

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

- Sunday Oct 11 11 a.m. Twenty Eighth Sunday-Ordinary Time
 +Rita Bodine
 Requested by Georgia Williams
- Thurs. Oct 15 6 p.m. +Virgil Hill
 Requested by Betty Jean & Jerry Smith
- Sunday Oct 11 11 a.m. Twenty Ninth Sunday-Ordinary Time
 +Corrine Janicki
 Requested by Betty Jean & Jerry Smith

ADORATION: Monday 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:**

Contact Father Amir at 715-598-4877

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STEWARDSHIP

*“For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart” Luke 12:34
 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

Father Amir will bless religious articles, after Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

Annual Mass Counts Because of the importance of keeping current the statistical information for the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop William Patrick Callahan has requested that all parishes in the Diocese conduct the annual count of the number of Mass attendees. The Annual Mass Counts will be conducted again this year during the month of October.

Parish Council meeting – Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the church dining hall. **Daily Mass schedule will change to 6 p.m. on October 15th (for that day ONLY) with the parish council meeting to follow.**

2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal

This year's theme emphasizes the relevancy of the Church, our Christ-given mission, and our community united to the cross. The theme is "His Church is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is "You and Me." The Diocesan Annual Appeal campaign will begin in October. Each household will receive a mailing, from the Diocese in the near future.

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 or email Father Amir 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.

All Women of St Luke's – Altar Society Nominations

Judy Humpal has completed her term as President. Joyce Hill will succeed her. The Altar Society needs nominations to fill the vice-president position. Altar Society meets three times per year, so the time commitment is small. If you would be interested please fill out a nomination form and place it in the marked basket on the back table by Sunday October 11. If needed, an election will be held October 18th. Please consider serving our Parish.

For the faithful departed we pray:

Betty Kosharek Dole, Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman, Kathey Santanni, Virgil Hill, Corrine Janicki, Rita Bodine-sister of Georgia Williams.

For the sick we pray:

- David Buck & Bruce – Cancer
- Tom McAndrew & Betty Garside – Stroke recovery
- Judi Utpfall – recovery from car accident
- Becky Rogers – Recovery brain aneurysm surgery
- Judy Knops – Recovery broken ankle
- Mark Nelson – Infection in knee replacement joint
- Options for Women



“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.” Matt 22:9-10

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

I love weddings and I certainly don't mind the banquet afterwards either. I find weddings inspiring because the human heart is at its best, love is proposing its greatest ideal and it is so heroic in its vows, "I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life." Now in the pews and in the real world we may say, "Yeah right, you are going to fail friend." (Which may or may not be true) I often look at the cross and think, "I cannot love like that," as a groom might think when he unpacks his wedding vows. But, I also know that with God's grace I can love like that. So I love the heroism of a wedding.

I would like to look at the idea of the wedding feast from three angles. First, I think most of us can get the end times and final judgment ramifications of such a [parable](#) that it would be a bad thing to miss that invitation, the options are [heaven](#) or [hell](#). I think we can see that point of the parable.

Another point I would like to make is that the King wants to invite you to a wedding banquet each day of your life so that you can have the strength to live your life heroically each day. Remember, we are called to be the light of the world and how can we do that without God's grace? This is why St Paul said in the Second Reading, "I can be content with much or little," because he already had it all because he ate at the Lord's table of grace each day. Look at your own day.

How does eating at this table make you a better person? Some of the people invited went their own way and many people do exactly this, go their own way without eating at the table of God each day. Another accusation is that they seized the messengers and killed them. That does seem extreme but it is easily done, we simply tune out the messenger by keeping ourselves distracted with music or other time wasters. So ask yourself – are you eating at the banquet God sets before you each day so you can live your life abundantly?

The third thing is the Mass is also the wedding banquet and it has all the things we are looking for here –heroics, food, love, mercy and true joy. We can rejoice each week, or even daily, with the Lamb at His wedding feast. We should come here expecting great things so that God can fulfill us.

So what about that guy who gets tied up and cast out? Well here is the rest of the story. The King gave everyone a wedding garment but this guy decided not to put it on. The wedding garment represents that in order for us to be worthy to attend the wedding feast of the Son, we must allow God to prepare our soul through Baptism and then through Confession. The only way we can be worthy is if the King gives us His own clothes to wear. Let us daily come to the feast and allow God to prepare us for the blessed life He has called us to.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other in the hands of the holy Virgin...The Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty. Mary responds at once like a beneficial dew, bringing new life to human hearts ~St Therese of Lisieux



October 10-11, 2020

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

**I believe that you are present
In the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things,
And desire to receive you into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment
Receive you sacramentally,
Please come spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you now
As if you were already there
And I unite myself wholly to you.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.**