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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 25, 2021



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**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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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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# PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

I hope you will allow me to share a personal moment with you. Last weekend we had a missionary saying the Masses here at St. Luke's. Since he was a priest, it allowed me a chance to get away for the weekend, or at least to be free to do some things.

I took a bit of a road trip on Saturday. (Yes, I did hit a few antique stores, no good rescues.) The main point of the trip was to go back down to Cleveland MN, where I was assigned for 2 years, and visit my DRE (Director of Religious Education) who is dealing with a second round of fighting breast cancer. It was last minute and on a whim, so I contacted her daughter on Facebook Messenger to make sure she would be home and not have anything going on. I wanted my visit to be a total surprise. It was! I enjoyed a nice 2 1/2 hour visit with her and her family. So Saturday was good - a long drive, but I like a long drive now and then.

Sunday I decided to face a fear. I shared with a few of you that I was going to do this. Without going into great detail, I had left my last parish abruptly, by way of a hospital stay. That first year, I was in no condition to go back and visit. Much healing has happened in the last 7 years. But a part of me has realized I have been practicing avoidance. How can I say I am healed if I have simply avoided some things? I then learned that one of my former servers got engaged and wanted me to celebrate her wedding. To be able to fulfill this, I would have to go back. Granted, she gave me an out when she said, "I will get married somewhere else if I have to, but I want you!" But I did not think it was fair to ask.

So I decided to go to Mass there last weekend. To be honest with you there were a lot of emotions moving around inside of me. I had talked to the Pastor and he knew I was coming. The bride and her family knew I was coming, but thought I was going to be in street clothes and sitting with them. I told them, "If you're going to face the devil, go head on." Walking down that main aisle was powerful and emotions were flowing. Overall Mass went well. I had visited with a few people before Mass, as they were coming in. I received a few hugs and many "We miss you." I started wondering, is this what I have been avoiding?

Sure, it was not all up. I felt one person looking at me with hate. But I also know they are a very unhappy person, and could no longer make me join in their unhappiness. After the Mass out front of Church I once again found out how many were happy to see me. We often only think of the negative, and forget the positive and the love. I know I had; that is what kept me away for 7 years.

We sometimes see avoidance as protecting ourselves. If we avoid it, it can't hurt us. But as I found out Sunday, we also avoid the love and the good. Over time, all things change, even us. But avoidance and fear can hold us back and can keep us from growing. Sunday was a good day for me. I confronted avoidance and a fear and came out ahead of things. What have you been avoiding in your life? Is it something you should confront? Don't be afraid to grow. I sure am glad I faced one of my fears. It feels so good to be done with that.

Sometimes what we think will be a ton a bricks falling down on us can end up being a lot of loving hands lifting us up. But until you face it, you will never know.

Blessing and strength to you,

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'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](http://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.

## 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

As much as we long for and enjoy summer, we pack our schedules full, get overwhelmed, and worry. We worry whether we can get all the activities in, do a good job at work and get the house cleaned, the yard work done or whether our child will make the soccer team or not. Often times these are small things or things considered “first world” problems, while our neighbors in less fortunate countries worry about having a clean water supply or whether their children will get an education beyond age 10, or if they will have enough money to buy their food for the next day. While we know that our day-to-day issues are less worrisome we still worry. Our Lord tells us in scripture to not worry but to give our cares over to Him. “Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God” (Psalm 42:5). If something is taking up space in your head, give it to God in prayer. Ask the Lord to help you give up control, and ask the Lord to lead you or your child to where you need to be. Our children can pick up on our feelings and can begin to worry as well. Learning not to worry is a difficult task and must be taken one day at a time. Establishing a time for daily prayer, receiving the Eucharist often, and reading the Bible are all much more productive than worrying. These practices will also bring us peace, even in the midst of turmoil. As time progresses, we will begin to trust in the Lord’s plan for our lives, give our cares over to him and obtain peace and joy even in the most difficult times. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones” (Proverbs 3:5-8).

**Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute — Applications Available for Class of St. Joseph! Mondays, 7-9 p.m., Transfiguration, Oakdale or join the satellite site at St. Tim’s in Maple Lake!** Ever wonder what God has planned for your life? This fall, the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in person at Transfiguration Catholic Church in Oakdale and at various CI Satellite Sites, where students will participate in the small group dynamic and gather together to watch the lectures via live stream. Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, such as Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Deacon Dan Gannon, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith, Liz Kelly, and more, the CI: Pillars Program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and layout the roadmap to heaven. Applications are now being accepted for the Class of St. Joseph. For more information, CI: Satellite Sites locations, and an application, visit [semssp/ci](http://semssp/ci) or call 651.962.5072.

**King’s House Upcoming Retreat** Womens Silent Retreat August 6th - 8th. To register: go to [kingshouse.com](http://kingshouse.com), or call 763-682-1394. 621 First Avenue South, Buffalo MN.

## 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.

**St. John the Baptist in Dayton** is holding its Parish Festival on Sunday, August 8. Broasted Chicken Dinner served from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Food and refreshments, children’s and adult games, Bingo, flea market, silent auction with theme baskets run throughout the day from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Grand Raffle drawing at 4:00 p.m. for prizes totaling over \$5,800. For more information, please call 763-428-2828.

**St Patrick’s Books & Gifts, LLC** located in Maple Lake is looking for someone to take over the business to continue to provide Catholic books and religious articles in Maple Lake and the surrounding area. All shelving, display materials, and supplies will be donated to the new owner, a vendor list will be provided, and inventory on hand can be purchased at a discounted price. Please contact Debbie or Karrie at 320-963-5200 or [stpatricks-booksandgifts@gmail.com](mailto:stpatricks-booksandgifts@gmail.com) if interested.

**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](mailto:kgroh@ivcusa.org). The website is [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.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.

**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](mailto:rachels@rvineyardmn.org), call 763-250-9313, or see [www.rvineyardmn.org](http://www.rvineyardmn.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, July 27th

8:00 am †Rev. Francis R. Kittock

Wednesday, July 28th

8:00 am †Arlan Schlagel

Thursday, July 29th

8:00 am †Lori Youngdahl

Friday, July 30th

8:00 am Successful VBS

Saturday, July 31st

9:00 am Archbishop Hebda

Saturday, July 31st

5:00 pm Tim Costello

Sunday, August 1st

8:00 am †Frank Mason

10:00 am Parishioners

## Minister's Schedule For July 31st & Aug. 1st

The Ministry Heads will be  
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

### Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

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

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/  
Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
[8a]/Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-  
46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11  
[2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-  
11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54  
[24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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## Retrouvaille 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? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille 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. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information contact the Central MN Retrouvaille Registration Team at 320-255-5314 or email [2016@retrouvaille.org](mailto:2016@retrouvaille.org) or visit our website: <https://www.helpourmarriage.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, free: [FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](https://FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP).



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported our first Burger Corn Combo event. A special thank you to Norm's Vegetable Stand (Hwy 10 and 25) for donating the sweet corn for the dinner. Another thank you to Brad Wurm for the inspiration and for chairing the event. We considered it a success as we did serve 265 dinners despite all the summer activities that day.



Welcome to new parishioners LeRoy and Nancy Lease! We're glad to have you with us.

The Church of St. Luke thanks Dan Goeman Edina Realty for advertising in our bulletin. We appreciate your support!



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. for a week of faith, fun and fellowship for youth in Preschool age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade! Preregistration is required. Register now to reserve your spot! Cost is FREE!! Come join in the fun!



**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. 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 27th

8:00 am Quilting

Friday, July 30th

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

**Registration**

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