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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2022



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Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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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

In the Gospel this weekend we see a clear act of, "Come on, we know you!" Maybe we could call it, "You can't go home again." This Gospel is the continuation of the Gospel from last week. Jesus tells the people that He is the fulfillment of the scripture from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." The problem is, He is in his hometown.

As we are growing up we often form deep seated opinions about others and often do not believe they could ever change. I know growing up I often felt like my personal identity was tied into my parents identity. This was more so at Church, where my parents were well known. I was always "Do and Elmer's son." In school I was known for something else. I was one who was not in the 'in group'. As a matter of fact, I was often the target for the 'in group'. We often get put in boxes and sometimes we never get ourselves out of those boxes, even if those boxes are not who we really are.

One of the major growing moments in my own life happened my first summer of Major seminary. We were to go through CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education). It was a chaplaincy program and the person who interviewed me to write up a report to include with my application to different sites, decided I would have a really hard time with CPE. Why? Because she found out I was the last of nine children. She was a firm believer in birth order. Guess what? My CPE summer was AMAZING. I came back and people could tell that something had happened to me, that I had changed for the better.

I stepped out of the box that I had been put in. I was growing into who God wanted me to be. If we are really honest with ourselves, we see that we never stop growing. We are always learning something. Sure maybe we are not good at everything we try, but if we stop trying we may never find what we truly are great at.

I'm sure many of you have gone back to your hometown for a visit or a reunion, and have found many things changed. Either the people have changed or the town has changed. Often times both have changed. Perhaps you are the one who has changed, even if others have not. We need to see people for who they are, not who they were. To welcome the fact that we can take any event, good or bad, and we can learn from it. We can grow for having gone through it.

I sometimes consider how much people have changed this last two years. Good or bad, I think all of us have seen sides of people we have never seen before. Or maybe we have seen different sides of ourselves?? I believe after we get through this, we will all have much rebuilding to do. We will need to rebuild relationships with people that were on different sides. Some relationships likely will never heal. They may be lost forever. We may come to see how some relationships mean very much to us and we should never again take that relationship for granted.

I pray through all of this, your faith has been something you could cling to for strength. Even if it has caused us to question at times, I pray your faith remains strong. Because the relationship we should never go without is the one we have with Jesus Christ.

Blessings.
Father Backer

Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

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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

Jesus' statement that no prophet is accepted in his home town reminds us that it is often difficult to hear a challenging message from those who know us best, even if it is true. Perhaps we remember and even regret this aspect of our childhood and adolescence. We may have overlooked the wisdom and guidance of our parents, while allowing the voices of others—teachers, friends, and counselors—to carry more weight, even when these people were telling us the same thing. Perhaps this developmental stage is unavoidable. Perhaps as we have matured, we have come to a new appreciation for our parents and others whose perspective and experience we once rejected. Today's Gospel provides an opportunity to talk about and to learn from such experiences. Think about proverbs or other wise sayings that are familiar to your family (“Blood is thicker than water;” “All that glitters is not gold.”). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. Let's listen to this Gospel and consider what these proverbs mean. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:21-30. Ask: *What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted?* (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs and look for examples from your own family life that show their truth. Consider how your family might accept one another's wisdom and guidance and not reject the prophets in your midst. Conclude by praying together the Prayer of the Holy Spirit. – Sunday Connection

Prayer of the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
 And kindle in them the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
 And you will renew the face of the earth.
 Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
 you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
 In the same Spirit
 help us to relish what is right
 and always rejoice in your consolation.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.



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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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 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!

Looking for people to join the cemetery board - no experience needed Looking for a person with knowledge on rules and regulations of the cemetery or some cemetery back ground. Please contact Marie Gohman 763-482-2442



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, February 1st

8:00 am Anthony Kantor

Wednesday, February 2nd

8:00 am †Pam Boardman

Thursday, February 3rd

8:00 am †Al Notch

Friday, February 4th

8:00 am †Fr. Tom O'Brien

Saturday, February 5th

9:00 am †Jerry Pachan

Saturday, February 5th

5:00 pm †Arlan Schlagel

Sunday, February 6th

8:00 am †Terry Nygaard

10:00 am Parishioners

Minister's Schedule For February 5th & 6th

The Ministry Heads will be
Contacting Volunteers to Minister.

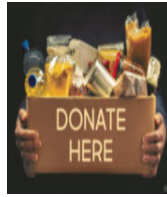
Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 11-13, 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.

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.

Retrouvaille Weekend for couples struggling in their marriage. For more information call 651-440-1426, email 2013@retrouvaille.org or go to <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>. The next weekend is February 11-13, 2022 in Minneapolis



The Church of St. Luke Expresses our sympathy to the O'Konek families on the passing of Norman O'Konek.

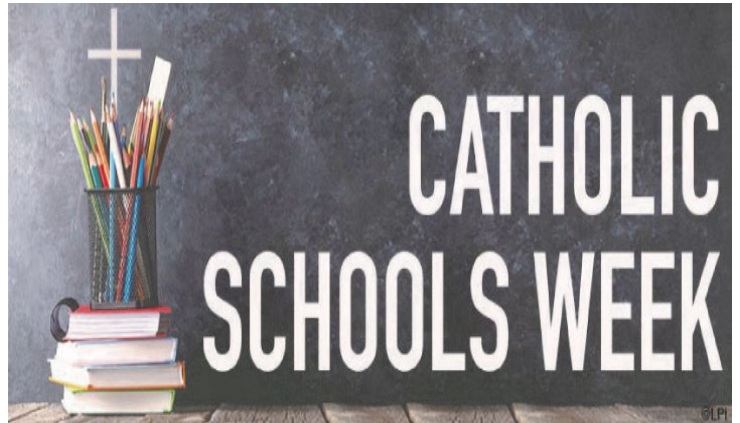


Food Shelf: Please remember those within our community who are in need of food and personal hygiene items and bring an item and place it in the baskets that will be in the entry of the sanctuary. Our little ones will bring the food items up as they come back from children's liturgy. .

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Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

- 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
- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,
12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, February 1st

8:30 am Quilting

Wednesday, February 2nd

6:45 pm Faith Formation

Friday, February 4th

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

Registration

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