

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs. Jan 28 6 p.m. +Dee Baudhuin
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Sunday Jan 31 11 a.m. Fourth Sunday – Ordinary Time
+David Hill
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.



*The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.*

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

On this third Sunday of ordinary time, the church reminds us the shortness of our time in this world. This is the theme that runs through the three readings of this Sunday.

In the first reading, Jonah lamented and warned the Ninevites: *“Only forty days, and Nineveh will be destroyed.”* The inhabitants of Nineveh heard the message, believed it, repented and God had mercy on them. Many times, I have wondered if the homilies, sermons and religious teachings we hear almost every day make any impact on our lives.

If they do, why is wickedness, corruption, hatred, armed robbery, killing, immorality, and injustice persisting and increasing in our world? Jonah preached just a brief and urgent sermon. Quickly, the people of Nineveh believed in God, repented and fasted with sack cloths. How much longer must we ourselves wait before we till our hearts for the word of God? The good news must be treated as a matter of urgency.

In the second reading, Paul also reminds us that: *“Our time is growing short...for the world is passing away!”* Paul simply, refers to the notion of sensitivity and urgency that should mark our lives and actions. He draws our attention to the signs of the time. Unfortunately, many of us ignore these signs because we are economically and materially comfortable. However, the truth is that none is safe! Events in history have proved that we are all vulnerable, safe with God's grace. Paul calls us to reevaluate our relationship with God and our world. It is a call to accept the good news and to bear witness to it.

In today's gospel, Christ preached the same urgent message preached by Jonah and John the Baptist: *“the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the good news.”* Like the Ninevites, the disciple of Christ, heard this message responded to it with urgency, each being sensitive, and knowing that there was no more time to waste. The Disciples heard the word of the master: *“Follow me,”* and they simply obeyed, and followed Him.

So, Jesus continues to invite us to participate in his mission: *“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”* This is a life transforming invitation and mission. Our response to it should be urgent and positive.

Finally, if our time is short, if our world is passing away, if we have only forty days left, and if the kingdom of God is close at hand, why waste the little time we have hating, sinning, and running only after material things? We must use it to seek and worship our God, to live in peace and love with others, to affect others and our society positively. We must use this short time to *“seek what is good and pure, what is noble and true”* (Phil 4:8).

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, 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

Betty Jean Smith

Wes Tuttle

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

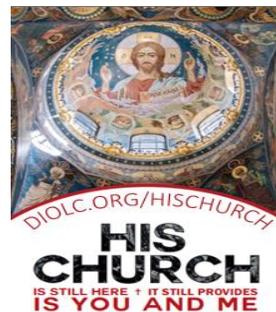
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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
THANK YOU



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.

9 Days for Life – January 21-29 A Novena from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, this initiative consists of nine days of prayer 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. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up for daily prayers sent by email or text message, or download the free mobile app!

January 29, Starting 10:00 am – Virtual March for Life from Washington, D.C. "Together Strong: Life Unites!"
The March for Life in Washington, D.C. has shifted to a virtual event out of safety concerns. It will still feature inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders, information on how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long, and a performance by Christian singer and songwriter Matthew West. To register for the January 29 live stream, visit marchforlife.org/2021-virtualevents



January 23-24, 2021