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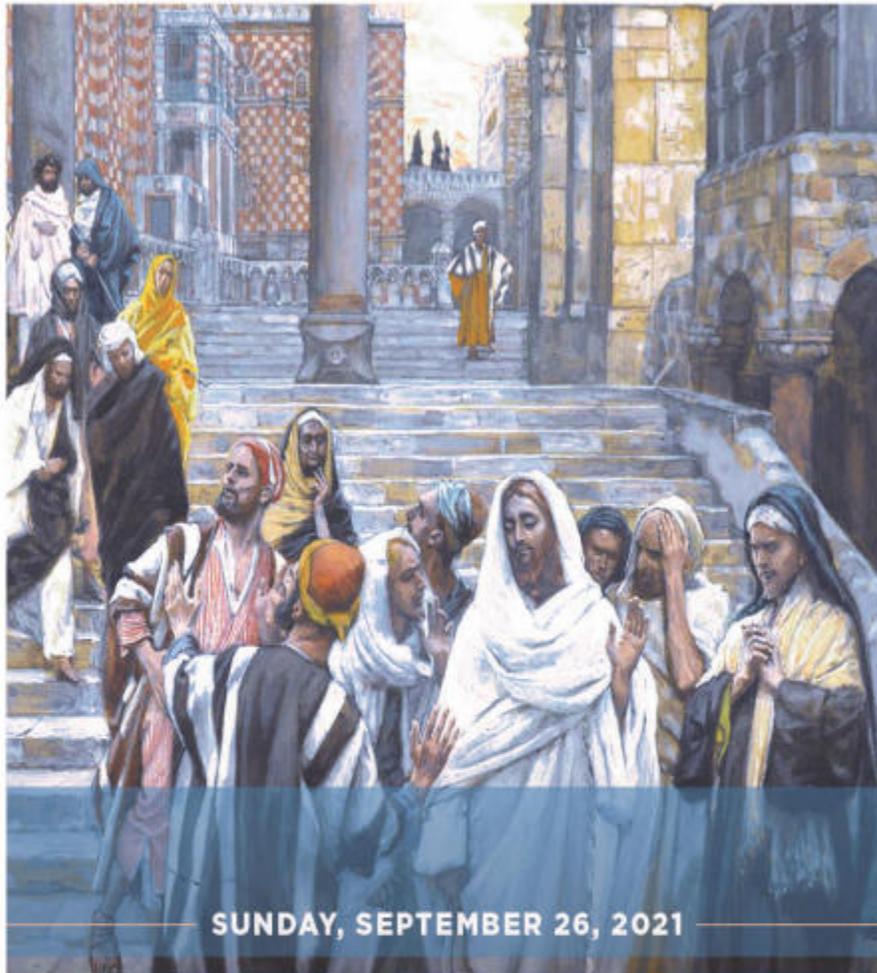
September 26, 2021 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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 just want to post this information every way I can. I have posted on Facebook and have announced at the Masses. I am covering my bases now with the bulletin article. A few years ago a NEW SCAM came out; I guess too many are on to the car warranty call. The new approach is to contact people posing as their priest and asking for their help. This is to play on your kind heart to help your priest. It started as an email from a totally bogus Gmail account. It is not coming from my @churchofstlukes.com account, but they are counting on you not to look at that. It has now also moved into text, again not coming from my number. They have been creative. One I saw even said I would be in meetings, so not to call me, but simply respond to the text. That is because IF you call me you will find out it is not coming from me. What the scam is, if they can get you to respond, they then will ask you for gift cards. One was for me to help a friend, another was as a reward for the staff. Either way, if they can get you to buy these gift cards, they are going to ask you to scratch off the code on the back and send them pictures of front and back. If they can get you to do that, they then can take the money off of the gift card without a trace. You will be out the money and will have only helped the scammer.

Please be careful about giving out your personal information or getting sucked into one of these other scams where they can take your money. If you ever have a question whether something is coming from me, contact me at the parish office directly. If I ever need to ask you a favor, I will call you on the phone and talk to you, or will email you from my parish account. I will never ask you for gift cards and I will never ask you not to call to confirm it is me.

As I write this (Tuesday) there is a service person here working on the sound system in the church. I know many of you have had some difficulty in hearing recently. Like other things, when one thing has an issue in a sound system it can cause other things to shut down or have problems. My hope and prayer is that after today we will not be having any more problems. I can't guarantee that, but sure pray that will be the case.

This Sunday will be the first gathering of the Synod small groups. Things will start at 6:00 p.m. Once again, it would be great to see a large number of you take part in the small group process. If you can't make the first night, feel free to come to the other nights. Any feedback you can give in these small groups will be helpful. I know there are topics for each night and a structure for the evening. I am hoping for a large response and support for the Archbishop in this lead-up to the Synod at Pentecost. I ask all of you to please be praying that the Holy Spirit will be moving in our local church. I also would love to thank all of those who have stepped up at St. Luke's to do the ground work for this small group part here at the parish.

There has been so much going on around the parish again. Faith Formation will be starting up again this week. Please keep our youth, teachers, and support staff in your prayers. There are normally struggles and challenges to overcome each new year; we are still dealing with some of that. Prayer is something we can always use. Hold up the program in your prayers. Pray that the faith may be deeper rooted in our children and, as oftentimes happens, our teachers themselves grow in their own faith by sharing their faith with our children.

Blessings and peace on all of you,

Fr. Backer

IF YOU DO ONE THING THIS FALL JOIN A SYNOD SMALL GROUP AT ST LUKES!

● **Small groups** will discuss the three focus areas that arose from feedback given in the Prayer and Listening events over the last two years.

Focus area #1: Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization.

Focus area #2: Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.

Focus area #3: Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

Some topics we will brainstorm on: What can we do to make parishes more welcoming and accessible? How can we offer meaningful life-long formation for discipleship? How can we better assist parents in forming children as disciples who know and love Jesus and his Church?

● **Pray. Learn. Discuss. Respond:** Small groups of approximately 8 people will gather to **Pray:** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. **Learn:** Experience the compelling truth of the Catholic faith in today's cultural context. **Discuss:** Examine questions under each focus area, sharing perspectives among a small group of sisters and brothers in Christ. **Respond:** Weigh in on how we as a Church might respond to these questions to help Archbishop determine priorities.

● **Facilitation:** A trained facilitator will promote a meaningful and charitable dialogue between group members.

● **Feedback:** Participants will complete an Individual Feedback Form. A trained scribe will submit the information, which will then be provided to your parish and Archbishop Hebda.

● **Who should attend?:** Ages 15 through 100 plus!

● **Location/Dates:** All here at the Church of St. Luke Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. **September 26, Oct 3, Oct 10, Oct 17, Oct 24, Nov 7**

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

The second part of today's Gospel contains a strong message for those who share the responsibility of fostering faith. It is indeed an awesome responsibility. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith is a lifelong journey toward God. We don't always get it all or even get it right. But we pray for the grace to acknowledge and build upon even the smallest signs of faith, in ourselves and in others. There are plenty of obstacles that might prevent the growth of faith. Let us pray that we are not contributing to the obstacles that might hinder another person's faith in Jesus.

Top Ten Things Parents Can Do to Nurture Spirituality at Home

10. Protect your child's quiet time. It's an essential prelude to learning to pray.
9. Be present to each of your children with as much of your whole and healed self as you can muster.
8. Honor each of your children for who God has made them to be.
7. Look your children in the eye when they want to talk to you.
6. Listen, listen, and listen. (Not to rebut or correct, but to receive and understand.)
5. Tell stories about your life that will be encouraging and helpful to your child
4. Let your children catch you praying.
3. Pray with your children.
2. Do something good for others with your children.
1. Eat meals together!!! This is perhaps the most important means of passing on faith and values. We bring not only our physical hungers to the table, but our social, emotional, and spiritual hungers as well—and all can be fed there. It may not be neat and orderly, but meals spent together with a loving family will be an anchor in the stormy seas of modern life for your children.

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Faith Formation: Faith Formation begins this week Wednesday, September 29th at 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. 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 was sent home via email and is also on the website. Reminder: sacramental prep for first Eucharist begins in first grade and is a two-year program. Confirmation prep begins in 9th grade and is also a two-year program.

Are you a Junior or Senior in High School or Young Adult? Let's get together for some fellowship! This is a great opportunity to unwind and share with one another about life and it's ups and downs. We will also be doing an informal bible study for young adults. We will meet beginning October 6th on Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00pm. Bring your friends. All are welcome.

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! 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.



Newly Baptized! Congratulations to Jason & Danielle Lesinski and their son, Malachi Daniel, who was baptized at St. Luke's last weekend. Welcome to our church family, Malachi!

WELCOME

New Parishioners The Church of St. Luke extends a warm welcome to new parishioners **Tim & Stacy Seeman, and Ronald & Carol Freeman**. We're glad to have you in our church family!

We express our sincere sympathies to Brad, Kelly and Nicole Wurm on the passing of Brad's mother, Sandra Wurm. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



In need of 6th and 7th grade Catechists: Consider volunteering to be a Catechist and help our young people to 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.

Fall Adult Studies to begin later this fall/early winter: This fall at the Church of St. Luke we will have numerous opportunities for everyone to participate in a small group for the Archdiocesan Synod. This will take roughly 6 weeks. When this part of the Synod Process is over, we will begin our fall studies. Watch for more details in the up-coming weeks.

Calling all youth 8th -12th grade to REVIVE Youth Night! Let's get together and head to St. Michael Catholic for our area deanery Youth event on October 2nd from 7:00-9:30 pm. We will begin with Mass, there will be a dynamic Speaker, John Boyle, Worship band *In the Name*, and Adoration. The night will be centered around John 4:4-15. "Living Water" – Just like the woman at the well, God is calling us to a life with Him, and that abundant life and relationship with Him can begin now.

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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, September 28th

8:00 am †Dick Casey

Wednesday, September 29th

8:00 am †Scott Langlie

Thursday, September 30th

8:00 am †Donna & Duane Burton

Friday, October 1st

8:00 am †Albert Notch

Saturday, October 2nd

9:00 am †Clarence Klinkner

Saturday, October 2nd

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, October 3rd

8:00 am †Shirley Weber

10:00 am Kathryn Shatek

Minister's Schedule For October 2nd & 3rd

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Catholic Version) "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5). 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 November 5 - 7, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

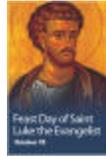
Quilts! The Quilters want to thank all who bid on and purchased quilts at the festival auction. You are a very important part of our efforts to raise money for the building fund. We are now busy quilting for next year's auction. If you have a particular color scheme you would be interested in seeing, let us know. Also, we would like to welcome anyone interested in joining us. We meet every Tuesday after morning Mass.

Festival Wrap-Up Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. All festival chairpersons are asked to attend this meeting.



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.



St. Luke Feast Day - Parish Family Fun Day! All are welcome to attend on Sunday, October 17th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. There will be a free dinner, games, and prizes. Please sign up in the gathering area. Come and celebrate!

Archdiocesan Candlelight Rosary Procession Friday, October 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul. Join in praying the rosary as we process from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Gather at the MN State Capitol approach at 6:30 p.m. for the procession, which will begin at 7 p.m. We will conclude with Marian prayers, Eucharistic Adoration, and Benediction at the Cathedral. See more information at minnesota-rosaryprocessions.org.



The Church of St. Luke's thanks **K&N Repair** for advertising in our bulletin. Patronize this local business for full service auto, truck, & equipment repair!

Church of St. Luke's Holiday Sale Thursday - Sunday, October 21st - October 24th: Thursday thru Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 9 - noon. **Drop off** new or gently used, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, or any other holiday decorations in the Parish Center Thursday, October 14th thru Wednesday, October 20th, during office hours and weekend Mass times.



Reminder: If you have changed your phone number or address please be sure to let the office at St. Luke know so we have your current information in our system.

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/
 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, September 28th

8:00 am Quilting
 6:30 - 8:00 pm "God Bless America" Prayer Time

Wednesday, September 29th

6:45 - 8:00 pm Faith Formation

Friday, October 1st

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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