

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## **Mass Intentions This Week: HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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

Thurs. Jan 21 6 p.m. +Peter Johnson  
 Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Sunday Jan 24 11 a.m. Third Sunday – Ordinary Time  
 Parishioners of St Luke's

**Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.**



*John was standing with two of his disciples,  
 And as he watched Jesus walk by he said, "Behold  
 The Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he  
 said and followed Jesus. John 1:35-37*

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

A man was looking for the perfect wife. He wanted to find someone who was beautiful, kind, loving, and very religious. He found such a woman. But it did not work out. He said she was so religious that she could not easily relate to the practical things in life.

So he looked for someone else. He found one who was beautiful, kind, loving, intelligent, organized and practical in material affairs. He thought she was the perfect wife. But again it did not work out. She was so practical that she really did not need a man in her life, and she ended up being domineering. So he continued searching.

Then he found another woman. She was beautiful, kind, loving, intelligent, practical in material affairs, as well as very religious. At last, he thought, here is the perfect wife – a perfect balance of the practical and spiritual. But again, it did not work out – because she was also looking for the perfect husband!

John the Baptist told his two disciples about Jesus: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" At once they began following Jesus. And when Jesus saw them, he asked them: "What are you looking for?" The two disciples did not get the full implication of the question because they replied with another question: "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

The rabbi during the time of Jesus was an itinerant preacher much like the prophets of old. He moves from place to place, teaching about the Scriptures and many important lessons from concrete realities in life. His disciples follow him wherever he goes and they imbibe his philosophy and way of life in the process.

Hence, to ask where a rabbi lives is rather secondary and even immaterial. What really matters is being with him wherever he goes. That is why, instead of answering their question, Jesus replies with an invitation: "Come, and you will see". It is an invitation, not to a place of abode, but to a relationship, to be part of his life. "So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day". That one day of experience inspires them so much that it radically transforms them, from being followers to evangelizers. One of them, Andrew, looks for his brother, Simon, and eagerly breaks the good news to him: "We have found the Messiah".

Every day the Lord invites us: "Come, follow me." Like the two disciples, many of us would follow Jesus for various reasons, depending on one's idea about him. As Thomas Merton said, "Our idea of God tells us more about ourselves than about Him." This has been adequately shown in the Gospels. Many see him as the great Healer. And so they follow him in order to be healed of their various ailments. Others acknowledge him as the one who teaches with authority. They follow him because they like to listen to his teachings. Still others admire him as the Miracle Worker and they want to witness his miracles. And some, like the Pharisees, consider him as enemy and threat to their authority and status. So, they follow him to catch him in his speech and have something to accuse him of.

Jesus asks us: "What you are looking for?" Peter accurately responded: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life." What will be your answer?

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

\$ 427.00

\$ 955.00

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

### For the faithful departed we pray:

Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton, Virgil Hill, Corrine Janicki, Rita Bodine

### For the sick we pray:

Jessica Garside & Lonna Borgert

David Buck – Cancer

Mark Nelson – Infection in knee replacement joint

Options for Women

Quinn Miano – brother of Betty Jean Smith

## 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 completely 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](https://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines).

### BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

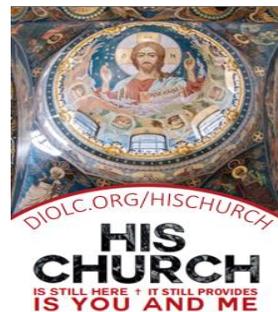
**Joining Our Parish:** If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@svecatholic.org).



### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Target Amount \$6,820

Amount pledged \$4,900

Unpledged \$1,920

18 families participating

THANK YOU



**The Tri-Parish Council** is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at St Luke's. Daily Mass will be moved to 6:00 p.m. on that day 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's 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](mailto:bhilts@diolc.org) for more information. A new deacon diaconate formation class begins in the fall of 2021.

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:** January 24th. (January 21 – 29, 2021) 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. (A printable version is also available online.) Leaders' resources are available for download, including graphics, sample announcements, and novena printables. Sign up for the novena at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/annual-pro-life-events>

January 16-17, 2021