

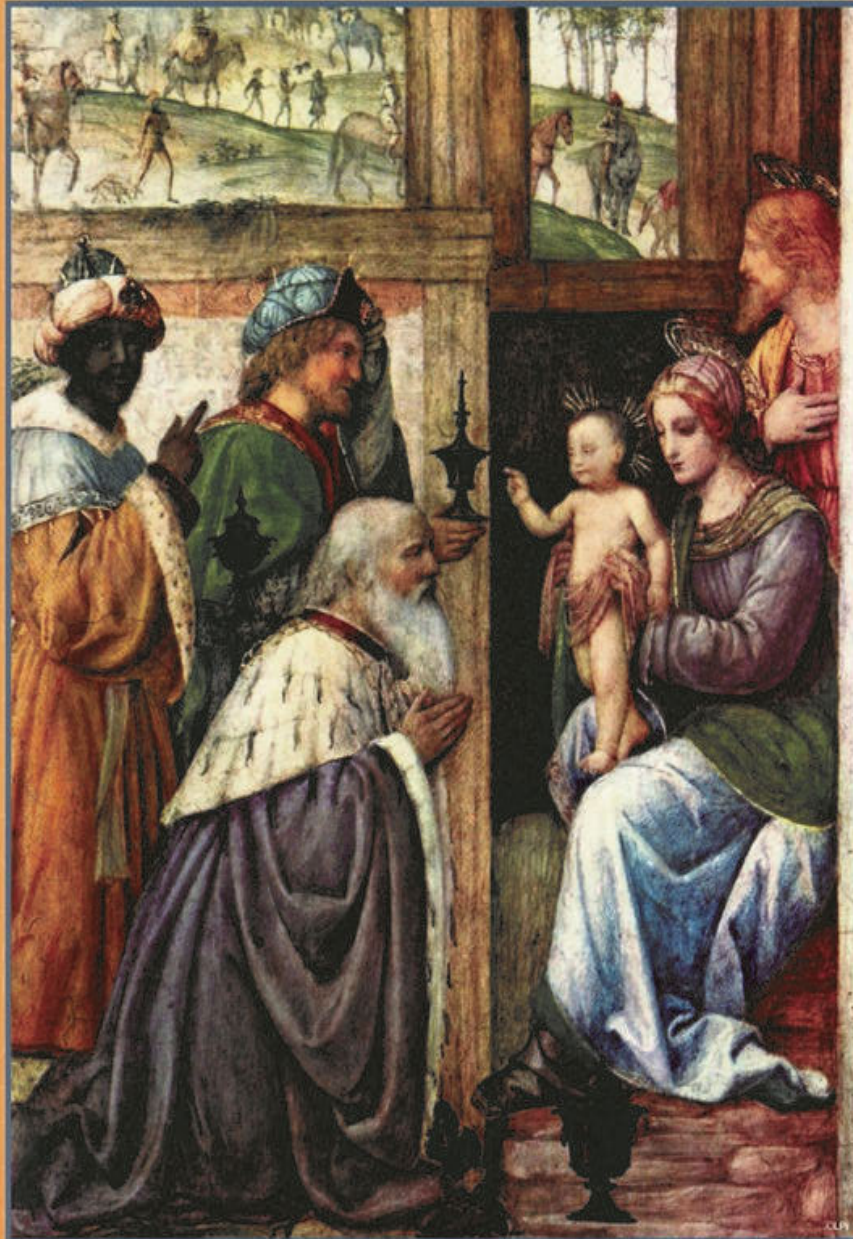
WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 02, 2022



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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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

Welcome 2022! May you be nicer than 2020 & 2021 were before you. Time keeps marching on. However, when we start a new year on January 1st, we often have a feeling of a fresh start. If you were like me, you were hoping 2021 would be the year to end COVID. Sadly it is still with us. When I hear some say that this is just going to be our new normal, I pray they are wrong. My prayer and hope is that 2022 will bring better days.

For me, in some ways starting a new calendar, gives me hope. I often feel in Oct, Nov, and December that we are going into winter. I know we have a long way to go, but I still feel like Jan, Feb, and March brings us out of winter. My first year here at St Luke's, we got dumped on at the start of November and you knew the snow was here to stay. Yes we had that year where winter hung on through April with snow after snow. But it is more common that when you get snow in spring, you know it will not last too long. I laugh when I explain to those who are not from here, how 40 degrees is cold in fall, but warm in spring, even though it is the same temperature.

Just before Christmas on December 21 the solstice took place, that means that we are starting to get more sun light each day. Just simply knowing this helps my mindset. It is amazing how much sunlight can affect us. I know it affects my depression. My sister moved to Alaska years ago, and first wondered why there were so many street lights. Well, when the sun went down and did not come back up, she figured it out. I know I would have a hard time living in Alaska, but she and her family have been there for years. I have not yet gotten up there for a visit.

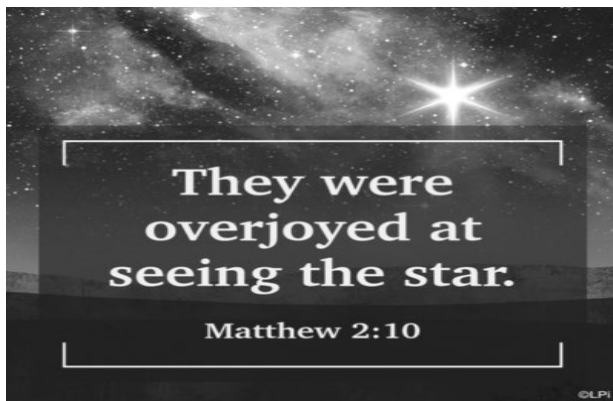
When we know there is a light at the end of the tunnel, it sure can help us get through. I believe this has been much of the challenge with this pandemic. If we had an end date, when we knew we would be done with all of this, I think we would all be handling it better. However, we don't have that end date and that can make it all the harder to deal with.

I have some great HOPE for 2022. I pray and hope for a return to good times and an end to divisions. I hope that many bridges, that may have been damaged or burned, can be rebuilt. I hope that we can all come back together in love, and care for each other. I know with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ this is possible.

Please be praying for one another and if you have an extra prayer, I would gladly except it. 2022, please do not let me down.

Blessings,

Fr. Backer



Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain. "It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

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 visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. - Sunday Connection

Important Dates to Remember

January 5 th 6:45pm	Faith Formation Resumes
January 9 th 10:00am	7 th grade Class Mass
January 22nd	First Reconciliation 2 nd graders and parents

Serving at Mass: Serve the Lord by serving at Mass! We invite you to consider helping at Mass by serving in a ministry. We would love to have you serve as a greeter before Mass, an usher, or in the Hospitality area after Mass. We are in need of someone to head up the hospitality ministry so that we can have coffee and treats after Mass. You can also become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server for those in 4th grade and older, and be a part of the audio/visual team. This is a great way to serve the Lord and you can serve in some areas as a family! Consider it! Contact the office if you would like to be a part of serving in some way. Thank you for your "yes".

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.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. For more information, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at twincitieswwme.org.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes teach couples the Church-approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit archspm.org/family or call 651-291-4489.

Beginning Experience (B.E.) is a Catholic based weekend program for adults grieving the loss of a relationship due to separation, death or divorce. Call (888) 565-0178 for more information



March For Life at the State Capital is on January 22nd, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. There will be a bus coming to St. Luke's to bring anyone that is interested. There will be more details coming. Watch the bulletin for further announcements.



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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, January 4th

8:00 am †Delores Hinkemeyer

Wednesday, January 5th

8:00 am †Clarence Shatek

Thursday, January 6th

8:00 am †Jan Wicks

Friday, January 7th

8:00 am †Wendelin & Ryan Kiffmeyer

Saturday, January 8th

9:00 am †Robert Sowada

Saturday, January 8th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, January 9th

8:00 am †Donna & Duane Burton

10:00 am †Roger Larry Kantor

Minister's Schedule For January 8th & 9th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

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Operation Andrew Dinner: Monday, January 17, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, Saint Paul. Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men, ages 16 and older, who are discerning their vocations, to join them for dinner and conversation about priesthood and religious life. Typically, guests invite their pastor, youth minister or a religious brother to meet them at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center for the Operation Andrew Dinner. Online registration is required. For more information and to register, see 10000vocations.org.

Miriam Dinner: Tuesday, January 25, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, Saint Paul. Archbishop Bernard Hebda invites women, ages 16-35, who are discerning consecrated life to join him for dinner and conversation. Sister Mary Joseph, a Handmaid of the Heart of Jesus. Sister, will help lead the dinner program that will include consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies, stories of consecrated life and discernment tips. Online registration is required. For more information and to register, see 10000vocations.org.

Thank You. 

The Steve LaFond family would like to extend a sincere thank-you to all of the various people who helped with the arrangements and funeral service for Steve's mother, Dorothy.

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. . *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* Matt 25:35



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Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17,
23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or,
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,
29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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St. Luke's Calendar

Monday, January 3rd
6:30 Cavins Bible Study

Tuesday, January 4th
8:30 am Quilting

Wednesday, January 5th
6:45 pm Faith Formation

Friday, January 7th
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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