral for someone who was younger than me. My first funeral as a priest was for a 1/2 hour old baby. As difficult as it was, it reminded me how meaningful life is and how each life touches others. Three days later I had the funeral for a 90 plus year old. In many ways they were like bookends of life.

But if we believe we can live our life's independent from the Lord, we will find that our happiness quickly fades. A true and lasting happiness comes with that dependence on God and placing our lives in His hands.

I pray that you will all have a wonderful 4th of July, whether you are gathering with family or friends, going up to the cabin, or having a quiet day at home. Safe travels and safe return. Stay connected to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr Backer

Archbishop Hebda Needs Your Help! How can we as a Church better pass-on our beautiful Catholic faith whether in our homes or in the broader world? The Archdiocesan Synod kicks into high gear this fall and your input is needed to help Archbishop Hebda chart the course for this local Church. Join a small group to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus area. There will be small group sessions at St Luke this fall offered at various times and over a 6 week period. We ask that you help Archbishop Hebda and take part in a small group. Watch for dates! See more at archspm.org/synod

Pray for the Synod: Tuesday, July 6, 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Michael, 11300 Frankfort Pkwy NE, St. Michael All are invited to pray for our Archdiocesan Synod in this special way! Each month between now and Pentecost 2022, a different parish in our Archdiocese will host a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for the first daily Mass and holy hour with lectio divina prayer at St. Michael in St. Michael!



Synod Prayer—Year of St. Joseph: Heavenly Father, who gave St. Joseph to Jesus and Mary as protector and guide, grant that our Archdiocesan Synod, under his protection and guidance, may help us discern your direction for our Church. May we listen as he listened, trust as he trusted, obey as he obeyed, receive as he received, love as he loved, and share in his life of devotion to Jesus and Mary. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us

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

Ahh summer, isn't it wonderful? Longer days that are sunny and warm. The kids are home from school and we can relax a bit on the day-to-day routines, stock up the cupboards with more food for those growing children and enjoy. There is one thing that does also occur when the kids are home and have more free time and that is fighting and bickering. As a parent, our guiding and disciplining begins shortly after birth and continues until young adulthood. Of course the methods we use change along the way, we go from time outs to denial of toys to decreased privileges when guidelines are broken. We can "rule with the iron rod" in an authoritative manner or we can "Put love into our discipline." Yes, even in discipline we are called by our Lord to do so with love. Using gentle loving discipline is the connection between parent and child. It's important for us as parents to provide a calm and loving safe harbor as our children mature through these areas of development. If as parents, we model the kind of organization and follow through we wish to instill in our children we will have less arguments and more autonomy. As parents, our first step in acting with Christ-like love is to treat our children with tenderness and esteem so that we protect their personal dignity. We want to respect their rights, and treat them each with tenderness and concern. By disciplining with love and respect, our children will model our behavior and treat others with love and respect as well. Intentional parenting seeks a world in which children are raised with tenderness, with care for their fears and concerns, and with an understanding of and respect for their needs. And when we have clear boundaries and guidelines put into place out of protection and love for each child no matter what age they are we will experience much more peace and harmony in our homes. Parenting isn't for cowards, each day in your prayer time place each child in the family in the loving protection of our blessed Mother, she will ask her Son to give us what we need to create a peaceful loving environment in our homes. And be sure to be easy on yourself because one of the most challenging yet rewarding tasks in life is parenting.

Let's take some time to slow down and encounter Christ around us. "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."
St. Mother Teresa of Calcuta

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 6:00-8:30pm for a week of faith, fun and fellowship for youth in Preschool age 4 through 6th grade! Preregistration is required. Register now through July 25th. Cost is FREE!! Come join in the fun!



Rocky Railway Giving tree! Thank you for taking a tag off the train to help us put on St Luke's VBS program this year! The tags are specific with what is needed and there is a number to call if you have a question regarding the item. Items are due in by July 11th. God Bless you for supporting our youth!



Outdated Magnificat or Word Among Us prayer booklets can be recycled and do not have to be turned into the Parish Office/ Church round table.

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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Foster a Teen: Will you be a light for a Teenager in Foster Care? You may be the only family they have, you can guide, model and teach them skills they will need to be a thriving adult. You can teach them to love themselves so that they can love others. You can build the trust they never had and be the last step, before they age out of foster care. You can show them they really do matter. Please FOSTER A TEEN. Wright County has an IMMEDIATE need for foster providers willing to care for teens. Orientation is now offered online. Please Contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484 or Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, July 6th

8:00 am † Deceased members of Notch & Lenk families

Wednesday, July 7th

8:00 am † Frank Mason

Thursday, July 8th

8:00 am Richard DeMars

Friday, July 9th

8:00 am † Larry Joswiak

Saturday, July 10th

9:00 am † John Mergen

Saturday, July 10th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, July 11th

8:00 am † Deceased Knights of Columbus

10:00 am † Denis Waltzing

Minister's Schedule For July 10th & 11th
The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

Readings for the Week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-1

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Welcome Back! This weekend the Mass dispensation has been lifted. What does that mean? As the pandemic subsides, the bishops of Minnesota have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning this weekend of July 3-4, 2021. The return of our faith family to Mass is a joyous occasion! It is wonderful to see everyone again! We have lots of room to spread out and if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask please don't hesitate to do so. You have been missed.

The St. Luke's parish is actively seeking candidates to fill two open seats. Please prayerfully consider running for one of these open positions. The parish council is a key part of the church family here at St. Luke's. Joining our group is a great way to meet new people and be the eyes and ears for our wonderful church. Please contact the parish office no later than July 23rd to have your name added to the ballot for the September election. Questions can also be directed to the parish office. We are looking forward to having you be a part of the parish council here at the Church of St. Luke's!



St. Luke's Church family wishes to express sympathy to Vi Schlagel on the passing of her husband Arlan.

St Luke's Church family wishes to express sympathy to Brian Youngdahl and children, Shane & Jossy, on the passing of wife/mother Lori.

Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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- **Sept. 16** - Photographer & Storyteller, Doug Ohman
- **Oct. 21** - Grocery Bingo
- **Nov. 18** - Music by Travis Kent
- **Dec. 16** - Christmas Sing-A-Long

Meets at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 Co. Rd. 75, Clearwater, MN
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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 or call 651.291.4489.

St. Luke's Calendar

- Monday, July 5th
7:00 pm AA Meeting
- Tuesday, July 6th
8:00 am Quilting
- Friday, July 9th
9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

Registration

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