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October 10, 2021 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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

It is clear that Fall is here. The trees are turning to some of the most beautiful colors. I have started wearing my coat in to the office, the struggle is not to leave it there. Most of my flowers are done and last week I started some of my Fall clean up. I had a cashier say to me recently, "It's a nice Fall day." But I know what comes after Fall and as much as some of you like the white stuff and winter sports, it truly is hard for me. I would rather be dealing with melting, planning on what to plant in my open spot, and watching new growth start pushing up through the soil. But that is not now.

Please don't get me wrong, I have lived in Minnesota all my life and I do love that we have 4 distinct seasons, each having their pluses and minuses. A friend of mine once lived very near the equator and the temperatures throughout the year did not change much. They had a wet season and a dry season. I also know this about the weather in Minnesota, it is going to be what it is going to be.

We tend to have seasons in our faith life too. Some of us more than others. Maybe growing up we remember going to Faith Formation (or CCD) or praying with our family. Perhaps we went off to College and stopped practicing our faith. We rebel in many ways, mom and dad can't make me anymore. Perhaps we go to the Church for a Sacrament (marriage or baptism), and we get to thinking about faith again. Perhaps now we have a child of our own and want them to get the faith. Perhaps someone close to us died and this has got us thinking about faith again. There are so many reasons people come back to the faith as there are reasons they walked away from the faith.

We don't always take a look at our faith, like we would the weather if we have something coming up outside. But we really should be. Where am I at with my faith? Where do I wish I was with my faith? How far are these two apart? What do we need to do to get there? This last one can be easy or hard, we may know or have no idea. Sometimes the best thing we can do is pray. That may lead us to pick up a spiritual book to read. Maybe part of it is we prepare and visit the confessional. I have had many conversations over the years with people wanting to do better with their faith. Often times it can mean a change in our life. Some are willing to make the change and some are not.

The weather seasons will change, like it or not. They will never be the same, we could have a hard or mild winter. But the changes in the season will happen. That is not quite the same with the seasons of our faith. It will only change based on if we do the work. But if the desire is there, the Lord will help. The Lord can sometimes plant the desire for the change. For the Lord is always calling, the question is "Are we listening and will we respond?"

Locally we are all in the same weather season, but where are you in your faith season?

NOTE: we are still in the process of the Synod small groups. This Sunday night at 6:00pm will be the third section. Please try and join, even if you have not made the previous two, you can still come and take part. Who knows, it could help you change the season of your faith. SPRING!!!



Today is the KC's Breakfast. Please come to the Parish Center and enjoy a delicious meal prepared and made by St. Lukes KC's.

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VISION STATEMENT

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We strive to always be a community where every heart is touched by our Christian fellowship.*

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Faith and Family

October is the month of Mary. Jesus has given our Mother Mary to us just before he was to be crucified. She is our heavenly mother, one who loves us deeply and will intercede for us in prayer. One beautiful prayer we have been given is the Rosary. I came across this beautiful writing from Sr. Mary Jean Dorcy, o.p. from the Magnificat prayer book called the Lifeline to Heaven. How beautifully she writes about the gift of the rosary.

How many million miles rosary beads have traveled through troubled fingers only God and his Mother know. How many miracles of grace it has worked in the lives of those who were faithful to this devotion, it must keep the angels busy to record. How many times it has pulled back from the gates of hell some wayward soul who perhaps has no other devotion, we shall have to wait for heaven to discover.

The vocal prayers of the rosary are repeated over and over, perhaps because we are all children at heart and children love to ask the same thing over and over of a loving mother. Some have found in this a point to criticize; they have never sounded to its depths this prayer that is so dear to Mary. There are times in all our lives when, faced with pain or sorrow, our very thoughts seem to stop; in such paralyzing moments the only prayers that will come to our lips are those we have said since childhood: the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be. It is a natural thing that a stricken child should call upon its mother for help; so it is that we grope for our rosary in the darkness of tragedy or temptation. And our Lady does not fail to help: she is a careful mother. Paradoxically, though the rosary is limited to so few prayers said vocally, its possibilities for mental prayer have almost no limits at all. The greatest of mystics and scholars have lost themselves in the depths of the mysteries presented by these scenes of the incarnation, death, and resurrection of the Redeemer. The wings for soaring are to be found in any of the mysteries. In the measure in which we can detach ourselves from earth, poor mortals that we are, we are allowed to fly to God.

Throughout the troubled centuries since Dominic first preached the rosary, it has been a lifeline to heaven for millions of souls. Through the terrors of persecution in country after country, Christians who dared not convene for prayers, who were denied the Mass because all their priests had been killed, whispered in secret the prayer of the rosary. In this way the faith has been preserved, sometimes for centuries. Even today, many a Catholic struck down by accident or sudden illness owes the grace of receiving the last sacraments to the fact that he carries a rosary in his pocket. For that is an unmistakable sign that he is one who has a claim upon the Mother of God; he will have an intercessor to stand beside him at the throne of God. After a lifetime of saying over and over, "Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death," one could expect nothing else.

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 6-8 weeks as various times will be offered to give everyone the opportunity to attend a session. Then around the middle of October we will begin our fall studies. Watch for more details in the up coming weeks.

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.

Faith Formation Prayer people needed: We had our first night of Faith Formation on Wednesday night. We are off to a good start. Families and youth today have face many challenges in our society and are in need of prayer. One thing that we need is for people to intercede for us in prayer on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00pm. You can pray from your home during this time or come in to the adoration chapel. This is a wonderful way to help our youth. Please contact the Faith formation office if you are interested and can dedicate some time to prayer. If we can get 4 people to sign up then we can make a schedule to cover our youth and families in prayer during Faith formation.

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.

Discernment Day Retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens Saturday, Oct. 30, 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., at the Aspirancy House at The Saint Paul Seminary, 1976 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will lead a one-day discernment retreat for men discerning Catholic priesthood, who already have a college degree. The day will include talks by Bishop Cozzens, Mass, prayer, seminary campus tour, testimonies meals and social time. Discernment tips will be shared and an opportunity to get your questions answered about vocational and seminary life. For further information and to register, see 10000vocations.org

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's know so we have your current information in our system. You can call or email that change to the office.

***** Festival wrap-up meeting Tuesday October 12th, 7:00pm.** All festival chair-persons are asked to attend this meeting.

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, October 12th

8:00 am †Valaria Dutton

Wednesday, October 13th

8:00 am †Viola Mosner

Thursday, October 14th

8:00 am †Aniceta Lahr

Friday, October 15th

8:00 am †Nora Post

Saturday, October 16th

9:00 am Father Backer

Saturday, October 16th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, October 17th

8:00 am † Al & Mary Imholte

10:00 am † Roger Larry Kantor

Minister's Schedule For October 16th & 17th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

Synod Small Groups : The synod small groups takes the place of some of our fall studies for the first 6 weeks of Fall. You are invited to join this group on Sunday evenings at 6:00-8:00pm. Our first two sessions have been good, informative and we received great feedback to give to Archbishop Hebda. I am sure if you talked to anyone who attended they would encourage you to join us. You don't have to speak if you don't want to.

● **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!

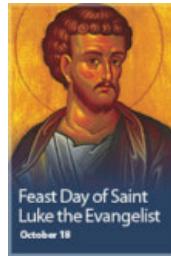
● **Location/Dates:** All here at the Church of St Luke Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm., Oct 10, Oct 17, Oct 24, Nov 7

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.

Welcome

St Lukes parish family wish to express a warm welcome to Cheryl & Richard Nygaard.

Rake the Town! 9th and 10th grade youth, for our first service project this fall we will help those who are not able to care for their yards. We will be racking some yards and doing fall clean up on October 24th so reserve the date. More details will be come. Adult volunteers are welcome as well.



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

In honor of Respect Life Month, baby bottles will be handed out next week-end, October 16th & 17th, for the Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Funds raised are for the 2 centers in St. Cloud. Please take your baby bottle and return to St. Lukes by October 30-31st. Thank you!

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, October 12th

- 8:00 am Quilting
- 7:00 pm "God Bless America" Prayer Time
- 7:00 pm Festival Wrap-Up Meeting
- 7:00 pm KCs Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 13th

- 6:45 - 8:00 pm Faith Formation

Friday, October 15th

- 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

Sunday, October 17th

- 6:00—8:00 pm Synod Small Groups

Registration

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