

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Saturday Jan 18 4:00 p.m. +Jack Lampman
Requested by Bob & Pat Marlette

DAILY MASS
Thurs Jan 24 8:30 a.m. +Jack Lampman
Requested by

NEXT WEEK: **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Saturday Jan 25 4:00 p.m. +Richard Laluya
Requested by +
Rest in Peace * Holy Mass of the Living

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday: Before Mass

ADORATION

Monday 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:

Contact Father Amir at 715-598-4877

New Parishioners – Please contact the parish office to register.

RCIA: Please contact the Parish Office at St Luke's for more information.

Baptism Classes: First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish office to schedule.

Marriage Instructions: Couples anticipating marriage must contact the Pastor 6 – 12 months in advance of the wedding. One person, of the couple, asking to be married must be a registered member of the Parish. Please contact the St Luke Parish Office to schedule.

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

STEWARDSHIP for January 11, 2020

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34)

Adult Envelopes \$ 396.00 Loose Collection \$ 243.00

Ministries: **Ushers for January:** Mike & Paul Boesl

Lector: January 18 – Rita Zimmerman January 25 Karen Hanse

Eucharistic Ministers: January 18 – V. Kujawa, B. Laluya, G. Williams
January 25 – J. Fisher, V. Kujawa, K. Adams

Rosary Leader: January: Marge Sykora

St Luke News:

Tri Parish Pastoral and Finance Council meeting is scheduled for January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Elmwood.

The **2019 Contribution Statements** are available on the back table. If you do not find yours, please contact the Parish Office.

St Jessica Circle donated 19 hats and 18 pairs of mittens to Tiffany Creek Elementary through your generous contributions to the mitten tree. Thanks so much for your generosity.

There is a box in the back of church for winter apparel, including boots. This is meant for ALL ages and sizes. Despite the fact that the local coat closet distributed in excess of 1900 items this fall, there is still a need and the worst of winter is yet to come. Please go through your closets and pass on the items that you will not be using. God will surely bless you for it ☺

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: We have collected 59% of the \$7580 target amount with 20 families donating toward the Appeal.

Thank you for the prayers offered for the success of Connie's surgery. All went well and she is recovering quickly. ~Marge Sykora

Thank you to all who helped with all the decorations during the Christmas season, both the putting up and the taking down. All your help was appreciated!

"Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God."

~John 1:34

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

This second Sunday in ordinary time marks the beginning of the public life of Jesus. As you remember, Christmas is over, the child is grown up, the child becomes a man and the man is baptized in the waters by John the Baptist, a sign of his oneness with all of humanity, that he is indeed the Messiah but he is true God and true man.

John the Baptist is testifying that Jesus indeed is the Son of God and the Son of man. Jesus is walking by him, and John, seeing him pass by, he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He is telling his disciples that this is the sacrificial lamb. This is the Messiah who does not come with great armies. This is the Messiah who comes to us as a sacrificial lamb and, as John says, who offers his whole life that sins might be forgiven.

The word "sin" is very much used. We think of sin as somebody who offends the Ten Commandments. It's not that. We think of sin as something terrible that other people fall into and very seldom do we ourselves sin because we think sin is a series of activities against laws. And it is true. If you break a law, you break a commandment. And if you break a commandment, the commandment is the law of God and therefore you have sinned.

But that's not what sin means. Sin is a very interesting word and what it does mean is you have failed to love. God has given you His love and you turn your back on Him. God has given you Jesus and he becomes a lamb led to the slaughter to show you the depth of God's love and to make you understand when we say, "I have sinned," we have not broken a commandment, we have broken a promise, we have broken a person, we have nailed him to the cross.

For sin is a failure to care and a failure to love. It is not something that you just say, "Well, I broke the sixth commandment or the fifth commandment or the tenth commandment," because when you sin you break a heart, not only the heart of Jesus, but the heart of the person that you have sinned against.

Sometimes we think a confessional is where your sins are forgiven. It begins in the heart of Jesus. And there was no sin that Jesus himself did not immediately forgive because his love was so great.

And so when you go to confession, you come in contact, not with the judgment of God and being forgiven, you come to understand that, when Jesus offered himself on the cross for all mankind in the greatest love that a God made man could offer his Father, that all was forgiven to all for all.

This is the message that the gospel teaches us and this is the message we often forget. But to remember that when we sin against each other, it's not a breaking of a rule, a regulation, a law, although it is that — it is the breaking of another person's heart. And then we will realize that Jesus came only to love. He himself has said, "I have not come to judge but only to teach you how to love."

So, let us love God, neighbor and the nature created by God so as not to nail him on the Cross.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: Jayme Closs, the repose of the soul of Sue Jadin Hernandez, Jim Smith - effects of chemo for colon cancer, Mark Hellmann - recovery from kidney cancer, David Buck - Cancer, Connie Sykora - recovery, The Boesl family during this time of grief. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between. Please pray for the protection of the unborn and the sanctity of human life. January 19th, marks the 47th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the US. It is estimated that 61 million babies have lost their lives in the US alone.

January 18-19, 2020