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August 29 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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 last week has been a bit of the calm after the storm. As we were building up to the festival, there are so many last minute details that come up or should I say, need to come together. I am truly grateful to all those who donated supplies to the festival. Anything left over will be used at other parish events and save us money, nothing will go to waste. Some of the Baskets from Heaven are still getting picked up, as are some of the Grand Raffle winners.

I would also like to give a special "Thank You" to all of those who took on a new role for our festival this year. We had some changes to deal with, but I think everything came together. I am impressed with how fast things get taken down; this year just ahead of a rain shower. So please know I am thankful for all who have helped in any way.

This time of year many of you may be planning for (or even started?) the new school year. There have, like everything else this past year-plus, been a lot of disagreements about how things will work. Many may be happy we are back to in-person learning, but not all are happy with some of the added restrictions still in place. Unfortunately we are not out of the woods yet with COVID and there are many concerns over what this fall will bring. I sure am looking forward to the day we can say things like, "What was the name of the virus that shut everything down?"

For many people, this time of year means the State Fair. With all that can mean, for some it is a big tradition every year. For many it is the food that you can sometimes only get at the State Fair (likely it is deep fried). I know last year they had a drive-thru State Fair Food option, to help people get a taste of the State Fair. Well, this year we have the State Fair. I did hear on the news that some of the vendors had backed out with concerns. For some the main attraction may be the animals and exposing their kids to some of what farm life can be like. 4H helps so many kids grow in all sorts of ways. I am sure the numbers at the fair will likely be down this year. However, the Rodeo here in Clearwater sure broke some records! So much is hit and miss right now. I know the attendance was down at our festival, but I am glad we had it. To many it is one more sign of normal events coming back.

One more thing that I am so grateful about recently is the rain we have had. I know I have lost a few plants in my garden this year and so many of us have brown lawns. On the up side, I have had to mow less, although that is great exercise for me. I so missed sitting out in the yard enjoying the GREEN. I am sure we still could use more rain, sure we are still below average.

Be safe on all of your last summer outings, be they to the cabin or long road trips. Enjoy some good family time before we move into that fall schedule. I know I have a family gathering coming up this fall, last I heard it was going to be happening in Clearwater. Sure hope Clearwater is ready for that invasion.

Blessings,  
Fr. Backer

**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](http://archspm.org/synod).



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.

## 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

Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children's observations: "Why don't you have to go to bed at 8:00?" or "But I saw you eat a cupcake before breakfast once." Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe. As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God's Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be. Conclude in prayer together that we may always honor God's Law in our words and deeds. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 15.

**Spiritual retreat for Catholic healthcare workers** September 10-12 at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo Come revitalize your spirit & enjoy the beautiful grounds! As Healthcare Professionals we often face emotional, spiritual & ethical challenges. Enjoy daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, spiritual direction & a series of 5 talks exploring the soul of the healthcare apostolate, the interior life, being sent, the dignity of suffering & the ethos of healthcare workers in this age. Our Retreat Master is multi-talented Dominican Friar, Father Austin Litke O.P. Buckle up for a great ride! For more information and to register, visit [curatioapostolate.com](http://curatioapostolate.com).

**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](http://www.serraus.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](http://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.

**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>.

**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](http://www.nfppharmacist.com), Email: [emily@nfppharmacist.com](mailto:emily@nfppharmacist.com), or Phone: 612-547-6659.

**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](http://fiatministries.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, August 31st

8:00 am †Roger Larry Kantor

Wednesday, September 1st

8:00 am †Larry Joswiak

Thursday, September 2nd

8:00 am †Debbie Coan

Friday, September 3rd

8:00 am †Frank Mason

Saturday, September 4th

9:00 am †Martha Hafen

Saturday, September 4th

5:00 pm †Alvina Bielat

Sunday, September 5th

8:00 am Justin & Zio Lenk

10:00 am Parishioners

## Minister's Schedule For September 4th & 5th

The Ministry Heads will be  
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

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St. Joseph Prayer Book Now Available. In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph in our Archdiocese, the celebration committee asked the St. Joseph Business Guild to create and publish a prayer book. The book uses the "10 Wonder" concept from *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Donald H. Calloway as a cohesive Archdiocesan theme that coincides with the monthly Cuppa Joe lecture series. Cost of the prayer book is \$2.95. For bulk orders of 25 or more copies, please visit <https://www.sjbusinessguild.com/store>. Smaller orders may be purchased from Leaflet Missal, 976 West Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul, or online at <http://www.leafletonline.com>.

*Thank  
You*

A warm thank you to all who donated, helped, worked, and attended our Parish Festival. We were blessed with great weather, and although numbers were down it was a great day to celebrate our St. Luke's Parish family. Kids and adults both enjoyed the opportunity to hang out together. Special thanks to all the chair people, especially those who took on new roles, and to the Festival Committee for executing such a well-run festival!

**Holiday Sale!** With the Festival over, we turn our attention to the Holiday Sale! Please start thinking about Fall and Christmas decorations you are no longer using and put them aside for our sale, which will be sometime in October.



**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 10<sup>th</sup> grade. We ask that 11 - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stlukefaithandlife@gmail.com) or call the Formation office.



The Church of St. Luke would like to thank Dr. Eron L. Bordson, Doctor of Chiropractic, and Nelson Brothers for advertising in our Church Bulletin.

Please patronize these local businesses. We very much appreciate their support!

#### Readings for the Week of August 29, 2018

**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

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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### St. Luke's Calendar

**Tuesday, August 31st**

8:00 am Quilting

**Friday, September 3rd**

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

### Registration

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