

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Finance Council:

Paul Zimmerman, Joey Boesl, Karen Adams

## Mass Intentions This Week:

Saturday Jan. 22 5:00 p.m. + Bob Squillace  
Requested by Paul and Rita Zimmerman

Thursday Jan 27 10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Luke's  
POTLUCK FOLLOWING DAILY MASS

Saturday Jan. 29 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Luke's

**ADORATION: Mondays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**ANOINTED**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

We rejoice in the Good News of Salvation which Christ brings to us as we celebrate the third Sunday of ordinary time. This Good News binds us together as the people of God and enables us to work together for God's kingdom.

In our first reading, after the people had worked together to achieve their goal and freedom, Nehemiah gathered them, and read the good news to them. After listening and meditating on the word of God, the people echoed "Amen!"

In our second reading, through his letter to the Corinthians, Paul encourages us to remain united and work together as one body of Christ. To achieve this goal, everyone must be considered important. There must be reconciliation, understanding, sincerity and mutual respect for one another.

In today's gospel, Jesus presents his mission. This is, the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to proclaim the Lord's year of favor..." This prophecy was made when the Israelites lived in slavery and misery in exile.

So, by using these same words as the basis of his ministry and mission, Christ announced His reign of peace, justice, freedom and love to all those suffering from all kinds of oppressions and injustice.

Like Nehemiah in our first reading, Christ proclaims the good news of the new era to all of us. It is important to note that this good news is not directed only to the materially poor, but to all: "the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God" (Mt 5:3).

The good news liberates us from two types of slavery. The first is self-imposed slavery. This results from personal sins and mistakes in life. This makes us, spiritually blind and weak. It cripples our spiritual life, and hardens our hearts against God and all that is good.

This is the worst form of slavery, because it affects us both spiritually and physically. Only Christ can liberate us from this slavery. We can achieve this liberation by accepting the good news, and by seeking reconciliation with Christ and ourselves.

The other type of slavery is that which is imposed on us by others or society. These include structural, economic, and social injustices that do not allow us to live a fulfilled life in this world, even when we make all the necessary efforts.

Both of these are great sources of pains and burden to us. However, it is important to note that Christ strengthens to overcome all. So, with the psalmist today, let us exalt the Lord: "Your words are spirit, Lord; they give life."

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

**"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](http://www.saintlukebv.org)**

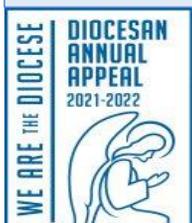
**For the faithful departed we pray:**

Dustin Berends, Frances Knopps, Anthony Robert Squillace, Frank Hellman, Dawn Squillace, Margaret Poeschel

**For the sick we pray:**

Mark Nelson – Infection  
Karen Erickson ~ MS

\*Continued prayer for Options for Women



**2021-2022 Annual Appeal**

Target Amount	6,725.00
Amount Pledged	4,016.00
Unpledged	2,712.00



**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE  
GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD  
ABUSE**

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Any-one wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can con-tact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting).

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

**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).

**Tri- Parish Pastoral and Finance Council meeting  
on Wednesday, January 26th at  
6:30 p.m. in Elmwood.**



**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.**

**CUSTODIAN WANTED ST. JOSEPH'S**

St. Joseph's in Menomonie is looking for a full-time Custodial Assistant. The position is currently full-time with benefits, but the job can be split into two part-time positions depending on applicant availability. For more details and how to apply, please visit St. Joseph's website at <http://www.menomonicatholic.org> and click on the "Custodial Assistant Job Posting" link.



**SAVE THE DATE** Please join the Sacred Heart of Jesus community in helping to support the right to life as we hold the 15th annual Right to Life Breakfast on Sunday, January 30th from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. More information next week.



**January 22-23, 2022**