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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 8, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

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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—9:00 am

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 do not often like to make movie reviews or recommendations. But last night I watched one that I was just so impressed with. The movie is called, 'Seven Days in Utopia'. Here is one summary of the movie (no spoiler). Luke Chisholm is a young golfer who's about to take a swing at the big time. Luke, however, has a big blowup that makes national news, drives away his father/coach, and seemingly scuttles his once-promising career. While driving along a Texas back road, Luke crashes through the fence of rancher Johnny Crawford. Johnny makes Luke an irresistible offer: spend a week with him in the tiny town of Utopia and see if Luke can change his life...

Johnny becomes a powerful force in Luke's life, not only teaching him about golf, but about life, and about God! Through flashbacks, it is clear that Luke had/has an overpowering father that has pushed him and that Luke himself has some anger issues. There are some really good life lessons that anyone can take away from this movie, even if you never played golf. Two things it got me to thinking about... Who has been a Johnny to me in my life, helping me see these great life lessons? Have I ever been a Johnny to someone else? And how can I do that more?

I don't want to spoil the movie, so I will not say much more. But, there are 2 or 3 very powerful moments toward the end. As I said before, I'm not trying to become a movie critic or promoter. But if you are looking for a good one, with some good lessons, and a clear God push, 'Seven Days in Utopia' comes highly recommended.

Just a reminder as the parish festival is getting closer, there will be more and more details to bring together. I want to thank all of the chairs for their prep work on things. I don't think people know how much planning and organizing goes into putting on our festival in a normal year. With not having a festival last year, this year has ended up being even more work. A few people have moved and we have needed to find people to fill these positions. If you are one of those people who stepped up to a new role this year, Thank You in advance. The parish festival is "All Hands on Deck". Please help if you are asked and able.

There have been some concerns about the work on the waterline out front. We have let them know about the parish festival and have been told that they will have both entrances open. They may not be tarred, but they will be useable. We are now moving into the Pie and Cake tins being available for you to pick up and bake. There are still some needs in the Bottle Bonanza, pop, water, and prizes area. The Baskets from Heaven can come in too. Be creative.... Movie Night: DVDs, popcorn and treats... Dog themed: treats and toys (I already have one to bid on)... Baby themed... Adult themed... many things work. Please be helping us advertize our festival too - invite, invite, invite!

I want to also thank Marilyn and all of our young people who helped put on the Vacation Bible School this last week. I think fun was had by all the children who attended. This is another event that has so much work put into the planning and preparation to put on. I am very impressed by so many of our young people.

Blessings to all,
Fr. Backer



SYNOD 2022

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.

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 or call 651.962.5072.

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's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus. In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world. In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life. -Sunday Connection

Archbishop Hebda Needs Your Help! Join the Journey this Fall! It's August and we are planning our Fall and Back to School activities. Plan to join us this fall to help shape the future of our local Church through the ongoing Archdiocesan Synod process. Archbishop Hebda needs your input in how to best form:

- Parishes that are in the service of evangelization;
- Missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to his call; and
- Youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

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 starting in September. We ask that you help Archbishop Hebda and take part in a small group. Watch for dates! See more at archspm.org/synod.

Discernment Opportunity for Young Women September 24-26 at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo We are pleased to announce that Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat is coming to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Single women age 18-28 who are seeking to do God's will are invited to attend. Religious sisters from various orders assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated Religious Sister. The Fiat Discernment Retreat seeks to foster prayer, self-knowledge, and authentic discernment in young women to re-center their focus back on God and the universal call to holiness. The cost of the retreat is \$100, which includes meals, lodging and materials. Registration and more information can be found at fiatministries.org.

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Awesome Marriages Don't Just Happen - Couples Create Them! Plan to attend the August 21-22 Marriage Encounter and we will begin creating the marriage of your dreams. Weekends held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. For more information, see www.marriages.org or call 651-454-3238.



Newly Baptized The Church of St. Luke welcomes our newest member, Penelope Josephine O'Konek, who was baptized last weekend. Congratulations, Jacob and Sarah!

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 or visit our website: <https://www.helpourmarriage.org>.

Natural Family Planning: NFP offers a scientific and marriage building opportunity by learning about one's fertility. Are you a couple interested in learning more about natural family planning? Are you wanting to follow the church's teaching but unsure exactly how to use NFP effectively? My name is Emily Kirkwold and I am a pharmacist and a natural family planning educator. I teach the Marquette model of NFP. Contact information: www.nfppharmacist.com, Email: emily@nfppharmacist.com, or Phone: 612-547-6659



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, August 10th

8:00 am †Rev. Francis R. Kittock

Wednesday, August 11th

8:00 am Successful Parish Festival

Thursday, August 12th

8:00 am Stephanie & Andy Stellmach & Family

Friday, August 13th

8:00 am Father Backer

Saturday, August 14th

9:00 am †James Kevin Walz

Saturday, August 14th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, August 15th

8:00 am †Bill Romine

10:00 am †Daunte Moore

Minister's Schedule For August 14th & 15th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

Readings for the Week of August 8, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, August 10th

8:00 am Quilting

7:00 pm KC Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 12th

7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting

Friday, August 13th

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration



Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

THANK YOU! VBS 2021 Rocky Railway has rolled on through! Thank you to Claire Leither and all the Crew who came together to put on a great week of fun and learning! We thank all those who helped behind the scenes, from those who donated supplies to those who donated time and energy to put it all together. Because of many helping hands, we all climbed aboard the Rocky Railway of life with Jesus and learned that he is by our side in life's wild ride! We know that Jesus is with us always and will guide us and help us in life. He is a true friend, one that is by our side to help us in all things!



The Church of St. Luke's family expresses our condolences to Terry & Barb Kantor and Family on the passing of Terry's brother, Roger.

We offer our sympathy to Marilyn & Dan Popp and Family on the passing of Dan's father, Donald. Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Our Knights of Columbus Council 14013 was awarded the distinction of Star Council, the International Organization's top honor for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the area of growing membership, promoting K of C insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic Faith Formation programs, and volunteering time through service-oriented activities. I would like to thank all brother knights who have dedicated their time and talents in many of these activities. I also want to thank all you who have supported the Knights' activities this past year. Your support is greatly appreciated. - Ron Shatek



The Parish Festival is Fast-Approaching! August 22, 2021

Please get those **Quilt and Grand Raffle** tickets sold and turned in! We need everyone's help to make the festival a success. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Funds go toward the building fund.

Cakes and Pies: Tins are available in the Gathering Space.

Baskets from Heaven: Baskets are available in the Gathering Space. Have fun! Be Creative.

Please bring in your fun **Prizes for Kids' Games**, any kind of bottled item for **Bottle Bonanza**, and bottled water and cans of pop for the **Outdoor Food Stand**.

Your donations make St. Luke's Festival a success. Put your donations in the labeled rooms in the Parish Center.

Remember the **Produce Booth** and **Baked Goods** the day of the festival!

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Registration

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

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