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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

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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

On December 10, 2021, it was announced that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, had named Fr. Joseph Williams as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis. Many of you remember a few months back, Bishop Cozzens was moved and appointed the new Bishop of Crookston Diocese. Bishop Cozzens move to Crookston left the Archdiocese without an Auxiliary Bishop. As soon as the Holy Father made the announcement, Fr. Joseph Williams' formal title changed to 'Bishop-Elect Joseph Williams'. The first thing I did when I heard the word was to scream with great joy, it was not me!!!!

Bishop-Elect Williams Episcopal Ordination will be this coming Tuesday January 25th at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of St Paul. It will be live streamed on the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis Facebook page and also on Metro Cable Channel 6. If you have the chance, I would encourage you to tune in, it is a wonderful ceremony and it only happens when a new bishop is named. I have been watching the Covid numbers to make my own decision about going in person or watching on line. The jury is still out.

I would like to ask you to pray for Bishop-Elect Williams this week. I have been praying for him since his appointment, that the Holy Spirit will be with him as he adjusts to this new position in the church. I have reflected from time to time that, as a priest, you have your own parish and can build relationships and get to know the families you serve. As a Bishop, you would not have the same opportunity. It would be harder because you do not have that smaller parish level relationship. You would be making the rounds to many parishes, with so many new people. I keep praying the Lord will leave me a simple parish priest.

Bishop-Elect Williams was ordained 5 years before me. However, his first parish assignment was to the Cathedral of St Paul. The Cathedral was my home parish and during the four summers of my minor seminary, my pastor Fr. John Estrem, allowed me to move into the Cathedral rectory. This was a wonderful time for me to be in such a prayerful place and also to see up close and personal, the life of a Catholic priest. My first summer there I got to know Fr. Estrem much better and we had some great talks about the priesthood. That first year Fr. Bob Hart had just been ordained. Like myself, Fr. Hart was a 'late vocation'. It was interesting being around as he moved into the rectory and started his life as a parish priest. It is hard to believe that he is now retired. It is also hard to believe that this May I will have been ordained 15 years.

After Fr. Hart moved to be pastor of his own church, Fr. Joseph Williams was ordained and assigned to the Cathedral. It was interesting watching him move in and adjust to his new life as a priest. He is now adjusting to the new position as Auxiliary Bishop. He must have pondered how long before he will be asked to move and take on a Diocese of his own?? As a priest, you are connected, or as they say 'affiliated' with a Diocese. Since I am affiliated with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, it means I can only be assigned to serve as a priest within this diocese (this is the norm, there are a few, rare exceptions, like the mission in Venezuela that the Archdiocese staffs, where a priest can sometimes be loaned out to serve at a seminary that is not in his affiliated diocese). I took a vow of obedience to my 'Archbishop and all his successors'. As a Bishop, the obedience goes to the Holy Father and you can be assigned anywhere in the world. As an Auxiliary, Bishop-Elect Williams will be working with Archbishop Hebda until the Holy Father asks him to take on his own diocese. Once again, I am so happy it was not me.

Blessings, Father Backer

Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams: Tuesday, January 25, 1 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul. **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 on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, with a public reception to follow. If you plan to attend in-person, please remember that Archbishop Hebda has strongly encouraged mask-wearing at Mass, in light of the pandemic. The ordination will also be live streamed on the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Facebook page and aired on Metro Cable Channel 6. 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

In today's Gospel from Luke, we hear that Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up and went to synagogue on the Sabbath day. He reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed. This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. Jesus also gave us the helper we would need to enable us to participate in his mission. The Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we, the Church, might serve the Kingdom of God. – Sunday Connection

Thank You! 7th grade Thank you! Our 7th graders helped serve at Mass today by filling some of the ministry roles. It is always such a joy to see our young people serve the Lord! Thank you.

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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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.

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

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.

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.

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 25th

8:00 am †Sarah Imholte

Wednesday, January 26th

8:00 am †Ron Pachan

Thursday, January 27th

8:00 am †Robert Sowada

Friday, January 28th

8:00 am †Fr. Ralph Huar

Saturday, January 29th

9:00 am †Vince Lenk

Saturday, January 29th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, January 30th

8:00 am †Wayne Klinkner

10:00 am †Donald Popp

Minister's Schedule For January 22th & 23th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

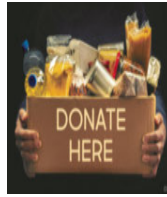
Prayer and Healing Mass: Please come and join us for a Healing Mass with Father Park at St. Michael Catholic Church on Thursday, January 27th, 2022. St. Michael Catholic Church located at 11300 Frankfort Parkway NE St., Michael, MN 55376 at the 7:00 pm. Mass. Prayers for healing and prayer ministry begins after Mass. No registration needed. Any questions, please call the parish office at 763-497-2745.

What It Means to Be a Man of God: February 18-20, Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake Join this men's retreat for a time of rest, renewal, and re-focus. The retreat includes music, Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Confessions, small group time, and presentations by Kevin Bittner, Greg Hughes, and Brad Nelson. The cost of \$170 (\$40 extra for private room) includes meals. Register by February 3. The retreat is sponsored by Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake. Visit churchofsaintpaul.com/mens-retreat for more details and to register. All men are welcome!

Serve as a Totus Tuus Missionary! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college-age men and women with missionary hearts who are committed to their Catholic faith and feel called to share it with the youth around the Archdiocese. This is a two-month commitment (June 3 - July 30), which includes one week of training and one week break for Independence Day. Missionaries receive a \$2,520 stipend for the summer, and meals and lodging are provided. Apply at archspm.org/totustuus or contact the Totus Tuus Coordinator at 651.291.4489 or totustuus@archspm.org.

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!



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 parishioners of St. Luke extends our sympathy to the family of Vince Lenk who passed away this past week.



Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

- 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
- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/ Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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St. Luke's Calendar

- Tuesday, January 25th**
8:30 am Quilting
- Wednesday, January 26th**
6:45 pm Faith Formation
- Thursday, January 27th**
7:00 pm KC Planning Meeting
- Friday, January 28th**
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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