



**Saint  
LUKE**  
University Parish

**Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

July 9, 2017

Allendale, Michigan

Dear St. Luke's Parish Family,

This is the same letter that I wrote for last week's bulletin. It was recommended to me that I reprint it this weekend because many parishioners were gone last weekend for the holiday.

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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***This Week's Scripture Readings***

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

**Happening this Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday (7/9) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.	Mass	+ Peter Boomguard	Church
10:30	Mass	Lapsed Christians	Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation		Church
5:30	Mass	For Our People	Church

**Tuesday (7/11) St. Benedict**

5:00 p.m.	Mass	The Sick	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church
7:30	K of C Council Meeting		Church

**Wednesday (7/12)**

5:00 p.m.	Mass	Catechists	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church
6:30	Catechist Night		Church

**Thursday (7/13) St. Henry**

3:30 p.m.	Food Pantry		Church
5:00	Mass	The Hungry	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church

**Friday (7/14) St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

5:00 p.m.	Mass	The Homeless	Church
5:30	Reconciliation		Church

**Saturday (7/15) St. Bonaventure**

**Sunday (7/16) 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.	Mass		Church
9:15	Faith Formation	Vision Session	Church
10:30	Mass		Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation		Church
5:30	Mass		Church

***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.

***Ministries for July 16***

**Lectors**

8:00 a.m. Yvonne Boon (1st), John Graveline (2nd)  
 10:30 Deb Morello (1st), Val Lehti (2nd)

**Altar Servers**

8:00 a.m. Alaina Barksdale, **Server Needed**  
 10:30 Adelle Maksymowski, Simon Morgan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

8:00 a.m. Deb Buursta, Nanette Casha, Pat Warren  
 10:30 Pam & Larry Van Wyk, Rick Freehafer, Rod Morgan, Ramona Baldrige

**Ushers**

8:00 a.m. Jerry Casha (lead), Max Ainslie, Ron Gorlewski, David Boon  
 10:30 Mark Schoenborn (lead), Joe Morello, Larry Flagg, Howard Lehti

***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 June*	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)

\*Please note these figures are the same as last week due to the 4th of July Holiday requiring early printing. We apologize for this inconvenience.

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# SCRIP

Kids don't want to think about it. Parents may have mixed emotions about it. Can you guess what it is? It's *Back to School!* The sales flyers will be out soon. Get a head start by purchasing scrip prepaid cards to your favorite clothing or school supply stores. Stop by the scrip table and pick up a back to school flyer.

### **Parish Prayer Chain information:**

If you are available to make phone calls for the prayer chain, please contact Peg Horvath at 616-892-1497 or by email at pch1955@altelco.net, and leave your name, phone number and/or email address. If you have prayer requests, contact the Parish office at 616-895-2247, or contact Peg directly.

If you know of someone who is ill, recovering from surgery, or is home bound, we have a "Sunshine Club", a.k.a. Diane Emelander. Contact her at 616-402-3148. Also, if you have unused Sympathy, Thinking of you, Get Well cards, or cards that are blank inside, or you wish to donate money for stamps that are used to mail out these cards, contact Diane.

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### **Women's Fellowship**

Do you have questions about what the Women's Fellowship Group is and what they do? Contact Jeanne Benedict, at 616-677-5428. Our next meeting will be in August. We are not meeting in July. If you are on Facebook, you may want to join us there: [St Luke University Parish Women's Fellowship Group](#).

### **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. (See Below)  
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)

#### **This 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 of their service, as we envision the new possibilities. Any parishioner who might be interested in volunteering as a catechist is also invited.

#### **Next Week:**

**Faith Formation Vision Session(s)—**Sunday, July 16 at 9:15 a.m. or Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Now that we are settling into our new building and last week, we welcomed our new pastor. This means we need to re-vision our possibilities of faith formation in the parish (children, youth, university students, adults, and catechumenate). These sessions are for anyone in the parish interested in this vision as we move forward. Those who cannot attend the Sunday session can hopefully attend the Thursday evening session.

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