

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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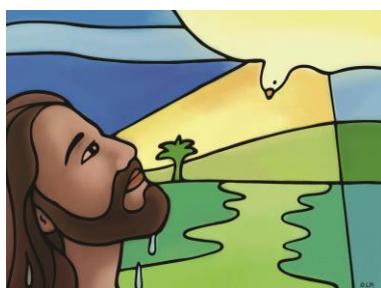
Mass Intentions This Week: HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday Jan 10 11 a.m. Baptism of the Lord
 +Corrine Janicki
 Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal

Thurs. Jan 14 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday Jan 17 11 a.m. Second Sunday – Ordinary Time
 +Dean & Alice Adams
 Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Baptism of the Lord
 You are my beloved son;
 With you I am well pleased.

Mark 1:7-8

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today is the 1st Sunday of ordinary time, year B. It is also the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Sunday is like a bridge between two great cities. Officially, it marks the end of Christmas season as well as the beginning of the ordinary time of the year.

The Church reminds us that Jesus was baptized with water and the Holy Spirit in order to bring healing and salvation to all nations through this feast. Today's celebration affords us the opportunity to reflect both on the efficacy of Christ's baptism as well as on ours.

In today's first reading from Isaiah, God extends a universal invitation to all of us. It is a special invitation to come to Christ the living water. Christ is the living water in whose name we were baptized. Through his own baptism, He has sanctified our own water of baptism.

In our second reading, John calls our attention to the importance of believing in Jesus Christ. Most importantly, he highlighted three elements that bear witness to the Sonship of Christ: water, blood and spirit. Every day, we are tainted both inwardly and outwardly by sin. In light of this, the water of baptism which Christ brings continues to be efficacious in our lives.

Christ continues to regenerate us through the water of baptism, through his precious blood and through the power of the Holy Spirit. This water and blood include all that is necessary for our salvation.

Through His water, our souls are washed and purified for eternal life in heaven. Through His blood, we are justified, reconciled, and presented to God as righteous. Through His Spirit, we are made strong for the battle of life. Christ loved the church, and gave himself for us, that he might sanctify and cleanse us with the washing of water in baptism (Eph 5:25-27).

The gospel highlights the core of our celebration today, the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Christ had to be baptized in order to make a way for us, and in order to purify our water of baptism. This is because, as the first among his brothers (Rom 8, 29), he always takes the lead in order to show us the way. Hence, He came from heaven to earth to show and lead us through the way.

At Christ's baptism, the Spirit of the Father bore witness that he is truly the son of the Father. This is equally what happens to us, not only at baptism, but daily. As we continue to walk with God by fulfilling our baptismal promises, the Holy Spirit, continues to testify: *"This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."*

Finally, today's celebration affords us the opportunity to reflect on our Baptism. So, let us renew those promises we made to God in the name of Jesus Christ. Today, let us recommit ourselves to Christ in whose name we were baptized. With joy let us draw living water from Christ, the well of salvation (Is 2, 3).

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

STEWARDSHIP

"We walk by faith, even when we cannot see" 2 Corinthians 5:7

Everything is a gift from God.

You may drop your envelopes in the offertory box which is on the back table in church, or you may mail your contribution to St Luke at: PO Box 316, Boyceville, WI 54725

Loose Collections

Envelope Collection

Special Collections

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

For the faithful departed we pray:

Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton, Betty Kosharek Dole, Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman, Kathy Santanni, Virgil Hill, Corrine Janicki, Rita Bodine.

For the sick we pray:

Jessica Garside & Lonna Borgert

David Buck – Cancer

Tom McAndrew & Betty Garside – Stroke recovery

Mark Nelson – Infection in knee replacement joint

Options for Women

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Statement of Ethics COVID-19 Vaccines:

Currently there are 3 vaccines that have been, or will be, made available in the coming months. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in producing the vaccine. While neither vaccine is completed free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, the connection is remote. The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. While Pfizer and Moderna vaccine is preferred, if it is more available, the AstraZeneca vaccine can be used if there is no alternative. Find the full statement on vaccines usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines.

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

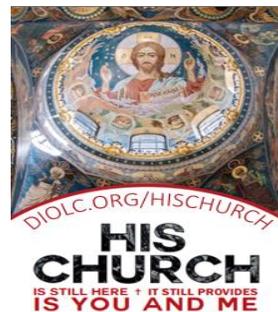
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

Celebrating Baptism: Baptism is celebrated throughout much of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child's baptism, please call the parish office, 715-643-3081 for more information. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation class.

Caring for the Sick: If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call 715-598-4877 or email Father Amir at pastor@svecatholic.org to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Celebrating Marriage: We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Father Amir to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn more about marriage preparation.

Becoming Catholic: If you are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to become Catholic, or are interested in becoming a Christian through baptism, contact Father Amir at pastor@svecatholic.org.



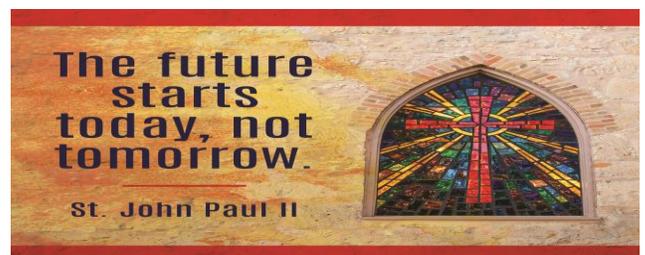
Diocesan Annual Appeal

Target Amount \$6,820

Amount pledged \$4,900

Unpledged \$1,920

18 families participating



St Luke Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday January 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish dining hall. The Tri-Parish Council is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21st, also at St Luke's. Daily Mass will be moved to 6:00 p.m. on those days to better accommodate Father's schedule.

Please consider scheduling a **Mass Intention** for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, as the schedule tends to fill up quickly. A \$10 stipend is asked for each Mass offered. Please contact the office for more information.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the hat and mitten tree. A total of 17 pairs of mittens and 12 hats was collected this year. That lots of warm hands and heads! God Bless all of you. Thank you, too, to those who set up and took down the tree, that's a big job too.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat: If you are a man, at least 35 years old who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to God, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at St Mary's Church in Altoona. Contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at bhilts@diolc.org for more information. A new deacon diaconate formation class begins in the fall of 2021.

Heartland Hospice serving Dunn, St. Croix and Pierce counties, is currently looking for hospice volunteers to help them provide the love, respect and care their patients and families need. For more information, please contact Missie Peterson at 715-214-2485 or Melissa.Peterson@hcr-manorcare.com www.heartlandhospice.com/eauclore

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