

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Oct 25 11 a.m. Thirtieth Sunday-Ordinary Time
 Becky Rogers recovery after surgery
 Requested by Betty Jean & Jerry Smith

Thurs. Oct 29 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday Nov 1 11 a.m. All Saints Day
 The Zimmerman Family
 Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Adoration: Monday 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

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

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

Be Baptized and Sent—on Mission in the World! World Mission Sunday, in this Extraordinary Missionary Month, we are called to personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as... -> \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America -> \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa -> \$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in Asia As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace. Please place your World Mission Sunday envelopes in the offertory boxes.

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 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.

Operation Christmas Child

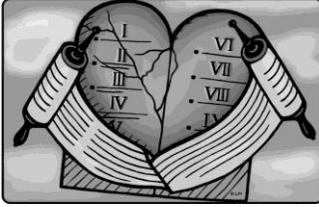
St Jessica Circle will NOT be collecting for Operation Christmas Child this year due to Covid 19. If you have already purchased items, please put them aside until next year. We do not want to abandon this project altogether but, with circumstances as they are, it feels safer to skip this year. We will as a circle make a financial donation so we can help in that way. Please contact Barb Hellmann or Gloria Pieters with any questions. Thank you all so much

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
 Mark Nelson – Infection in knee replacement joint
 Options for Women



**Teacher which commandment in the law is the greatest?
He said to them, “You shall love the Lord, your God with
all you heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”**

Matt 22:36-37

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

There is a certain man who goes to daily mass and communion. Sad to say this man is a tyrant at home to his family and treats his workers rather badly. He shouts and roars at them if they don't do exactly as he wants and as quickly as he expects. He will certainly claim to love God. After all he goes to mass daily, is faithful to his prayers and even goes on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Yet this man is failing to respond to what Jesus asks in today's gospel. His response only partly fulfills Jesus' conditions for pleasing God.

Jesus tells us quite clearly that there are two great commandments. The first is **to love God totally with all our being**. The second is **to love our neighbor as ourselves**. Both are necessary according to Jesus.

It seems that some people emphasize the love of God in such a way that makes the relationship with one's neighbor secondary. Others prefer to give great importance to serving the neighbor without feeling the need to have a personal relationship with God. Interestingly Jesus does not give us a choice. He says that loving God is the first and greatest commandment. It is from that relationship with God that the second gets its meaning and importance. The two loves are not meant to be conflicting. It is not a question of either one or the other but 'both and'.

The danger here is that we may think we know better than Jesus. He states very clearly that the two loves are equally important. Is there not a danger that we might be arrogant in thinking we know better than Jesus when we choose one or the other but not both? The reason Jesus emphasizes our need to love God and so be rooted in His Love is that prayer, the Mass etc. are the vital means of enabling us to love the neighbor.

So Christianity is a very concrete and practical religion. It might be easy enough to love God but the simple test of whether we do or not is how do we love, relate to our brothers and sisters. With our blood relatives it might be reasonably easy but what of the widow, orphan and poor person spoken of in the first reading from the Book of Exodus? This Book tells us of the need to be concretely concerned – 'if you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge you must return it before sunset etc. The early Church Fathers said that if we have plenty of clothes especially those items we never use and do not share them with the poor we are stealing from them.

The Good News is that Jesus is inviting us to prioritize what our faith, our religion is all about. God gave Moses the 10 commandments. By the time Jesus had appeared there were 613 laws and precepts governing every aspect of human behavior, even to things like washing one's hands as far as the elbows on returning from market. Most Jews were enslaved by all these. So Jesus gives priority to the two great loves. He is saying the same to us. If we love God and our neighbor as ourselves and what that means concretely, then that's all God asks of us. But it is not easy. Yet God can ask this of us because he knows we have the capacity to do so.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The Pray the Rosary with the Bishops of Wisconsin – Sunday, October 25th During this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the faithful are invited to join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays. Join Bishop Powers of the Diocese of Superior on Sunday, October 25th . Go to diolc.org/live for the live-stream.

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). Anyone 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 contact 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. **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.

October 24 -25, 2020