

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 23-30**

Saturday Mass April 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus and Their families

Thursday Mass April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.  
**FOLLOWED BY PARISH COUNSEL MEETING**

Saturday Mass April 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.

**CONFESSION BEFORE SATURDAY MASS  
 ADORATION MONDAYS FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.  
 DURAND DEANERY MEETING 6:00 pm St. Francis**

*COLLECTION*

Loose offering: \$ 71.00  
 Envelope offering: \$1,453.00  
 Flowers: \$50.00  
 Annual Appeal \$ 4,213 pd  
 Still to be collected \$ 2,512

**Web address: [Saintlukebv.org](http://Saintlukebv.org)**



Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, Thomas Sunday and the Octave of Easter. We can hear the echo of the Book of Revelation in our own lives: Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

Once the reality of the Resurrection touched the lives of the early followers of Jesus, they could not keep silent about His presence in their lives. They had to talk about him among themselves and to others. What had happened was just so startling and so compelling that they could not be still. They had to share this presence of Jesus in their lives.

We who come so many years after the Resurrection must have some encounter with the Risen Lord. Once we let Him touch our lives, we are never the same. It is so incredible to know Jesus and to believe in His life, death and Resurrection. We also must feel this impulse to share our experience of Him at work in our lives. It is different from the experience of these early followers who ate, drank, walked and talked personally with Jesus. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.

When we read the Scriptures, we come into contact with the witness of these early believers. We are invited to believe because of their witness. Perhaps their witness sounds naïve or simple to us. On the other hand, they were ordinary people, workers, outcasts, fishermen, tax collectors, women with bad reputations, etc., just ordinary people who met Jesus and whose lives were changed forever.

Many of us have walked with Jesus for years and years and have never felt the excitement that these earlier followers felt. On the other hand, many of them also seem not to have been terribly moved at first. Think of Saint Peter or of Saint Thomas, who shows up in the Gospel today. These are people that perhaps we can identify with.

We never be afraid of our own weaknesses, our doubts or our rejections of the Lord. Always He continues to love us. Always He finds new ways to sneak into our hearts and our minds. If we have walked with Him, then we can look at our history with Him and see what has happened in our lives. In many relationships we can feel that nothing changes. When we look back, however, we find that things are always changing.

Let us renew our faith, as did Thomas. Let us believe in the Lord and reflect on all that He has done already within us. Let us be open to let Him surprise us again if we will just invite Him into hearts once more. Christ is risen! Alleluia.

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

# GOODBYE GOD BE WITH YOU

**For those that were not** in church last weekend or haven't heard the news, our Parish priest, Father Amir, will be leaving our parishes on May 2nd. Father will be going home to India for a month, then he will be stationed at the Casa Hogar Mission in Peru for a year. He will be coming back to the Diocese of La Crosse in July 2023 and will be assigned another parish at that time. OUR GOING AWAY POT LUCK WILL FOLLOW MASS ON SATURDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> all are welcome!

## CASA HOGAR

Noel Furger ~Director of Development  
Will be visiting our Tri Parish this weekend and will be taking a few minutes to tell us about the Diocese of LaCrosse's mission  
CASA HOGAR

Also

PLEASE RETURN

CASA HOGAR BOXES to Basket at back. You can make any checks payable to St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Thank you for your donations! **40 DAYS OF LENT \$1.00 a day FOR CASA HOGAR**

## Durand Deanery Meeting

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis parish, Ellsworth - Father Louis is the guest speaker. He will be speaking on Father Solanus Casey, what this priest means to the Big River parish and how they are preserving his memory. Please let Rita know if you would like to go to the meeting on- We can all drive together.

### 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  
Wally and Rose Nelsen

\*Continued prayer for Options for Women



PRAY FOR  
DOBBS

**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.

There will be a special collection by the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) from our parish after the mass on Divine Mercy Sunday (Sat.). Proceeds are used for charitable works throughout the Diocese, workshops and training opportunities.

## 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.)

## LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON

ST. LUKE'S is going to be having a Ladies Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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

# Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23-24, 2022