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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 7, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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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

This coming week I will be leaving you for a couple weeks. Not to the Holy Land as was thought months ago, but now on my own pilgrimage. Or Vacation. Or Retreat. Each of these will have a part in my time away. On the drive down to Peoria, I will be listening to the talk, "Retreat for Priest," given by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Yet there will also be a couple of stops that are just relaxing and fun. My plan is, after I get through the Cities, to get off of the freeway and follow the river down. That first night I will be staying with a priest who was in seminary with me. It has been years since I have seen him, and look forward to catching up that night and joining him for Mass in the morning.

I have not yet decided, but I may make a post or two on the Parish Facebook page, updating you. I don't want to do too much, partly because this is going to be deeply personal for me, and partly because I am looking to take a break from the day-to-day parish routine. Also, since part will be retreat, I should retreat from Facebook.

Due to being gone, the daily Masses will be cancelled; this means the confession times too. It has always been hard to find coverage for St. Luke's, being on the edge of the Archdiocese and all. It has only gotten harder in the past few years. There are options out there if you are looking for a daily Mass or confessions. The weekend Masses when I will be gone will be covered by Fr. Doug Ebert, a friend of mine. He is coming a long distance to say Mass for you, so please express your gratitude. I have told Fr. Doug to be 'good, but not too good', that I do want you to miss me. Part of my traveling will be open ended - not sure when I will be back. I will be here for the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday night, November 20th. If an emergency comes up, contact the parish office and they can help find a priest for you. Be aware there are Catholic priests on staff at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Lastly, I ask your prayers. Please keep me in your daily prayers over the next few weeks, that I will be refreshed and renewed. I have been reflecting on how often Jesus left the crowd to take time to pray. He would leave and go to a lonely place to pray. Prayer will be one of my primary focuses this coming two weeks. The dogs are at the sitter. I am sure I will miss having them around, but it will give me more freedom to move around and not need to care for them. (I know they have fun at the sitter.) I am looking forward to the break from preaching. It can be stressful coming up with homilies each and every day. Please know this: even though I am taking some time away, you will all be in my daily prayers.

Blessings,
Fr. Backer

St. Luke's Craft and Cookie Stroll



December 4th is the date for our annual Craft and Stroll and it will be here before we know it. This is one of our largest Youth fundraisers. In the past the sale started at 9:00 a.m. and by 10:30 a.m. we were nearly all out of the specialty cookies and candies. Please think about what type of Christmas goodie you might make. We need lots of goodies to make this a successful sale. Please sign up in the gathering area. If you have containers such as ice cream pails we can use those as well. Also, **Crafters Wanted!** In addition, we sell crafts that parishioners have made. Please think about what you can make and donate to be sold at this wonderful Christmas season event held

Veteran's Day is Thursday, November 11



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

It is a jungle out there in the big world and as parents we are up against a lot of competition in raising our children in the faith and keeping them there, versus being lost in the relativistic ideas of the world. As parents we promised our Lord, as we brought our children to the waters of baptism, to raise our children to know, love and serve our Lord. In the world today that can be a challenge. We have to ask ourselves, "Do I want to raise faithful Catholic children? Do I want my children to become faithful Catholic adults?" While there is no guarantee what they will choose as adults, we can live out our family life to give them the best possible role model of Catholic family life. Here are five things we can do as parents to help steer them in the right direction. We want them to have a personal relationship with the Lord, especially in the Eucharist, which can only be found in the Catholic faith. These suggestions are taken from the book, *Discovering God Together: The Catholic Guide to Raising Faithful Kids*, by Greg and Lisa Popcak.

Catholic families worship together. As a family, attend Mass together on Sundays and Holy Days and actively participate in your parish. We also recognize that we have a fallen nature, we struggle to love as we should and need grace and healing. So, go regularly as a family to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through this healing sacrament we can gain the graces to help us love each other more and better.

Catholic families pray together. In addition to your personal prayer time, bring your children together to pray as a family. The practice of family prayer will help us love each other as God loves us.

Catholic families are called to intimacy. We must first love and respect our spouse, and love our spouse as Christ loves us. That love for each other will be a sign and a witness to our children as to how they are to love one another.

Catholic families put family first. This means that our *family life* during the week is the most important activity of the week. We want to do everything possible to have family rituals in the ordinariness of life, such as eating meals together, praying and worshipping together, or having family game nights. We also want to spend one on one time with each child.

As Catholic Families we are to be a witness and a sign to the world. God wants us to share that love and intimacy we have obtained as a family, by respecting and showing love for our family while we are out in the world. We are called to serve others by practicing the corporal works of mercy.

Young Adults and High Schoolers: We Need Your Voice! Sunday night is your chance! Do you have a great idea for how to engage your peers in the faith, or something great you've experienced in the Church you'd like to share with others? Come to *the last Synod Small Group, November 7th, 6:00—8:00 p.m. to take part in this topic.*

NET Retreat for 7th-12th Grade Youth Please reserve the date! November 21st from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. More info will be emailed to parents.

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.

Fall Adult Studies There are numerous opportunities for faith, growth, and fellowship for all. Sign up for one of our St. Luke's Parish Small Groups. There are more details and sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area. Please sign up so that we can order study materials. Consider inviting a neighbor or friend!

St. Luke's Parish 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!
- **Men's Prayer and Study Group** prays and prepares for Sunday Mass with the Mass Readings. Saturday mornings 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

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 you.

Children's Liturgy Young people ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy during the 10:00 a.m. 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 it. 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.

Recently Separated, Divorced or Widowed? Consider attending a Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat. The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. Beginning Experience is an international program that helps facilitate the grief resolution process for those who have suffered such a loss, and frees them to again love themselves, others and God. This is accomplished by offering time-tested and copyrighted grief resolution programs presented by trained peers. Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in the Christian tradition, the ministry's open, ecumenical spirit serves those of all faiths. *To receive an application or for more information, call 320-319-8863.*

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, November 9th

8:00 am No Daily Mass

Wednesday, November 10th

8:00 am No Daily Mass

Thursday, November 11th

8:00 am No Daily Mass

Friday, November 12th

8:00 am No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 13th

9:00 am No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 13th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, November 14th

8:00 am †Mark Stein

10:00 am †Linus Thell

Minister's Schedule For November 13th & 14th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b] Heb 9:24-28/Mk 1 2:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b] /Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 7:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26 -37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42 -43 [5a]/Lk 118:1-8
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11- 14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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KCs Coat Drive The Knights of Columbus is collecting coat and cash donations this weekend, Nov. 7. A donation box is located in the Church entry. Please place your new or gently used coats in the box provided. 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. If you or someone in your family is in need of a coat, contact the church office.

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



The Church of St. Luke warmly welcomes new parishioners Arnie and Doris Mead. We're glad to have you in our church family.

Yup. It's that important Archbishop Hebda asked every parish in the archdiocese to host Synod small groups this fall. There is one session left for you to take part in this historic moment and the future of our local Church: Sunday, November 7th, 6:00—8:00 p.m. See more at archspm.org/synod. Continue to pray for the Archdiocesan Synod Process!



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



Food Shelf: Please remember those within our community who are in need of food and personal hygiene items and bring an item and place it in the baskets that will be in the entry of the sanctuary. Our little ones will bring the food items up as they come back from children's liturgy.

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, November 9th

8:30 am Quilting

7:00pm KCs Planning Meeting

Wednesday, November 10th

6:45 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, November 11th

7:00pm Liturgy Meeting

Friday, November 12th

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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