

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**SCHEDULE FOR May 14th**

Saturday Mass May 14th 5:00 p.m. For St. Luke's Parishioners

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Prayer Service

Saturday Mass May 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 p.m. Nick Prokop  
 Requested by Paul and Rita Zimmerman

**CONFESSION BEFORE SATURDAY MASS  
 ADORATION MONDAYS FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.  
 QUILTING WEDNESDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 A.M.**

*COLLECTION*

Loose offering: \$ 50.00  
 Envelope offering: \$ 595.00  
 Annual Appeal \$ 4,213 pd  
 Still to be collected \$ 2,512

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



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

May 15, 2022 5th Sunday of Easter

“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

PLEASE WELCOME  
FATHER PAUL HOFFMAN TO OUR  
PARISH THIS WEEK

CASA HOGAR  
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

#### THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

During the weeks that we do not have  
A permanent priest, we will NOT have  
Thursday morning Mass. However, there  
Will be a Thursday Morning Prayer service.  
It will be at 9:30 a.m. and all are welcome  
to attend.

#### The Pope and our Diocese

Has requested that we participate in a world-wide  
synod (meeting) to provide feedback on several  
Church issues. All parishioners have been mailed  
letters explaining its purpose. At St Luke's we have  
elected to use a survey, prepared by the Elmwood  
Synod committee, to obtain your feedback. Please  
complete the survey and return it to the church with  
the return envelope by May 8th . Thank you!

**St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie** is planning a  
coach bus trip to view St. Bernadette's Relics  
on Wednesday, June 15th. This will be an all  
day trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of  
Good Help in Champion, WI. Cost is \$57/  
person and includes bus ride and lunch. Please  
rsvp to Nicki Welsch by May 15th  
nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org or  
(715) 232-4920 x813 .

#### 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 ~ recovery from labor and deliver
- Welcome baby Oliver Laverne Hughes
- Ashley Doornink ~ pregnancy
- Wally and Rose Nelsen
- Katie and Lucas Jenkins

\*Continued prayer for Options for Women

## PRO LIFE



**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. Please pray  
for their safety!

#### LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON

Due to lack of participation the Ladies Tea Luncheon  
for Saturday, May 21st  
Is cancelled

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

# LOVE

"I give you a new  
commandment: love one  
another. As I have loved  
you, so you also should  
love one another." - Jn 13:34



*May 14-15, 2022*