

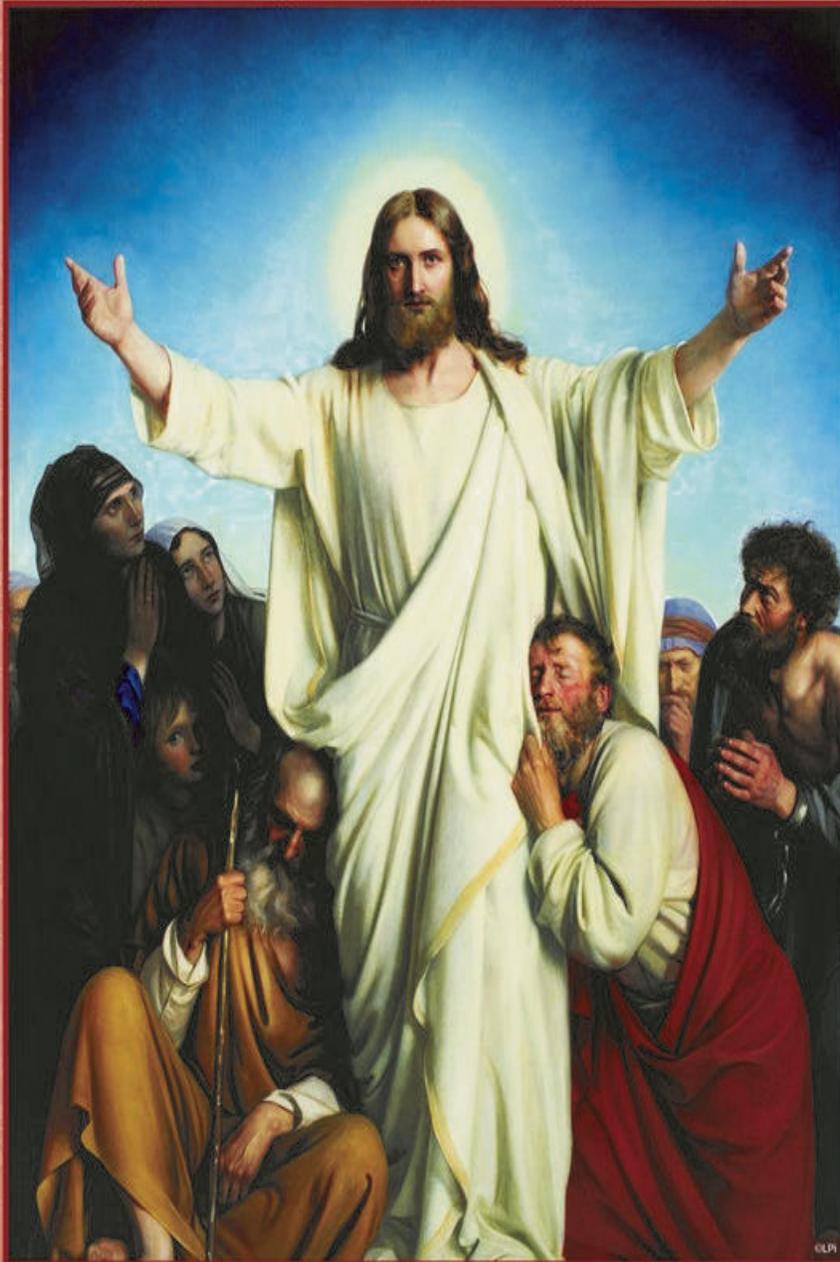
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 14, 2021



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



33rd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will
not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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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

Greetings from Peoria! Just kidding. I wrote this before the trip.

As we are coming to the end of the Church year, which is next week, we are already hearing about the end times in our readings. When we move into Advent we will hear a change in focus, to preparation. When we hear these readings from the end times, it should remind us that now is the time to be ready. We know not the time or hour of His coming. November started with All Saints and All Souls Days. We have also placed the Book of the Dead up in front by the altar for the month of November. I often pray for those people whose names are recorded in the Book of the Dead.

This is also the time of year that we move deeper into fall and that 'white stuff'. It is always hard for me to close up my garden. In the last 7 years I have learned the cycle of my garden. Some plants bloom early, others not until much later. But now even the late bloomers are done. I have noticed some frost on the roof a few mornings as I came into Church. It is a hard time for me, because I so enjoy sitting out in the yard and letting the dogs run around, or at times getting down and weeding the different beds. Each year I seem to add something to my garden. This year was no different, yet it was late in the year so I will not get to see the end result until next spring. I can't wait.

I know many of you are winter people and enjoy winter sports, I just never got into that. As I am getting older, I do not handle the cold as well. One of the downsides of St. Luke's is that during the winter the wind comes across that field and just cuts right through you. It is kind of funny, but I see from now until the end of the year as going downhill. However, after the new year, I see us starting to head out of it. This is kind of funny, since I know there is really more winter left after the first of the year, than what is here now. But that's my little trick to get me through.

What is your favorite time of year? We are all different, and that is ok. Just because I am not a winter person, I do not hold anything against those of you who are. One of the reasons I like living in Minnesota is that we have four very clear seasons - Winter, the longest one, Spring, my favorite and feels like the shortest one, Summer, and Fall. The endless cycle of these seasons constantly reminds me of the cycle of life. Summer, prime of our life, Fall, things dying off, Winter, (for me) like the time in the tomb, then Spring, NEW LIFE. We who believe and follow Jesus Christ are promised the NEW LIFE with Him. We still need to go through Fall and Winter, but we have HOPE for Eternal Springtime.

Blessings,
Father Backer



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

On the Lighter Side



You Can't Take It with You

There was a very rich man who was just about to die, and he wanted to take some of his wealth with him. So, he started negotiations with God about the matter. God was not sure as it had never been done before and He did not want to set a precedent. Finally, after long talks, God reluctantly agreed to allow him to bring his wealth to heaven.

Just a few days before he died, the rich man converted all his money into gold bullion. He died and the funeral home made sure that the suitcases containing the gold bullion went with him. He arrived at the Pearly Gates with his suitcases and there was Peter. Peter told him he could not bring the suitcases into heaven. But the man said he had already spoken to God, and He had said it was OK. So, Peter got on the God phone, and sure enough it was true. Peter was curious as to what was so valuable that the man wanted to bring it into heaven. So he asked, "Could I look in the suitcases?"

The man opened the suitcases and Peter exclaimed, "Why are you bringing pavement to heaven!"

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

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death. Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us. - Sunday Connection

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.

October Contributions

General Contributions	\$ 24,424.00
Building Fund	\$ 6,255.00
Building Debt Payment	\$ 6,014.00
Extra Principal Paid	\$ 4,600.00
Total Payment	\$ 10,614.00

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.



St. Luke's parish family extends our sympathy to the family of Jan Wicks. Her funeral was this past week.

Fall Adult Studies:

- Jeff Cavins: Ephesians study from 6:30-8:00pm begins this week Monday November 15th. Sign up is required. There is a \$30 fee for materials due on the first night.
- Wednesday evenings Study group will begin with *Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story* beginning November 17th at 7:00pm,
- Wednesday morning women's group will begin Lectio Mass readings with Advent Rejoice! On Wednesday November 24th at 8:45am . This is an hour long study. We will serve coffee and water (no breakfast this year) .
- Men's group prays and prepares for Sunday Mass with the Mass readings on Saturday mornings at 7:00am. All men are welcome to attend. No need for sign up just come.

Children's Liturgy: Young people ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Children's liturgy during the 10:00am 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 10:00am 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

NET Retreat for 7th-12th grade Youth: Please reserve the date! November 21st from 8:30am-5:00pm. Please complete the liability form and return it with your child. Lunch and snacks will again be catered so there will be a \$20 fee to cover costs of the retreat.

FORMED: Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Check it out, there is so much for all ages to help us grow in our faith this Lenten season. Get signed up. SIGN UP FREE AT: FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP.

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, November 16th

8:00 am No Daily Mass

Wednesday, November 17th

8:00 am No Daily Mass

Thursday, November 18th

8:00 am No Daily Mass

Friday, November 19th

8:00 am No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 20th

9:00 am No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 20th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, November 21st

8:00 am †Ed Corrigan

10:00 am †Dolores Popp

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/ Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/ Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/ Lk 19:41-44

Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/ Lk 19:45-48

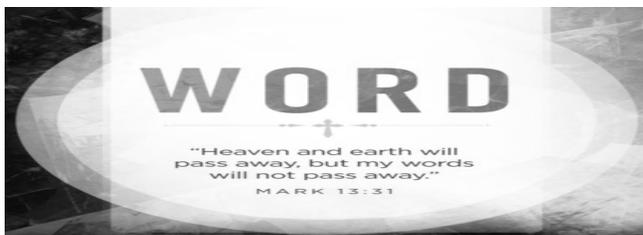
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/ Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

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

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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.

The Clearwater Food Shelf Coordinator thanks all who donated food during the last month. A total of 83 lbs. of food items was collected.



December 4th is the date for our annual **Craft and Cookie 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 at St. Luke's. Please sign up in the gathering area.

Appalachia Christmas Shoe Box Drive THANK YOU! 65 boxes/backpacks were delivered to the semi, which was in its final stages of being filled. The gifts have been driven to Kentucky and 4 parishes will distribute them to parishioners in need along with those in the area that are in need. You have made someone very happy this Christmas.



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's Calendar

Monday, November 15th
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 16th
8:00 am Quilting

Wednesday, November 17th
6:45pm Faith Formation

Thursday, November 18th
7:00 pm KC's Meeting

Friday, November 19th
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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