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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 18, 2021



17545 Huber Avenue N.W. • Clearwater, Minnesota 55320

Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



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When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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 Fr. Bruno Piccolo from PIME (Pontifical Institute For Foreign Missions) will be with you making an appeal for support. This is our once-a-year Missionary Appeal. Since Fr. Bruno will be here to say Mass for you, I will be taking the chance to join a few of my close friends for Mass at their parish.

Fr. Bruno will be speaking to you about their missionary works and at the end of the Mass there will be a second collection to support PIME Missionaries in their work. The normal second collection for the building fund will be moved to next weekend. I invite you to consider being generous in supporting the needs of PIME. Being in a small town like Clearwater, this is a wonderful way of being able to support the work of Foreign Missions.

We are also a week closer to our parish festival. PLEASE be bringing in bottled water, 12-packs of pop, bottles for the Bottle Bonanza, prizes for kids games, and even your baskets for Baskets from Heaven if you've got them. My stress goes up daily as we get closer to the Festival until many of these needs are met. With not having the Festival last year, it is hard to know how that will affect the Festival this year. I would like to thank those who stepped up to fill some holes. As things started to come together, there were a few areas that we found were uncovered. I am always impressed by those who step up and fill the need. I believe we are on track or will be when these donation items start coming in.

It is so nice to see things happening again. In a few weeks we will be having our Vacation Bible School, another event that was canceled last year. I hope your children or grandchildren are signed up for this fun, faith-filled week. I have always been impressed with how much of the work for VBS is done by our young people in the parish. Thank you to all that helped support them with supplies, and please support them with your prayers the week of VBS.

I will be back with you for daily Masses this coming week. It can be hard to find priest coverage for Masses here at St. Luke's. We are out on the edge of the Archdiocese and priests from St. Cloud would have additional paperwork to receive permission to minister here at St. Luke's, so when there is a priest like Fr. Bruno coming, it is a great chance to get a break and get away. I love all of you dearly, but sometimes we all just need a break. As I said, my plan is to spend the morning with a couple of families I know and just relax and visit. One young lady I may be seeing has asked me to preside at her wedding Mass next month. I have been truly blessed in my time as a priest to make so many wonderful connections - people who mean so much to me, who state that I mean so much to them. The Lord has shown me so much love through these many special relationships connected to past ministry.

Blessings,
Fr. Backer

King's House Upcoming Retreat Womens Silent Retreat August 6th - 8th. To register: go to kingshouse.com, or call 763-682-1394. 621 First Avenue South, Buffalo MN.

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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

In today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds. Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story. In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed. We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist. -The Sunday Connection

IVC Volunteer Opportunity The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit-affiliated organization for adult men and women who want to use their time and talents to help others. IVC service corps members commit 1 or 2 days per week to work directly with organizations that address the issues that affect those who are poor or vulnerable. IVC members gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their apostolic work and discover the deeper meaning of their service and see the face of Christ in all that they do. For additional information, please call IVC Director, Kathleen Groh at 651-777-0991 or e-mail kgroh@ivcusa.org. The website is www.ivcusa.org.

FORMED: Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Check it out, there is so much for all ages to help us grow in our faith this summer! Get signed up. SIGN UP FREE AT: FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP.

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.

Retrouaille Marriage Weekend September 17, 2021 Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouaille is peer ministries of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information contact the Central MN Retrouaille Registration Team at 320-255-5314 or email 2016@retrouaille.org or visit our website: <https://www.helpourmarriage.org>.

Rachel's Vineyard: The Lord is Close to the Brokenhearted-Psalms 34:18. If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is July 30-August 1, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvineyardmn.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 or call 651.291.4489.



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. Please get your items in ASAP. 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.

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 20th

8:00 am Richard DeMars Family

Wednesday, July 21st

8:00 am †Msgr. Dennis Lally

Thursday, July 22nd

8:00 am †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 23rd

8:00 am †Frank Mason

Saturday, July 24th

9:00 am Jan Wicks

Saturday, July 24th

5:00 pm Nick Eiden

Sunday, July 25th

8:00 am †Wayne Klinkner

10:00 am Parishioners

Minister's Schedule For July 24 & 25th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

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.

Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

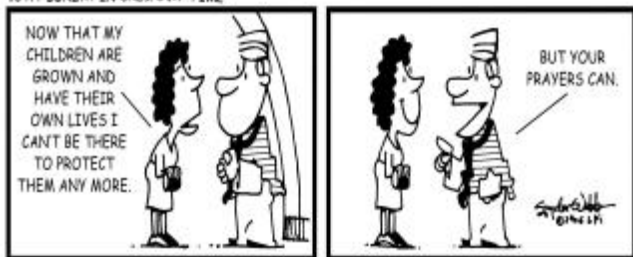
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-1

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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 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!

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.



The Church of St. Luke would like to thank Micheli Memorial for advertising in our bulletin.

Support this local business, and tell them you saw their ad in the bulletin!

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 labeled rooms in the Parish Center.

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

St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, July 20th

8:00 am Quilting

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 22nd

7:00 pm KCs Meeting

Friday, July 23rd

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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