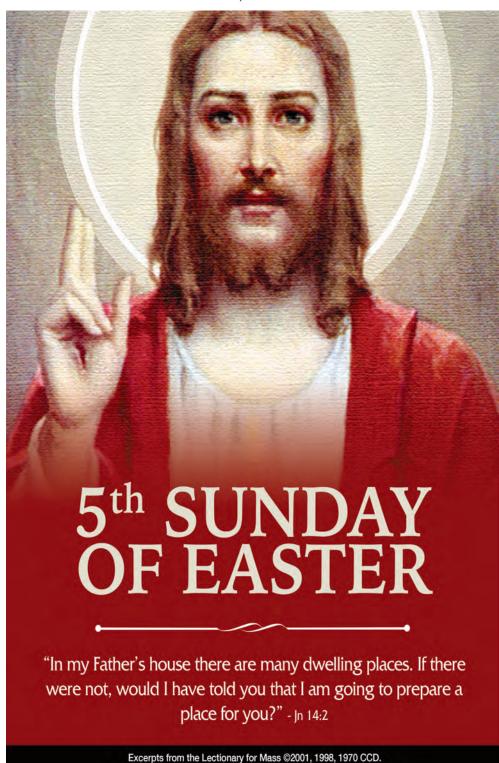
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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Sat. 5:00 pm; Sun. 8:00 & 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday— 9 AM Communion Service Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am

Saturday—9:00am

Chapel Hours

Sun.—Sat. 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 9:00 am—9:00 pm

Hospitality after Mass

Join us in the gathering area for coffee

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

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mother's!!

Mother's play a very important role in our lives. Like snowflakes, no two are quite the same. Some of us still have our Mothers with us, others have already passed on. We may even have a woman in our life who may not be our biological mother, but who has very much taken on a mother role in our lives. Today is a day for each of us to honor and thank them.

You may have had that mother who baked bread from scratch. And to this day when you smell bread baking, you think of your mother. My mother had an amazing love for the Lord, she loved you and you knew it, but she loved the Lord more. She was a prayer warrior. I still remember how people would call my mother to ask for her prayers. It took 3 years after my ordination before my mother would refer to me to lead the prayer. I will never forget how she would add a prayer after the meal prayer was said, so you always watched the visitor, to see them make the sign of the cross before she was done. I will never forget the first family gathering after mom died. We said the meal prayer and then there was SILENCE, we all knew mom's voice should be there. There was what seemed to be a long pause, then two of my sisters looked at me and said, "You going to say something."

Mothers can be that protector. When my brother and I got in trouble, most of the time his fault, when we knew we were busted, we always would rather deal with mom. However, looking back, I think it hurt more seeing mom disappointed than anything Dad could do. Mothers worry about us and care no matter what.

Some of us who may have that person who is like a mother to us, who took on that wonderful role, many times even without being asked. I have had a few people that have called themselves, "your other mother." We should take some time to thank these Mothers as well. Maybe they do not have any children of their own, could be one of the reasons they adopted you.

We should also say a thank you to Mary. Mary said her 'yes' to God to bring Jesus into this world, and on the cross Jesus gave her to us as our mother. "Behold your Mother." Mary has very much stepped up for me as a mother role, since the death of my own mother. I am sure she will for you too As I told you last week, the anniversary of my mother's death is this Saturday and with Mother's Day Sunday, I will be thinking of her a lot.

There is a part of me that wishes I could be with you this weekend for Mother's Day. I will be praying that the good Lord will bless all of our mothers, living or died. That his Holy Hand will be on them and keep them safe and let them know of his love and care for them, even as He does his own mother.

If you are going to be with your Mother, give her a hug and tell her Thank You and that you love her. If you cannot, due to distance or some other reason, at least call her and tell her what she means to you. For those of you that are like me and our mothers have 'gone on ahead of us', if you're like me, you would give anything to have just one more conversation with her, one more chance to tell her how much you love her. My mother knew after my ordination that she would be talked about, she knew many priest who talked about their families. I wonder if she knew, when I talked about her, how much love there would be in that. At the end of my mother's funeral homily I said, "You may or may not know, that my mother collected angels. There is something I figured out in the last couple of days. That is, you can only keep an angel on this earth so long, before she has to go home. "Welcome Home Mom." I then leaned over and kissed the casket.



Happy Mother's day to all women who are Mothers. One can be a spiritual mother by praying for others in need, a god-mother, a grandmother, a stepmother, a biological mother, etc. God bless your day.

VBS Mighty Fortress! In Jesus the Victory is Won! Get ready get set and mark your calendar August 6th through August 10th 6:00-8:30pm for a week of faith, fun and fellowship for youth in Preschool age 4 through 6th grade!

VBS HELP WANTED. Please sign up in the gathering area to help with this year's VBS Mighty Fortress. All youth just from 7th grade and older along with adults are encouraged to sign up for a week of service and fun. The dates are August 6th through the 10th.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office is sponsoring the Annual Pentecost Mass Celebration on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 7 pm with praise & worship beginning at 6:30 pm. Mass will be at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in St. Anthony. Archbishop Hebda is the Mass celebrant and homilist. Other priests are welcome to concelebrate. Fellowship will follow the mass. Mark your calendars today! Please visit our website at www.ccro-msp.org or call 763-571-5314 for more details.

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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Faith and Family

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of May and as tradition has it we, at St Luke (like many other Catholic Churches) honor Mary and Crown her with a spray of flowers. We honor Mary for her fiat her "yes" to God to be the Ark of the Covenant the new Eve. She is the mother of our Savior. In May there are a number of wonderful feast days including the Anniversary of Fatima on May 13th and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 31st in which we honor the Mother of our Savior. There are many Marian devotions that we can pray asking our Mother to intercede for us. As we are aware, prayer changes things. Dynamic Catholic has a request for you . "One of the most incredible abilities God has given the human person is the ability to dream. We are able to look into the future and imagine something better than today, and then return to the present and work to make that richly imagined future a reality.

More than 200 years ago, a small group of people had a dream. They dreamed of freedom. They dreamed of a nation where all are created equal. They dreamed of a better, richer life, full of happiness and opportunity. They lived for this dream, fought for this dream, and died for this dream. Amidst the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, we have lost sight of this dream. Today in America we have bigger houses, but smaller families. Better technology, but worse connection. Fully-loaded cars, but empty churches. More education, but less common sense. We strive for peace, but violence is rampant. We have more kinds of food, but a greater spiritual hunger. We are quick to judge, but slow to love. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. Something is wrong, isn't it? Something needs changing. The truth is there's no group of people in America in a better position to change things than Catholics. And one of the most effective ways we can change things is through prayer. If the 72 million Catholics in America came together and prayed, something incredible would happen. That's why we are asking people all over the country to join us in praying 5 million rosaries for America! The rosary is an incredibly powerful prayer. It has the power to bring peace. The power to heal; the power to transform your life, the lives of your loved ones, your community, and our nation. Join us in praying 5 million rosaries for America. Whether you pledge to pray one rosary or 100 rosaries, your prayers make a difference." Make the pledge. Pray the Rosary. DynamicCatholic.com/pledge

Memorial Day: Monday May 29th we remember those who have fought for our country as well as those loved ones who have gone before us. There will be Mass at St Luke at 9:00am followed by a 10:00am Memorial Ceremony at the Cemetery. All are welcome to attend.

Garage Sale at St Luke! As you begin your spring-cleaning please set aside items for the St. Luke Garage Sale (formerly the white elephant sale) to be held on June 15th – 18th. Please bring gently used clothing, household items and Furniture. No electronics or TVs and No old paint accepted. Drop off dates will be from Sunday June 4th through Wednesday June 14th. Please respect the drop off dates because the Parish center is in use prior to June 4th. Thank you

Communion service: Please note there will not be a communion service on Monday May 15th. There is Mass at St Marcus in Clear Lake on Mondays at 8:00am if you would like to receive the Eucharist on these days.

Baptism

Attendance at a one hour Baptismal Preparation Program is required and parish registration is expected. Please call the parish office to sign up for upcoming classes. The next class will be July 6, 2017 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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.

FORMED. Sign up TODAY for all your Catholic learning needs and more. Go to formed org and click on register at the bottom of the page, follow the sign up steps and enter our Parish Code: T436RC. And you are in! Enjoy.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration Archbishop Bernard Hebda invites you to celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, June 3 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 10 a.m. for Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver, golden and platinum anniversaries will be honored in a special way and are invited to attend. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! Couples married one or more years may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4488 or mfl@archspm.org.

Natural Family Planning Classes – May Schedule A series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes will begin soon in your community or a community near you. This Church approved method is scientific and marriage building. The classes teach couples how to achieve or postpone pregnancy, while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. A series of classes taught by a qualified instructor. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call (651) 291-4489 or visit www.archspm.org/family

Festival Grand Raffle have begun. In the past, generous donors have consistently helped to make the grand raffle a success. This year all cash donations will go towards the Grand Raffle Prize pool and all gift certificates and items will be put into the "Baskets From Heaven" silent auction. FORMS TO BE FILLED OUT BY DONERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA or BELOW. Please return all donors forms to the office of St. Luke or put them into the collection. To have your name listed on the tickets as a donor for the Grand Raffle, there will be a May 15th DEADLINE to return your forms. Thank-you, your 2017 Grand Raffle Chairs

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Mass Schedule & Intentions Tuesday, May 16th † Norm Meier 8:00 am Wednesday, May 17th 8:00 am † Chris Astorino Thursday, May 18th † Don Teff 8:00 am Friday, May 19th 8:00 am † Marvin Bihl Saturday, May 20th 9:00 am For those suffering with addiction & depression Saturday, May 20th 5:00 pm Sara & Joe Jirsa Sunday, May 21st 8:00 am Parishioners † Anna & Albert Schmidt 10:00 am Minister's Schedule For May 20th & 21st Servers 5:00 pm Alyssa & Amanda Klocker 8:00 am Luke Aasen & Callie Jensen 10:00 am Jordan Parker & Jacob Popp Lectors 5:00 pm Bruce Fladebo 8:00 am Mary Lenk 10:00 am Sara Watters Ushers 5:00 pm Bill Kociemba & Lynette Totz 8:00 am Doc & Mike Gohman 10:00 am Nick & Betty Eiden **Eucharistic Ministers** 5:00 pm Bernice (P), Cortney & Lance Klocker 8:00 am Nora Dockendorf, Marie Gohman. Della Lansing, Kathy Meier (P) Joan Cahill, Ben Helget, David Herzan, 10:00 am Marilyn Popp (P), Candy Samuelson (P), Deb Yoerg Sacristans 5:00 pm Dan Goeman 8:00 am Della Lansing 10:00 am Donna Dovel Sound 5:00 pm Gene Post 8:00 am John McCooley 10:00 am James Lieser Video 5:00 pm Judy Post Rita McCooley 8:00 am 10:00 am Ryan Lieser Music 5:00 pm Ruth & Cantors 8:00 am Praise Company 10:00 am Praise Company Hospitality 5:00 pm Jane Ergen 8:00 am Sarah & Todd Jensen & family 10:00 am Bob Gapinski family & Jim Bicknell Greeters 5:00 pm Mark & Denise Marino 8:00 am Mary Kurgan & Teresa Steinhaus

5th Sunday of Easter

Jeanette Miller, Laura & Hali Lieser

10:00 am

YOU are invited: The next Young @ Hearts is Thursday, May 18. Cards, coffee and conversation start at 10:30, with dinner at noon with a suggested donation of \$4.50, followed by entertainment. This month we will be tapping our toes to the music of "Music To Your Ears," featuring Travis Kent, Greta Leen, and Richard Eckman, playing classic country music as well as some tunes from the 40's, 50's, 60's & 70's.

Reservations are encouraged. Either email or call 320-558-6851, and leave message.

This year's annual collection for retired religious again demonstrated the generosity of the parishioners of the Church of St Luke. Those contributing gave a total of \$1,263.75. Your efforts join those of others across the archdiocese and across the nation in *Giving to Those Who Have Given a Lifetime*. Thank you for your generosity so that their communities can care for the elderly religious. May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly.

CEMETERY NEWS-The Annual Cemetery Collection is May 21^{st} . Please be generous with your contributions to help cover the expense of repairs and additions in the cemetery.

As noted in the Cemetery Rules and Regulations: During the period from the Friday before Memorial Day until June 15th, additional decorations are allowed near monuments. After June 15th ground maintenance personnel will remove any additional items left in the ground around monuments. Additional decorations are acceptable for periods of <u>one week</u> on your personal special days. If you have questions about what is allowed for decorating, please contact one of the board members. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

 Wednesday:
 Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

 Thursday:
 Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

 Friday:
 Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17

 Saturday:
 Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/

In 14:15-21

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St. Luke's Calendar

Sunday, May 14th—Mother's Day

Pancake Breakfast

Monday, May 15th

No 9:00 am Communion Service

Deadline to donate towards Grand Raffle Cash

Prizes if you want your name on the tickets.

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 16th

8:00 am Quilting

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 18th

6:00 pm Praise Company

Friday, May 19th

9:00 am — 9:00 pm Adoration

Registration

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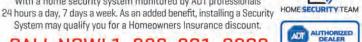
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