

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 9TH-17TH

Saturday April 9th 5:00 p.m. +Dawn Squillace
 Requested by Paul and Rita Zimmerman

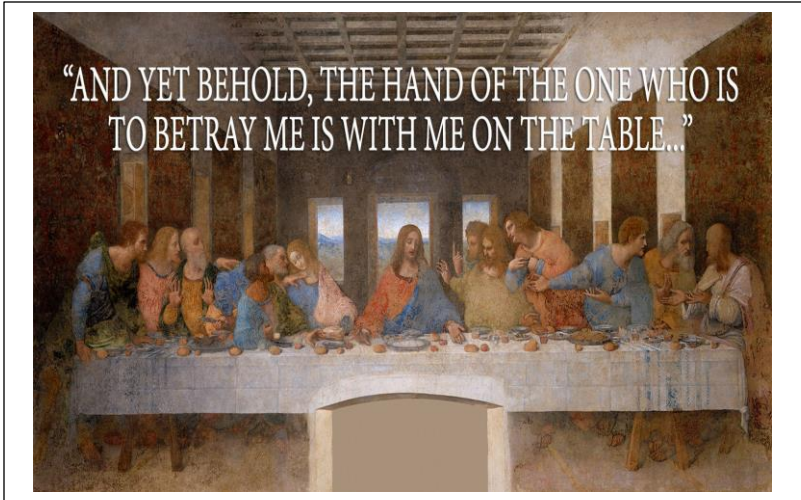
Thursday April 14 NO MASS FOR HOLY WEEK
 *See schedule for Holy Week

EASTER SUNDAY April 17th 8:30 a.m. +Joseph Dishinger
 Requested by Paul and Rita Zimmerman

COLLECTION

Loose offering: \$ 36.00
 Envelope offering: \$ 810.00
 PCCW: \$ 2,740.00
 Annual Appeal \$ 4,213 pd
 Still to be collected \$ 2,512

Web address: Saintlukebv.org



Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,
 Today our Church celebrates the entry of Christ into Jerusalem in order to accomplish his paschal mystery. This Sunday is called Palm or Passion Sunday. While Palm Sunday signifies royalty and triumph, Passion Sunday signifies both suffering and love. By freely going to Jerusalem, Christ demonstrates his humility and willingness to save us.

On this day the Christian community begins to re-enact a very important phase of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. We re-enact the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem as well as his passion. Hence today's celebration reminds us of the dual nature of our Christian lives and journey. We are celebrated today and persecuted tomorrow. Today we are loved while the next day we are hated. Today we are praised and castigated the next day.

A very important lesson we must learn from all these is that, as life unfolds it presents us with its different dimensions. The same people who sing our praise in good times might be the same people to castigate us in future. Today, the same people applauding Christ by singing: "Hosanna to the son of David," might equally be the same people to shout: "Crucify him!" This is the mystery and dialectics of life. It is a mystery because at times understanding it is beyond our imagination. It is dialectical because these two aspects of life help us to understand who we truly are, and what we mean to people.

A look at today's readings portrays the humility with which Christ approached these situations. Our first reading is taken from one of the Suffering Servant of Yahweh's songs. Christ is prefigured in this song as the suffering servant. Christ humbly endured his suffering without any resistance. Also, in Paul's letter to the Philippians, we see humility at its apogee. This is the kenosis or self-emptying of Christ: "Though he was in the form of man, He did not regard equality with God."

Our gospel today is on the Last supper of Christ with his disciples. At the Last Supper, Christ humbled himself by serving his disciples and eating at the same table with the one who was to betray him. In spite of all these, he taught his disciples to humble themselves just as he humbled himself before Pilate and the chief priests even till death.

In all of these, the lesson for us today is that humility is very important in all circumstances of life. This includes both at good and bad times. Christ was strong, but he humbly became weak for our salvation. He taught us that true power lies in sacrifice and service. He also taught us that humility is one of the most important virtues we need for our service and mission.

Let us therefore pray that the Almighty God may grant us the humility with which to follow and serve Christ all the days of our life.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,
 Rev. Arockia Amirtha Raj Stanislaus.

**40 HOURS OF ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Our Tri-Parish 40 Hours of Adoration was such a success! Thank you Father Amir for having a heart for this holy devotion! Thank you to all who made this possible and we pray for our Tri-Parish to continue to be blessed! Please see the 40 Hours Devotion attachment to this bulletin as per Father's request. Please see Father or Rita to share any Other testimonials.

Stations of the Cross

Thank you to all who participated this year and in the soup supper afterwards! It was a great success!



For the faithful departed we pray:

Dustin Berends, Frances Knopps, Anthony Robert Squillace, Frank Hellman, Dawn Squillace, Margaret Poeschel

For the sick we pray:

Mark Nelson – Infection
Karen Erickson ~ MS
Jeanne Wendt ~ Recovery from Illness
Olivia Sundby ~ Breast Cancer
Ariel Hughes ~ pregnancy and delivery
Ashley Doornink ~ pregnancy

*Continued prayer for Options for Women



Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices by Name Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine Justices stand between-life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers, with a ruling expected in June.

UPCOMING Tri-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Father Amir will be going back to India on vacation May 2nd. He is calling a Tri-Parish council meeting **The meeting will be held on Tuesday, APRIL 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Spring Valley.** Father Amir will still meet with the individual parishes the next week as scheduled previously. Please mark your calendars to attend this meeting.

ST LUKE'S COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. - Boyceville Council will meet. *Please mark your calendar (There will be no 10:00 a.m. Mass that day, instead, Father Amir will say Mass at 6:00 p.m.)

LENTEN/HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

40 days of Mass during Lent - Father will be saying an additional weekday Mass on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. in Elmwood starting on March 7th.

- April 14– Holy Thursday Mass in Elmwood at 7 pm
- April 15– Good Friday Service in Elmwood at 1:30 pm
- April 15 ~ 7 Last Words of Christ at 6:00 p.m.
- April 16– Holy Saturday Mass in Elmwood at 8 pm
- Easter Sunday– 8:30 am Mass Boyceville

***If you are willing to read for the 7 Last Words of Christ or on Holy Saturday, please let Rita know. Thank you

Pancake Breakfast at Sacred Heart Church in Elmwood on Sunday, April 10, 2022, from 9 am – Noon Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage and Maple Syrup. Free Will Donation For CCD Fundraiser.



THE ICON OF ST. JOSEPH

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the St. Joseph Papal Blessed icon to our parish



LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON

ST. LUKE'S is going to be having a Ladies Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 21st at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to reserve a spot for you and your guests, please see Barb Laluya or Lesley Nelsen This is a fundraiser for our parish, the cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. *See flyer on back table for details

April 9-10, 2022