

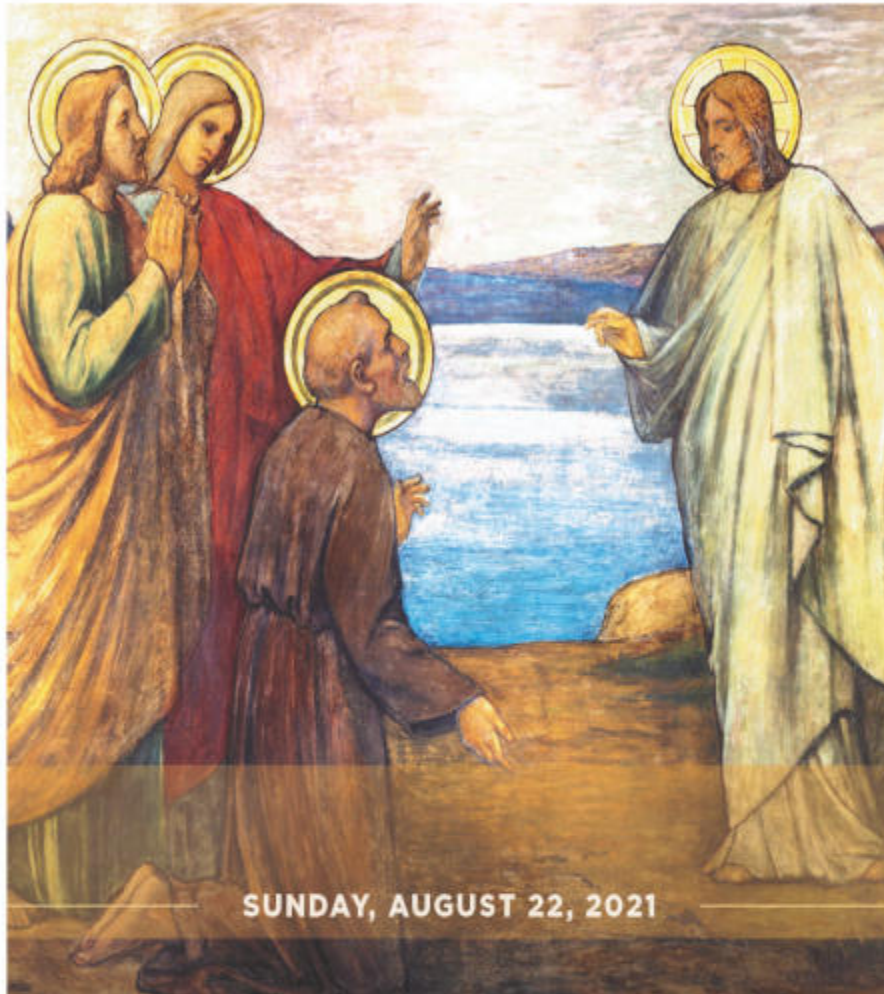
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August 22, 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Father Dennis Backer. Pastor



SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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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

The Festival weekend is here!!! All hands on deck! All hands on deck!! With not having a Festival last year it has made the planning this year a little harder. I really want to thank all of those who stepped up to make things happen this year. We had a few hurdles to deal with. The timing of the Clearwater Rodeo, with August 1st falling on a Sunday, put them on the same weekend. Our Festival is always on the 4th Sunday. Monticello a few years back moved their festival to the last Sunday, which means most years it is the same as ours, however, this year there are 5 Sundays, so it is not. I guess what I am saying is there is ALWAYS SOMETHING, we just needed to move ahead. I am hoping we may get some of the Rodeo people stopping by.

There are many of the 'Old Favorites' around again this year. There are also some changes. It is a Ham Dinner this year, but don't worry, you can still get your pork-chop-on-a-stick outside. The Quilts have been building up. Even though the quilters took a bit of a break for COVID reasons, they have some wonderful quilts ready for auction. (I need to decide what one I will let myself bid on. I have narrowed it down to 4.) Baskets from Heaven are still coming in at the time of this writing. There too, I have my eye on a few. I think you will find something you're interested in. Again, "Thank You" to all who responded to the call for the needs of our parish festival.

In one of my past parishes, every year the question was posed, "Is the Parish festival a fundraiser or a community builder??" I kept arguing "Why can't it be both?" Yes, our Parish Festival is our biggest fundraiser here at St. Luke's. All funds are directed toward the building fund to pay the mortgage. With not having a festival last year, this really hurt our finances. Thanks to some upping their donations, we got through ok. 100% of the cash for the grand raffle is from donations, so every ticket sold is profit coming in. So, let's see if we can get every printed ticket sold. This year Glen Lewerenz has agreed to help me with the raffle, due to a conflict Sam Samuelson had this year. I am sure Sam gave Glen some helpful hints on giving me a hard time :) Sam and I always had a great back and forth during the drawing. I pray you and your family will have fun at this year's festival and help us raise funds for the church.

Please be responsible, we are still dealing with COVID even with many restrictions being lifted. If you are feeling sick, stay home!! You do not need to be present to win on the Grand Raffle. The same goes for the Quilt Raffle. Some areas may get a little crowded at times, please try and respect others as you move around inside the building. Much of our festival takes place out on the side lawn and will very easily support social distancing for those who are looking to do so. If you would feel more comfortable, you are welcome to wear your mask. Again, just because the mask mandate was lifted, does not mean you cannot wear a mask. I am still in that awkward stage of 'who is comfortable and who is not'? For the most part, I will leave it to you to let me know.

The Festival always brings a lot of stress beforehand, with questions and planning. The day of the festival brings a lot of fun and interactions, some bidding and spending for me, dealing with things that pop up and need addressing, etc. etc. So much so that at the end of the festival the only thing I want to do is relax and crash.

Blessing and Fun to all,
Fr. Backer



This Sunday we come together as a parish to work together, play together and have fellowship together. Praise God for all the wonderful people at the Church of St. Luke. Enjoy the day and thank you for the many hands to help make this a fun day.

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 first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention. Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life. This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Faith in Action helps elderly folks stay in their homes safely by bringing in volunteers to help them with tasks they can no longer do alone. This is much more than 'just' a ride to the doctor, help with sweeping, laundry, or raking a yard. This is spreading Christ's LOVE to our neighbors! Here's a recent story from FIA Staff: I reached out to a volunteer to find out if he could give a new client a ride to his appointment at the St. Cloud VA Hospital, and he immediately said that he could, before finding out who the client was. Although they don't live in the same city, this volunteer happens to know the new client from church. He had not seen him in a long time because the client has been unable to attend in person. This volunteer was thrilled to have an opportunity to catch up with him by giving him a ride to his appointment! I could never have known that these two men - one a long-time volunteer from Clear Lake, the other a brand-new client in Becker - would have known each other and could be an encouragement to one another, but God did! If you know of someone in need of our free services, please have them call us. We would love to talk with them, 763-263-4277, www.grfia.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.

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.



The Church of St. Luke expresses our condolences to Regina Coan and family on the passing of her

daughter, Debra.

The St. Luke's family shares our sympathy with Bruce and Kathy Ganfield on the passing of Bruce's mother, Darleen.

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

Faith Formation It is hard to believe that Fall is just around the corner. Our Faith Formation program will begin in September for youth going into **first grade this fall through 10th grade**. We ask that 11 - 12th grade youth attend free of charge to study the Word of God or to help in areas needed. The registration form and letter outlining the program will be sent home via email and is also on the website.

Looking for a ministry in which you can serve the Lord by serving others? Consider volunteering to be a Catechist and help our young people come to know our Lord and their Catholic Faith. Any adult of any age is welcome. The best gift we can give our youth is Jesus. Email stlukefaithandlife@gmail.com or call the Formation office.

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>.

FORMED: Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Check it out, there is so much for all ages to help us grow in our faith! Get signed up, it's free: FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP.

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 24th

8:00 am † Marilyn Good

Wednesday, August 25th

8:00 am For Archdiocesan Synod

Thursday, August 26th

8:00 am † Aniceta Lahr

Friday, August 27th

8:00 am † Mildred & Clarence Shatek

Saturday, August 28th

9:00 am † Shirley Weber

Saturday, August 28th

5:00 pm † Frank Mason

Sunday, August 29th

8:00 am † Doreen Russell

10:00 am Parishioners

Minister's Schedule For August 28th & 29th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

Nancy Blom, Executive Director Of Rachel's Vineyard, to Speak at Serra Meeting The Serra Club of Wright County will meet at the King's House in Buffalo on Thursday, September 9. Our meeting will start with a rosary in the Chapel at 5:10 followed by Mass at 5:30. Please bring your own sandwich, etc. to enjoy during our social time. At 7 p.m. Nancy Blom will be giving a presentation about post-abortion healing. She will share the unique ways that the Rachel's Vineyard program helps women and men of all faiths to heal from their abortion trauma. Nancy has served as the Executive Director of Rachel's Vineyard for over twenty years. We welcome you to join us and learn more about the Serra Club of Wright County and our ministry. Please call Marian Meyer at 763-497-2371 or Kate Theisen at 952-955-1544 for more information. We usually meet the second Thursday evening of each month at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. Also please visit Serra's website www.serraus.org.

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' 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.



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 warmly welcome new members Dave and Barb Hemmer. We're glad to have you in our parish family!

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Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, August 24th

8:00 am Quilting

Thursday, August 26th

7:00 pm KCs Meeting

Friday, August 27th

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

Registration

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