

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 16, 2022



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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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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

We are officially back into Ordinary Time, on the Church calendar. Our world is still anything but ordinary at this time. At the time of this writing, Covid numbers have continued to spike. I pray that it will start to show signs of changing. We need to be offering prayers for all of our health care workers. Yes, we have all likely been under added stress these last few years dealing with this Pandemic. However, many of our health care workers have again and again put themselves at risk to care for those who are suffering. Many of them have been called in to cover extra shifts. I am sure some have walked away from their jobs, simply because Covid has taken its toll on them with jobs that must be done. From one day to another it has been hard to keep track of where things are, with different facilities having different policies about who can and cannot get in.

Ordinary Time in Liturgy is between the other more focus times of Advent / Christmas, and Lent/ Easter. The green vestments come back too. Once again, I wish that during this time our world would come back to an 'ordinary time', however, I don't think we are quite out of this yet. It is hard to believe we are already half way through January, this gives me hope for the arrival of Spring. As we get closer to March and April we will see more concrete signs of springs arrival. Yet we need to take things day by day, and remind ourselves that the Lord is with us through it all.

In the Gospel this weekend we see Jesus' perform his first miracle. At the Wedding of Cana he changes water into wine. Notice, not just wine, but fine wine, better than what was already served. Jesus can also change us in all that we are going through at the moment, change us into something better, even better than we were before Covid. Yet, I often think we resist this change. Sometimes change scares us and we simply want to remain the same (even if it is not good) just because we know what to expect. Change asks us to be open to something different, something new. It's not just Covid that asks us to change; a new job can, the loss of a loved one can, even a simple change in our routine can. We may not want to face these changes, but some of them are out of our control and we must face them. We can't often see the positive side of change until after we have gone through it.

Remember, Jesus did not just make wine, he made fine wine. Jesus can make us into amazing things. Sometimes we simply need to "let go and let God." We have all been affected in some way these last few years, but we may have not been affected in the same way. I think it would do us good to understand that we all have not experienced that stress in the same way. We have not all responded in the same way. The 2nd reading this weekend reminds us that we all receive the same spirit, but that spirit gives each of us different gifts. The Lord gives us all gifts. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God.

Two things I have been praying for a lot lately. One, that Covid numbers go down. Two, that the temperature numbers go up. Let's all be praying for our world right now. That Jesus will make that change in our world, making it better than it was before.

God Love you all.

Fr Backer

December Contributions

General Contributions	\$ 37,326.00
Building Fund	\$ 13,464.00
Building Debt Payment	\$ 6,014.00
Extra Principal Paid	\$ 9,600.00
Total Payment	\$ 15,614.00

Thank You. ❤️

Thanks so much for all the prayers for Vince and myself, for those who cared for me when I was sick, for the rides to the hospital to visit Vince and again, for all the prayers. Vince went into the hospital on Dec. 7th and will be there another 5 to 6 weeks.

What to do with those old Christmas and all occasion cards...

A parishioner has offered to collect the cards and mail them to St. Jude Hospital. The patients use the face of the cards to make placemats. A basket will be on the table in the gathering space the weekends of January 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Please drop your cards in the basket at your convenience. Thank you for your support of this wonderful cause!



Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention – For true human fraternity Month of January 2022-For true human fraternity-We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Please Join in Welcoming Bishop-elect Joseph Williams On December 10, Pope Francis named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The ordination of Joseph Williams to the Episcopacy will take place Tuesday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. The ordination will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Facebook page. Time to be announced. Learn more about Bishop-elect Williams, watch video interviews, and find details on the ordination at archspm.org/newbishop. Please join us in praying for our new auxiliary bishop!

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

Mary knew how to treat the Lord: there was a crisis, and she went to him for a solution. The vast majority of Jews living in Palestine were poor. Wedding feasts and religious festivals were their sole respite from a life of hard labor and simple survival. In fact, wedding feasts often lasted for days at a time (they took the place of our honeymoons, which didn't exist in first-century Israel), and the entire town participated. To run out of wine in the middle of it would not only deflate the festive atmosphere, but it would also deeply shame the newlyweds and their families, turning what should be the most joyous days of their lives into an embarrassment. Attentive to the needs of those around her, Mary saw the crisis coming, and she knew just what to do. Even when the words of Jesus' answer seemed like a rebuff, she knew that he would come through. Jesus will never reject the humble appeal of faith – he is a Lord who “came not to be served but to serve” (Matthew 20:28), and he's hoping that we will have as much confidence in him as his mother did.

We shouldn't overlook the power Jesus shows in this miracle. It was the “first of his signs”, and by it he “let his glory be seen”, to the benefit of his disciples, whose faith it deepened. Picture what happened. Pretend you are one of the servants. You fill up six huge stone kegs with water (no easy task when you have to go back and forth to the well). Then this young rabbi from the neighboring town tells you to draw some out (some of the water, remember – you know it's water, because you put it in there yourself) and bring it to the steward in charge of testing the wine before serving it. Imagine how dumbfounded you would be by such an order. But you do it. And you're carrying the water over to the steward, glancing nervously back over your shoulder at Mary and Jesus, who motion for you to keep going. You hand the gourd to the boss, looking down, maybe even closing your eyes in anticipation of his wrathful rebuke. And then, all of a sudden, he smacks his lips and hums with pleasure... Jesus turned a hundred gallons of water into excellent wine, effortlessly. This is our Lord. -The Better Part.

2nd grade parents: On January 22nd from 10:00am-12:00pm we will have a work shop and then our 2nd graders will make their first reconciliation. Parents are to attend with their child. This is truly a day to celebrate as you and your child receive the mercy of God through the sacrament of Reconciliation

2022 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference Saturday, February 26, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, Saint Louis Park The WINE: Catholic Women's Conference with emcee Alyssa Bormes begins with Mass, followed with music by Caroline Metzinger and inspirational talks by Kelly Wahlquist (WINE founder); Liz Kelly (Catholic author & retreat leader); Leah Jacobson (the Wholistic Feminist); and Alicia Donovan (Biblical beekeeper). The day includes prayer with prayer teams, confession, adoration, laughter, lunch, shopping, CHOCOLATE, and a fun raffle! Register at wineconference.org by February 1 for \$55 for the Saturday conference or \$100 for the Saturday conference plus a special Friday Gathering (open to 200 women.)

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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Wednesday Women's study group: Jeff Cavin's Study on the Book of James. Looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life? Want the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials? Interested in learning to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace? James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. This is an 11 week study beginning January 19th from 8:45-10:15 am. The cost is \$30. Please see information and sign up in gathering area.

Wednesday evening adult Bible Study: Study on the Book of James. Looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life? Want the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials? Interested in learning to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace? James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. This is an 11 week study beginning January 19th from 6:45-8:00pm. Bring your kids to Faith formation and take part in this study. Enjoy fellowship and grow in the Faith. The cost is \$30. Please see information and sign up in gathering area

Newly Married Retreat — Living the Dream Saturday, February 5, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Church of Saint Peter, Mendota Couples married for 0-7 years are invited to attend the 2022 Archdiocesan Newly Married Retreat. Led by Brad and Libby Dupont of Evermore and the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, the retreat will cover topics including developing couple values, decision making and planning for success. Cost is \$65/couple. Register by January 31 by calling 651.291.4488.

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.

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 18th

8:00 am Tim & Joanie Costello

Wednesday, January 19th

8:00 am †Jerry Pachan

Thursday, January 20th

8:00 am †Fr. Richard Villano

Friday, January 21st

8:00 am †Denis Waltzing

Saturday, January 22nd

9:00 am †Fr. Tom O'Brien

Saturday, January 22nd

5:00 pm Fr. Backer

Sunday, January 23rd

8:00 am †Mike Nygaard

10:00 am Parisioners

Minister's Schedule For January 22th & 23th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

Gary Stang was with us recently securing advertisers for our weekly bulletin. We would like to thank all the advertisers who have renewed their ad for the upcoming year and also thank all the new advertisers who have generously committed to the bulletin for this year. If you're interested in sponsoring an ad for your business or on behalf of your favorite charity/organization, there is still time. Please contact Gary Stang on the phone number on the back of the bulletin.

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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.

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

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.

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

Day of Prayer for the
**LEGAL PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

Prayer Service for Life Saturday, January 22, 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information visit archspm.org/prayer-service-life or call 651.291.4488.

Here are the details for the January 22nd bus:

Diocesan buses are being coordinated in several locations. A free-will offering will be accepted on several of the buses to help defer the cost of the bus. The bus from St. Luke's will be leaving promptly at 9:05 am. Please arrive at 8:50 am. Please sign up in the gathering area to assure your seat as space is limited. *Be sure to dress warmly and bring a bag lunch.*

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/
Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
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St. Luke's Calendar

Monday, January 17th
6:30 Cavins Bible Study
Tuesday, January 18th
8:30 am Quilting
7:00 pm Finance Meeting
Wednesday, January 19th
6:45 Faith Formation
Friday, January 21th
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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