

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time--August 20, 2023



17545 Huber Avenue N.W. • Clearwater, Minnesota 55320

Father Dennis Backer, Pastor



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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 now a week out to our parish festival. There has been a lot of activity going on around the parish in the last few months, but even more in the last few weeks. At this writing, some things are getting the final touches, other things are still needed. As many of you, if not all of you, know, 100% of the money raised at the parish festival goes to pay down the mortgage. St Luke's has been aggressive in paying down the mortgage, even before my time. This has saved the parish a lot in interest, and we should also be moving up the date that we are paid up. However, the parish festival is also meant to be a fun event for all.

I am hoping that all of you are helping to get the word out that all are welcome. Your family, your friends, your co-workers, even the people you do not like. There are many things that you see every year and yes, they are back. Baskets from Heaven will be here, of course many of the baskets may be new and exciting. I finally decided on my basket. It is called "A touch of the Holy Land." As many of you remember I was finally able to go to the Holy Land last November, after about 3 years of waiting. In my basket (though not quite finished yet), are: 1) a stuffed sheep with 'Jerusalem' on the side. This was a fun little sheep I picked up on a whim. 2) there are 3 Olive wood rosaries. 3) two Olive wood crosses that fit easily in your hand, perhaps when you are praying or maybe when you are stressed or anxious. 4) a cross with 4 small glass windows. Behind it are stones, incense, etc. (Sorry, I just realized I did not take note of what was in each one). 5) a small bottle of Holy Water. This is water that I took out of the Jordan River at the Baptism site. I Blessed it when I was still in the Holy Land. 6) a box from Nazareth with three bottles (Holy Oil/ Holy Soil/ Holy Water). This should be a priceless basket. Bid Bid Bid.

Don't miss out on the quilt auction. I have always been impressed with all the work that goes into these quilts. The hand stitching is more than I would have the patience for, I do not have the skill either. The quilts that will be auctioned at the festival next week are already on display. A couple have been hanging in the gathering space the last few weeks. Many more are hanging over in the St. Elizabeth room in the parish center side. This is open this weekend, so if you would like to get a sneak peak at the quilts, wander over. Just don't bid me up too high on the one I'm looking at. :)

New this year is a petting zoo. I am getting excited to see what this is like and how the kids enjoy it. When something is new, you just can't say what to expect until you see it. I do know I am looking forward to seeing what they all have. I think I will leave my chihuahuas home. My two are not good with large groups of people. They did ok at walking in the parade, but they were very tired out. Plus, they are not good at being handled.

Again, I am so grateful to all of those who have been putting so much time into getting things ready for the festival. I am so grateful for all of those who will be working hard the day of the festival. I am grateful for all those who will step up to help when and where they can that day, it makes such a difference. I am also grateful for all those who will show up with their family and friends and spend the day at the festival. It is always such a busy day and I try my best to get around and talk to people, to be at the different things happening, and at the end of the day pull the winning tickets for the grand raffle.

Lets all pray for good weather and a successful festival with fun had by all.

Blessings,
Fr. Backer

Parish Festival August 27, 2023! Our biggest fund-raising event of the year is just around the corner. This date is not only a fundraiser but also an opportunity for all at the Church of St Luke to come together for fun and fellowship. We are still in need of workers in various areas. If you can help out please call the office.

●Cake pans and pie tins are available in the gathering area. The festival committee asks each family to bring in 2 pies and 2 cakes the weekend of the festival. Pies will be served at the dinner and cakes will be used for the cakewalk game. Please be sure to bring BAKED pies and cakes. No frozen or unbaked pies please. Also, the cakes and pies should be labeled as to what type they are and also if they contain nuts or other allergens. Thanks!

●We are in need of pop, water, and kids game prizes. Also, bottled items for the bottle bonanza are needed. Please check to be sure the items are not outdated and are new.

●Baskets from Heaven: Please fill a basket or bring items in to help fill a basket. Please attach a tag listing items enclosed.

●Please bring the above-mentioned items into the parish center and to the rooms that are marked for each.

●Please remember to bring your cabbage and cucumbers for the festival dinner.

●The Country Market is in need of your fresh produce, pickling, jellies and jams, baked goodies and all things country.

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.*

Our families are meant to be “domestic churches” and “schools of love” as St. John Paul II had often said. However, our families are imperfect. We are a mix of so many different ages, stages in life and faith, and everyday needs to accommodate. What are some ways that we can come together to be that little church at home that Christ calls for us to be. Take time each day to pray together as a family. Prayer can happen anywhere at the breakfast table, driving in the car, at the end of the day just before bed we can all come together to thank God for the day and to pray for others who are hurting or in need. Take time out to watch Catholic movies on formed or Christian movies that are more wholesome and relevant to living as Christ wants us to which can lead us to reach out of love to others and help those in need. Just like prayer, Mass is a renewing source in the life of the family. Mass enables us to return to the Source of the familial love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Take time to read the readings before Mass and then talk about what you heard in the homily and how you as a family can live out what was heard.

As a family, we have ups and downs in our relationships with one another. However difficult it may be, go out of your way to love one another. Do the dishes or help clean up the house even if it's not your turn. Offer to run an errand for your sibling. Help your mom cook if she's too tired after work. Don't wait for another to do it; be the first to nurture this type of love in your family.

St. John Paul II's vision of the family as a “school of love” shines the most in these moments “All members of the family, each according to his or her own gift, have the grace and responsibility of building day by day the communion of persons, making the family ‘a school of deeper humanity’: this happens where there is care and love for the little ones, the sick, the aged; where there is mutual service every day; when there is a sharing of goods, of joys and of sorrows.” Let us pray for one another that our families will become authentic “schools of love” – domestic churches where love is lived and fully experienced.

Adoration Chapel hours: The Adoration chapel is open from 5am - 9pm allowing you the opportunity to stop by for a visit on the your way to or from work, why not make a daily visit.

FORMED.org Fall is just around the corner and it is time to get back into more of a routine and a schedule. Why not sign up for Formed today and give yourself and your family an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Tune into formed rather than into the television. **Sign up TODAY** for this wonderful opportunity. It's free and easy to sign up. Go to FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP. Click “register” and enter your name and email address and you are all set.

SYNOD PRAYER: Holy Spirit, renew your wonders in our time, as though in a new Pentecost, and grant that this Archdiocese, united in prayer around Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Peter, may spread the Kingdom of the divine Savior, a Kingdom of truth, of justice, of love, and of peace. **Amen**

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.



Looking for a ministry in which you can serve the Lord by serving others? Please prayerfully consider being a part in this year's faith formation program by helping teach our youth. Each class has a teacher guide book, it can be fun and many times teachers say they learn a lot as well. God Bless you for saying “Yes” to our youth. Please email stlukefaithandlife@gmail.com or call the office at 320-558-2124 if you have questions and would like to discuss this opportunity of service.

July Contributions

General Contributions _____ \$30,194
Building Fund _____ \$ 5,324

Building Dept Payment _____ \$6,014
Extra Principal Paid _____ \$11,200
Total Payment _____ \$17,214

Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf is extremely grateful for the donation of 140 pounds of food for the month of July. Thank you for supporting our friends and neighbors who are



REMINDER! The rosary is prayed ½ hour before Masses. Please join us. We are always happy to have you join in leading a decade.

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, August 22nd

8:00 am †Brian Hall

Wednesday, August 23rd

8:00 am Butch & Maxine Donat

Thursday, August 24th

8:00 am †Mary Lou Brinkman

Friday, August 25th

8:00 am Jacinta Kantor

Saturday, August 26th

9:00 am †Fr. John Donahue

Saturday, August 26th

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, August 27th

8:00 am †Shirley Weber

10:00 am †John Gapinski Sr.

Minister's Schedule For: August 26 & 27

Servers

5:00 pm Elijah & Maxwell O'Konek

8:00 am Jensen family

10:00 am Neuman family

Lectors

5:00 pm Bruce Fladebo

8:00 am Mary Lenk

10:00 am Glen Lewerenz

Ushers

5:00 pm Bill Kociemba & Deb Duncan

8:00 am Vicky Wittrock & Sarah Jensen

10:00 am Kyle Sand

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm Julie Neisch

8:00 am Skyler O'Konek

10:00 am Amy Lieser & Kathy Williams

Sacristans

Sound

5:00 pm John McCooley

8:00 am Glen Lewerenz

10:00 am Bruce Ganfield

Video

5:00 pm Rita McCooley

8:00 am Glen Lewerenz

10:00 am Kathy Ganfield

Music

5:00 pm Ruth & Karen

8:00 am Rita & family

10:00 am Praise Co.

Hospitality

Greeters

5:00 pm Ray & Theresa Sawicky

8:00 am Dan & Mary Russek

10:00 am Lisa Neuman family

Children's Liturgy

10:00 am NA



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We the family of St. Luke extends our sympathy to the Lindberg family on the passing of David Lindberg. May he rest in peace.

October Holiday Sale After all the excitement of the Festival, we will start gearing up for the October Holiday Sale. Please start setting aside your gently used holiday decorations (think Easter, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas). Watch for future bulletin posts for details on this wonderful St. Luke's tradition.



The festival is NEXT SUNDAY! Be sure to invite your family and friends and come join us for a day of good food, fun and fellowship.

We're grateful to the businesses who support our parish by advertising in our bulletin. The Church of St. Luke thanks Nelson Bros. Restaurant. Show your appreciation by patronizing these businesses. Tell them you saw their ad in the church bulletin.

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

St. Luke's Calendar

Thursday, August 24th

7:00 pm KC Monthly Meeting

Friday, August 25th

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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