



Saint  
**LUKE**  
University Parish

Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2017

Allendale, Michigan

Dear St. Luke's Parish Family,

I want to begin first of all by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Brad and Fr. Chuck for all of their dedication and hard work at St. Luke's, from establishing the parish ten years ago, to helping build it up over the years, and for overseeing the construction of the new church. I have to admit that I feel undeserving to come here to take their place, shortly after finally moving into the new church. I wish that they would have been able to enjoy, at least for awhile, some of the fruits of their labors. It reminds me a little of Moses, who, after leading the Israelites through the desert for 40 years, was himself not permitted to enter into the Promised Land. Instead, he had to turn over the care of God's people to someone else – Joshua – who then took on the responsibility of leading them. I am sure that Frs. Brad and Chuck are putting their trust in God, knowing that the Lord will continue to guide their steps in this transition. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers as they begin these new chapters in their lives. And let us continue to thank God for their faithful service to the St. Luke parish community over the years.

And St. Luke's is likewise beginning a new chapter. Not just a new church, but a new pastor, and all that comes with these changes. But it is also a time of great opportunity for the parish: the focus can shift from the construction of the new church to continuing to build up and expand the parish community in this growing part of the diocese. Some things that have been on hold, because of the construction and the move, can be resumed; and new initiatives can be undertaken. So this will be a time of much discernment for our parish community. A time during which we must continually ask the Lord to guide us as a parish to better know his will for this community of faith, and how we can continue to evangelize our world.

I am very excited and happy to be a part of this ongoing discernment and this new chapter in the history of St. Luke's. I look forward to getting to know all of you, to learning about the parish and its unique gifts and needs. As I am not only new to the parish, but also new to being a pastor, I must ask for your patience and your prayers. Every priest is different, and one of the challenges for every parish is adapting to a new pastor and his idiosyncrasies. Parishioners often wonder if there will be changes when a new pastor comes, and of course the short answer to this question is always yes, inevitably there will be some. But what they will be I do not yet know. However, it is my sincere hope that any changes, and indeed everything that we do as a parish, be done for the good of the parish and the greater glory of God.

Before concluding, I want to share a little about myself, because perhaps you are wondering who you are getting. In brief, I grew up in Grand Rapids in a big Catholic family. I graduated from Catholic Central, then Aquinas College, and then had a career in shipping / logistics / customs for a number of years. After six years of studies at Mundelein Seminary, near Chicago, I was ordained in 2015 as a diocesan priest for the Grand Rapids Diocese. I spent my first two years of priesthood serving as the associate pastor at St. Francis de Sales in Holland.

Once again, I look forward to getting to know you and working with you in the vineyard of the Lord here in Allendale. I am honored to be able to serve as your pastor. Please know that I will remember all of you in my daily prayers.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bill



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**Happening this Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday (7/2) 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Mass For Our Parish Church  
 10:30 Mass Safety of Travelers Church  
 5:30 p.m. Mass The Military & those who Serve Church

**Monday (7/3) St. Thomas**  
**No Evening Mass**

**Tuesday (7/4) Independence Day**  
**Parish Office Closed**  
 8:30 a.m. Mass Liberty, Freedom, & America Church  
 10:00 4th of July Parade GVSU  
 11:30 4th of July Cook-out Church

**Wednesday (7/5) St. Anthony Zaccaria;**  
**St. Elizabeth of Portugal**  
**No Evening Mass**

**Thursday (7/6) St. Maria Goretti**  
**No Evening Mass**

**Friday (7/7)**  
**No Evening Mass**

**Sunday (7/9) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Mass Church  
 10:30 Mass Church  
 2:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Church  
 5:30 Mass Church

**This Week's Scripture Readings**

Available online at [usccb.org/bible](http://usccb.org/bible)



**Celebrate the 4th of July at St. Luke's!**

- Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Help with last minute decorations of the float at 9 a.m.
- Participate in the Allendale parade at 10 a.m. If you would like to walk, ride, skate, be pushed in a stroller, etc. in the parade, please meet us in parking lot P (somewhere in line).
- Cook-out at the parish 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Ministries for July 9**

**Lectors**

8:00 a.m. Gayle Johnson (1st), Karon Flagg (2nd)  
 10:30 Pat Mitchell (1st), Linda Mitchell (2nd)

**Altar Servers**

8:00 a.m. Ethan Thomas, Jacob Vantrepott  
 10:30 Brandon Van Wyk, Sammi Steck

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

8:00 a.m. Kim Thomas, Kim Oostindie, Sheryl Horton  
 10:30 Jeanne Staub, Ramona Baldrige, Sabrina & Tom Van Wyk, Amy Wolf

**Ushers**

8:00 a.m. Jason Horton (lead), Dwayne Thomas, Sue Sandberg, Tim Rowland  
 10:30 Jeff Staub (lead), Jason Staub, Paul Steck, Tom Garvelink

**CSA Update**

Our CSA goal is \$32,685. To date we have \$27,635 in pledges, which is 85% of our goal. 110 families out of 296 registered families have pledged, which is a 38% participation rate. Our participation goal is 100%.

Finances for May	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for June	\$ 13,490	\$ 7,155	\$ 20,645	\$ 23,440	\$ (2,795)
Average for June	\$ 3,373	\$ 1,789	\$ 5,162	\$ 5,860	\$ (698)

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**Welcome Fr. Bill!**

Join us today, after Mass, to help welcome our new pastor, Fr. Bill; to celebrate refreshments will be served after all Masses. Please stop by, say hello, and welcome him in traditional St. Luke fashion!

# SCRIP

Working on projects around the house or cottage? Don't forget to purchase scrip cards to use at Lowe's, Home Depot, Menards, and/or many other home improvement stores. For every card purchased, the parish receives a rebate from the vendor. Stop by the scrip table for a complete list of over 700 vendors.

**Change in daily Mass schedule -**

There will no longer be daily Mass on Mondays, beginning tomorrow, July 3.

There will be no 5 p.m. daily Masses this week, July 5-7. Although, there will be a special holiday Mass on Tuesday, July 4 at 8:30 a.m.



**THANK YOU!** Many thanks to all those involved in our going-away festivities last Sunday, especially all the kind words, memories, cards and gifts shared with us. May God continue to bless us all.

-Fr. Brad & Fr. Chuck

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**Food Pantry Needs**

St. Luke's Food Pantry appreciates your help!

**Our current food pantry needs:**

**Helper Meals**

Including but not limited to:

Hamburger Helper & Tuna Helper.

To donate, please drop items off in the shopping cart outside the pantry/McConnon Room at the church.

**Next pantry date: July 13**

**Food Pantry is still collecting Family Fare Receipts.** For the receipts to count we **must have the full receipt** not just the bottom part.

**Faith Formation**

This summer, St. Luke's is discerning where God is leading us as we seek to continue to form and inform his people (adults and children) into deeper communion with himself. For a Catholic faith community, this is never one person's job nor one exclusively for professional staff, but is the responsibility of all the baptized members of the parish. The following are some dates for your calendar. Please plan on participating in the process. Your sharing is vital to the development of our parish's faith formation.

- **Catechist Appreciation and Vision Session—**  
Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. (See Below)
- **Faith Formation Vision Session(s)—**  
Sunday, July 16 at 9:15 a.m.  
Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m.
- **Liturgical Minister Training—**  
Saturday, August 5 at 4 p.m. (Altar Servers);  
Sunday, August 6 at 9:15 a.m. (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion); at 12 p.m. (Lectors)

**Next Week:**

**Catechist Appreciation and Vision Session —**  
Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Our volunteer catechists (Sunday School, Youth Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA) freely give their time, talents, and emotional involvement to form and inform our disciples, young and "experienced". I am looking for a volunteer to help prepare a meal in appreciation, as we envision the new possibilities. Any parishioner who might be interested in volunteering as a catechist is also invited.



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