

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Nov 15 11 a.m. Thirty Third Sunday – Ordinary Time
Parishioners of St Luke's

Thurs. Nov 19 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday Nov 22 11 a.m. Solemnity of Christ the King
+Corrine Janicki
Requested by Jerry & BJ Smith

Adoration: Monday 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Talents

"The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'" Matt 25:20

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

The Master was going on a journey and before He left, He called in His servants and gave them each strange and wonderful gifts. To the first, He gave a power which, until then, had never been heard or seen in the land; it was to make music and to dance. The gifts of melody and rhythm were put into his keeping. To the second servant, the Master gave a power so wonderful that the entire kingdom does not have it, only the human. It was the power of speech, to make words, the gift of language. To the third servant, the good Master gave the greatest gift of all: it was the power to love.

Having given all these strange and wonderful gifts, He began his journey. One day the Master sent His Son to ask what they had done with their talents He had given them.

The first servant had used his gift of melody and music to write a symphony and a rock concert. He had taught a small boy how to play the harmonica. He also taught the old people how to dance. And there was dancing in the streets, and they danced at family reunions, and at graduations, and weddings and the Master's Son was very pleased.

What about the man who had the power to speak, to use words? At first, he used the power to call out stock market quotations, and to shout strange words like "Buy" and "Sell." Then he found other uses for words. He made lullabies and wrote poetry. He used words like "Please" and "Thank You." He said "Yes" and "No," yes to what was good and no to the bad. The Master's Son was so pleased that He taught him some more words, like, "Forgive us our trespasses and we forgive those who have trespassed against us." The Master's Son was very pleased.

What about the third man who had received the most precious gift of all? He had used his power to love himself, but not his neighbor as himself. He loved money, but only to buy more things for himself. He loved a woman, and that was good. They married and that was good. But they did not love enough to have children because they said they did not want to be tied down. They wanted to travel, and have a good life.

The servant came in fear to the Master's Son, and said, "I have not used wisely your gift of love, and now it is too late. I have nothing to show for my love except a bank account, a Mercedes, two homes...."

The Son was angry, but the servant asked for mercy. The Son said, "I will give you one more year. Take your power to love and go to a nursing home. Learn their names, bring them flowers, learn to love them." "Take one of your homes and use it for anyone who is homeless. Take the money you have loved and give it to the hungry, give it to the blind, and the crippled, and the deaf."

The man went and did as he was told, working at top speed, and the Master's Son was pleased. "None of you are worthless," he said. "Welcome into my Father's house."

My friends, you have all been given many gifts. Use your gifts well, do not hide them. Use the gifts that God has given you. His gifts are meant to be given, not clutched.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Amirtha Raj

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

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

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

2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal St Luke's target amount this year is \$6820 which is \$700 less than last year. The letter from the Diocese has been delayed, please be patient. They should be delivered before the end of the month.

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.

The Mitten Tree

St Jessica Circle is again collecting hats and mittens during Advent. Please place hats and mittens on the tree located in the entry area of our church. These items will be distributed within our community (TCE & the Coat Closet) for those in need of them. Please contact Barb Hellmann or Gloria Pieters with any questions. Thank you all so much

For the faithful departed we pray:

Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton, Betty Kosharek Dole, Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman, Kathey Santanni, Virgil Hill, Corrine Janicki, Rita Bodine.

For the sick we pray:

David Buck – Cancer
Tom McAndrew & Betty Garside – Stroke recovery
Mark Nelson – Infection in knee replacement joint
Options for Women

Options for Women Menomonie is planning an online silent auction Dec. 2 - Dec. 5, noon, followed by a bake sale and more silent auction items, Dec. 6. They need your help! Anyone who would like to donate items for either event, please register no later than Nov.

21! Contact Tami by email at Bljtjackson2@yahoo.com Please send a picture of your item(s) and if you know the retail value, please include that information. Please help support life in our community in this tangible way! Thank you!

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

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.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me bears much fruit

**LORD,
IT IS GOOD
TO GIVE THANKS
TO YOU.**

November 14-15, 2020