

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 11, 2021



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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.

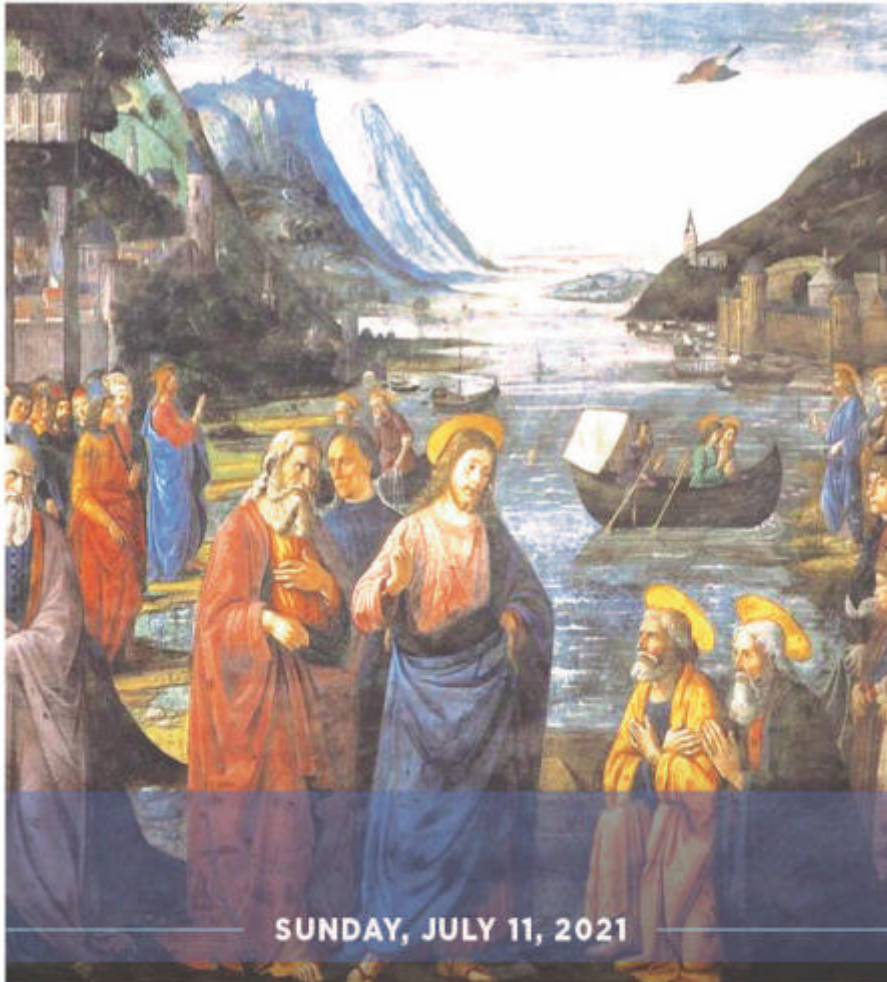
Weddings

Contact the parish office one year prior to your requested wedding date.

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SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Sometimes it is hard to get back into the swing of things, more so when we have a year of cancelations and non-events. I have noticed that as things come back in my ministry, I am feeling busier and busier, even though it is more like my regular schedule pre-Covid. I have noticed that some of these events that were canceled last year, people are really looking forward to this year. Locally, we have Heritage Days and the Rodeo. I am interested to see how the State Fair will go this year. And that has got me thinking about our Parish Festival. We are on for our Festival this year.

Since we did not have a festival last year, we have really felt the loss of those funds. I am hoping that we have a wonderful response to this year's festival. We are in need of many things in preparation. You can start bringing in the water, pop, and bottles for the 'Bottle Bonanza', and prizes for the kids games. We had a festival meeting at the end of June and things are moving forward.

You may have received or may receive a call from one of the festival chairpersons to confirm your ability to help in that area of the festival you have been in before. It is really helpful if you can respond to these calls ASAP. It will help the festival chairs in planning for the area they are in charge of. If you are new to the parish, please consider helping us out this year. There will be a few weekends that we will have some sign-ups for you to express an area you would be interested in. If you are new, working at the festival is a wonderful way of getting to know people in the parish. Whether you are able to help or not, please respond to these phone calls from the chairpersons, so we can move forward with coverage for the many areas that are needed.

Another way you can really help is the cakes and pies. Tins will be showing up soon, if not already. The cakes make the cake walk more fun and the pies will help at the dinner. It helps out a lot when everyone contributes.

Be thinking of creative baskets for the Basket Auction. Some things I have seen in the past are 'Movie Nights', some sports theme, kids books, new baby, pet theme (dogs go well :). It is wonderful to wander through and look at the baskets. I have not been jamming in the last few years or I would have that; I need to be thinking myself. I always find myself getting stressed and worried about the festival, until things start coming in. Please do not wait; start bringing things in now, it sure will help planning to ensure we have what we need.

Lastly, please be planning on attending the parish festival with your family and friends. Remember 100% of the income from the festival goes toward the building fund and paying down the mortgage. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you at the festival. Sell your raffle tickets, both Quilt and Grand Raffle. Those sold tickets can be turned in early too, you don't need to wait till the day of the festival. If you want more tickets to sell, you can log them out from the book in the gathering area.

Let's make up for some lost time with our festival this year. Let's come together as a parish community. Help us have fun and raise some money for the building fund. There will be a few new things this year and some of the old faithful. We really need everyone's help to make this a grand success.

Blessings, Fr. Backer



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, in the Gospel, Jesus delegates his authority. He is the head and foundation of his kingdom but he gives his followers real responsibility in spreading and defending the kingdom. In the Apostles' first missionary trip Christ is preparing them to be his messengers, to teach, heal and bring others to Christ. Every Christian shares in Christ's mission. When we were baptized, we became members of his body, that same body that reaches out to men and women in every age in order to lead them to God. Every Christian shares in the apostolate. Every Christian is sent out to bear witness to Christ, to bring his wisdom and his healing touch to those who are in need, spiritually and physically. Under the supervision of the bishops (the successors to these first Twelve Apostles), we are all called to spread the Kingdom, to be agents of evangelization. Therefore, the missionary instructions that Christ gives to his first followers apply, in analogous ways, to all his followers, us included. These instructions can be summed up in two words: trust and perseverance. Besides the clothes on their backs, the Apostles are only supposed to bring a walking stick and their sandals. Every need they have along the way will be met, but it will be met by God's providence, not by their own self-sufficiency: they are to trust in God to sustain their efforts. The walking stick and the sandals symbolize a determination to continue moving forward, to persevere in their efforts to fulfill God's will. They must not give up. Even when they face opposition, persecution, and a cold welcome (which they will - Christ leaves no room for doubt about that), they are not to be deterred; they are to persevere. Trust and perseverance - two qualities of the Christian missionary (and we are all Christian missionaries, in one way or another) whose relevance will never run out. -excerpt taken from *The Better Part*

Rocky Railway Giving tree! Thanks to all who took tags off the tree 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!

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.

Be in the Know! Get The Catholic Spirit — for free! Free subscriptions for parishioners are available via each parish. Contact your parish office to be added to the mailing list. Or purchase an annual subscription for yourself or a friend at TheCatholicSpirit.com.

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.

Young At Heart meets the third Thursday of every month at Rejoice Lutheran Church. Doors open at 10:30 for coffee, cards and conversation. Lunch/dinner at 11:30 with a suggested donation of \$5, followed by a program. Make reservations by calling Rejoice 320-558-6851 (leave message) or email rejoice@rejoicelutheranchurch.org.



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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's 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.



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.

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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, July 13th

8:00 am † Alcidis & Lea Bistadoc

Wednesday, July 14th

8:00 am † Shirley Weber

Thursday, July 15th

8:00 am † Roberta Holthaus

Friday, July 16th

8:00 am † Eric Raddatz

Saturday, July 17th

9:00 am † Mark Stein

Saturday, July 17th

5:00 pm † Deceased Members of Ergen Family

Sunday, July 18th

8:00 am † Alfred Gohman

10:00 am Parishioners

Minister's Schedule For July 17th & 18th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

The St. Luke's Choir will begin singing for 10 a.m. Mass on July 11th, with practice 45 min. before Mass in the hall. Anyone interested in singing in the choir is welcome. The choir will sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m. Mass. Accompanists are always needed as well. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Reinert, Director of Music for St. Luke's.

Knights of Columbus Council Burger Dinner Saturday, July 17th 11:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Drive-thru Burger Corn Combo! 1/3 lb. Burger, Sweet Corn, French Fries, Cookie and A Bottle of Water, \$10! Cash, Check, Credit Card & Debit Cards Accepted. Thank you for your support!

“How blessed we are that the Lord gives us not only the Eucharist but also the sacrament of reconciliation. I love how confession gives us countless chances. I know that we should never presume God's mercy, but the Church teaches that there is always the hope of forgiveness as long as we humbly confess our sins, have sincere sorrow for them, and truly desire to amend our lives.” - Archbishop Bernard Hebda, thecatholicspirit.com/only-jesus/the-eucharist-and-sinners/

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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The Church of St. Luke welcomes to our parish Paige Wendt. We're glad you've joined our church family!

Parish Festival - August 22, 2021 Please get those Quilt and Grand Raffle tickets sold and turned in! The quilt is displayed in the gathering area. The person selling the most Grand Raffle tickets will receive \$100. All tickets need to be recorded; it's helpful to do that sooner rather than later. Thank you so much!

Family Assignment Cards: You should be receiving your family assignment card in the mail by the end of July. Please call the chairperson listed on the card if this time needs to be changed. Your chairperson will also be calling you as we near the festival to confirm the time. We need many volunteers to make the festival a success. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Funds go toward the building fund.



Prizes for games: When you are out shopping remember the festival! We need game prizes such as stuffed animals, suckers, or any fun stuff for kids.

Bottle Bonanza needs any kind of bottled item such as pop, shampoo, lotion—anything in a bottle that you would like to win if you were playing bottle bonanza.

Outdoor Food Stand needs bottled water and cans of pop.

Your donations make St. Luke's Festival a success. Put your donations in the rooms in the Parish Center; they are marked for each required item.

Remember the Produce Booth. People who attend the festival look forward to purchasing the fresh produce and baked goodies.



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. 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!

Join the Knights of Columbus There is much evil in the world today that divides and scatters the members of Christ's Church. United in prayer and in good works, we Knights strive to combat this evil. I urge all men in our parish to unite with the men of Council 14013 of the Knights of Columbus here in Clearwater. No matter what stage in your life, we are all on a journey together. Join us as role models in a world that needs men who lead, serve, protect and defend. It has never been easier to join us! Simply go to www.KofC.org/joinus. Follow the prompts; our council is 14013. Vivat Jesus. Ron Shatek, Grand Knight



St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, July 13th

8:00 am Quilting

Friday, July 16th

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

Registration

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

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