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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 24, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told
him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he
received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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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

Hospitality after Mass

Join us in the gathering area for coffee

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 wish to extend a huge "Thank You!" to the parish council and those who stepped up to help them put on the Feast Day Celebration. Things went very well and I believe fun was had by all. This yearly event is one of the many we did not have last year. It has been so nice to have these events again.

As a follow-up from last week's homily, I spoke to one person after Mass already asking about what the needs are. As I told him, so I will tell you, it would be great to talk about it. Rather than handing you a list that you may not know what it really is or what it would mean to do, I can talk to you and find out your gifts and talents, or what you are interested in? Then based on what your gifts and interests are and our current needs, I can suggest where you best could help out. This gentleman said they were new to the parish. He has sung in the choir in the past and enjoyed that. I suggested joining the choir as well as ushering, due to the need at the moment. I then asked his permission to pass his information on to those two ministry chairs. I will always ask before I give your information to someone.

This weekend in the second reading, from Hebrews, it speaks of the high priest being taken from among men, chosen from the people. He is made their representative before God. As a priest one of the most amazing things that comes with that is the sacraments. When I give absolution in the confessional, I know it is God's work and grace, not mine. As I baptize and say Mass, I am standing 'In persona Christi', that is, in the person of Christ. As mentioned in the second reading, "for he himself is beset by weakness". Boy do I know it! I, like many of you, know of my own weaknesses and failings. I regularly will go to confession to confess my sins. We all likely know our own failings better than anyone else. But do we all know our own gifts?? Sometimes they need to be pointed out to us, so that we see them. I know a priest friend of mine that visited a church he was being assigned to, before they knew him. It is a great way to see how things happen at a parish and see how you are treated as a visitor. Well, he is a good singer and someone sitting by him invited him to join the choir. He said he would not be able to. The next week when he showed up as the new Pastor the person understood why he could not join the choir. :)

Sometimes others can see the gifts we overlook. Sometimes fear holds us back from something we would be great at. Fear and anxiety are not things that help us succeed, they hold us back, they hold us down. Often they prevent us from knowing what we really can do or even what we were meant to do.

If you are looking to improve your personal prayer life please remember there is a men's group that meets Saturday mornings and a prayer group that has been meeting on Tuesday nights here at St. Luke's. Also this weekend you will find information out in the gathering area about upcoming Bible studies. This can be a wonderful way to grow in your faith and get to know others from the parish. Please take a moment to look over what is being offered and consider signing up for these opportunities.

Congratulations to Bishop Cozzens for being named Bishop of the Crookston Diocese. It was announced this last Monday by the Holy Father. Please keep Bishop Cozzens in your prayers as he moves into this new position in the Church.

Fr. Backer



Yup. It's that important. To make sure all Catholics have an opportunity to participate in the Synod process, Archbishop Hebda has asked every parish in the archdiocese to host Synod small groups this fall. That means for six weeks, our parish is focusing our adult formation just on the Synod. It's that important. Imagine the impact of 186 parishes across the Archdiocese journeying together! Be part of this historic moment now, and the future of our local Church. There are 2 sessions left for you to attend. Tonight, Sunday October 24th and November 7th. Both from 6:00-8:00pm. Registration is available in the gathering area and on the church website and is appreciated but not required. 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, our father and guide, 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

As Catholic parents one of our deepest desires is for our children to know, love and serve the Lord our God with their whole heart, mind, soul and strength. That is the beautiful thing about our Catholic faith. We have so many helps for our ever-deepening faith journey. With All Saints day upon us this is a wonderful time to teach our children about the importance of learning about the lives of saints and allowing their life examples to draw us closer to our Lord. After all, God wants all of us to become saints. Often times we have the misconception that the Saints lived perfect and sinless lives and endured a joyless life of pain or solitude removing themselves from the rest of the world. This is a great misunderstanding. No one is more full of joy than a Saint! To love God and follow His will fulfills us in a way that nothing else can. We should want our children to find this fulfillment, and they can discover it in the Christ-centered lives of the saints. The first step in teaching our children is learning about the lives of the saint our self. There are many good books that one can purchase on saints (we have some in the faith formation resource area for you to check out for a while too) or one can use a reliable Catholic website. Finding a saint who connects to your child's life will draw them in. Some popular saints for children are St. Maria Goretti, St. Dominic Savio, St. Therese of Lisieux and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, all who showed great virtues and love of Christ and neighbor at a young age. You can encourage older children to follow in a saint's life of service by volunteering at the food shelf or in other community or parish projects. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in an address to German youth said, "Christ is not so much interested in how often in our lives we stumble and fall, as in how often with his help we pick ourselves up again." A saint is someone who, with the help of God's grace, did just that, picked themselves up one more time after he or she stumbled and fell. All Saint's Day is on November 1st, just around the corner, to pray for and give thanks to all the Saints that have gone before us and who intercede in prayer on our behalf.

Fall Adult Studies There are numerous opportunities for faith, growth, and fellowship for all. Consider signing up for one of the following small groups:

- **Monday evening Bible Study** beginning November 15th . Jeff Cavins: Ephesians Bible Study from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday evenings Book Study Group** will begin with Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story by Fr. Mark Toups, starting November 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday morning Women's Group** will begin on Wednesday November 24th at 8:45a.m. Lectio Mass readings followed by Advent Rejoice!

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.

CEMETERY NEWS The St. Luke's Cemetery Board will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Children's Liturgy Young people ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy during the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. This is a wonderful opportunity for our little ones to hear the Word of God so they can understand it and apply the Word. The children are dismissed from Mass just before the readings and return during the offertory. Parents, plan on bringing your young ones to Mass to participate in this wonderful opportunity.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Teachers Needed We are in need of older youth and adults to help with this ministry which takes place during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. It is a wonderful way to serve the Lord. Please contact the Faith Formation office if you are interested in helping or if you have questions. Thank

Appalachia Shoe Box Mission Jesus asks us to reach out and help those in need. There is much need right here in the United States. Previously as a faith community we helped the very poor in Kentucky. This is one of the poorest areas in the U.S. For many years now, a woman in the rural southern archdiocese spearheads this great mission. She moves slow and walks with a cane but has a passion to help those in need. As an archdiocese we come together to fill a semi truck full of shoe boxes for those in need. As you remember, the shoe boxes have basic items in them because the people who receive them are in such great need. This year we again invite you to participate in the Appalachia Shoe Box Mission. As a parish, we will work to fill shoeboxes for youth and adults in poverty-stricken parishes in Kentucky to give as Christmas gifts. Some of the items that will be needed are washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, combs, pencils, markers, etc. Please check out the sample shoe box in the gathering area and take a flyer. Decide if you would like to fill a box for a baby, a boy or a girl, a man or a woman. Find a shoe box! Wrap the box with Christmas wrap being sure to wrap the top of the box separately so it can be opened to view. Go shopping, then place everything in the box. Lastly, place a tag on it indicating if it's for a man or woman, or boy or girl with their age range. Something so simple will make a person so happy. Thank you for having a giving heart.



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 26th

8:00 am †Valaria Dutton

Wednesday, October 27th

8:00 am †Dolores Popp

Thursday, October 28th

8:00 am Fr. Steven

Friday, October 29th

8:00 am †Larry Donat

Saturday, October 30th

9:00 am †Viola Mosner

Saturday, October 30th

5:00 pm †Ed Corrigan

Sunday, October 31st

8:00 am †Sarah Imholte

10:00 am Parishioners

Minister's Schedule For October 30th & 31st

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

September Contributions

General Contributions	\$ 25,505.00
Building Fund	\$ 6,235.00

Building Debt Payment	\$ 6,014.00
Extra Principal Paid	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Total Payment	\$ 8,014.00

Annual Financial Report The 2020-2021 Financial Report is available in the office for anyone who would like to review it.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated this weekend, October 23/24. On this day, every parish, school and order celebrate World Mission Sunday and our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all. This collection supports over 1,100 vulnerable communities worldwide. This year, we recognize Sister Rose Vu from our archdiocese, as an example, of those who have chosen a “witness of life” and are serving the poor and hungry in many global areas. Join our brothers and sisters and support mission dioceses, everywhere. You can contribute to this appeal at your parish, or at <https://centerformission.org/contribute-donation-form/>. Questions? Contact Eric Simon, 651-291-4446.

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.

KC Coat Drive The Knights of Columbus will be collecting coat and cash donations this year throughout the month of October. A donation box will be located in the Church entry. Please place your new or gently used coats in the box provided on the weekends of **Oct. 24, Oct. 31, & Nov. 7**. Your cash donations are also appreciated. Place your cash donations in an envelope marked "KC Coat Drive" and place in the collections basket, drop off in the church office, or put into the collection box outside. All cash will be used to purchase additional coats from the State Council at a reduced cost. Our council thanks you in advance for your donation.



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Please feel free to record the names of loved ones who have passed away in our Book of the Dead, which is located on the Round Table in the Gathering Space. Please include the month and the year of passing.

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/ Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/ Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17- 18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, October 26th

8:00 am Quilting

Wednesday, October 27th

6:45 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, October 28th

7:00 pm Cemetery Meeting

7:00 pm KC's Meeting

Friday, October 29th

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

Registration

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