

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Nov 16 4:00 p.m. +Walter Stang
Requested by Mary Byrne

DAILY MASS

Thurs Nov 21 8:30 a.m. +Richard Laluya
Requested by Judy Knops

NEXT WEEK: THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday Nov 23 4:00 p.m. +Jack Lampman
Requested by Dennis & Joyce Hill

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday: Before Mass

ADORATION

Monday 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:

Contact Father Amir at 715-598-4877

New Parishioners – Please contact the parish office to register.

RCIA: Please contact the Parish Office at St Luke's for more information.

Baptism Classes: First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish office to schedule.

Marriage Instructions: Couples anticipating marriage must contact the Pastor 6 – 12 months in advance of the wedding. One person, of the couple, asking to be married must be a registered member of the Parish. Please contact the St Luke Parish Office to schedule.

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

STEWARDSHIP for November 9-10, 2019

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34)

Adult Envelopes \$ 445.00 Loose Collection \$246.00 Total Mission Sunday \$255.00

Ministries:

Ushers for November: Jerry Smith & Volunteer

Lector: November 16 – Joe Pieters November 23 – Rita Zimmerman

Eucharistic Ministers: November 16 – S. Anderson, K. Adams, V. Kujawa
November 23 – G. Williams, BJ Smith, B. Laluya

Rosary Leader: November – Frank Kowalczyk

St Luke News:

St Olaf Catholic Church located at 3220 Monroe Street in Eau Claire will host a concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 17th entitled *Rosa Das Rosas, Music for Virgin Mary*. A free will donation will be accepted. What a wonderful way to begin the Advent season.

St Jessica Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 9:30 a.m. to pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and be making plans for the upcoming months. Anyone is welcome to come and join in!

St Luke Parish Council meeting on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the church dining hall.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: The 2019-2020 target amount for St Luke's is \$7580. To date we have collected 28% with 8 families donating toward the Appeal.

Knights of Columbus. Monsignor Blecha Council 2055 of St Joe's in Menomonie will celebrate their centennial on Sunday, November 17 with Mass at 10:15 a.m. and an open house following in Charles Hall. Food and refreshments will be served. All are welcome

Sunday November 24th Bishop William Callahan will celebrate 10:30 a.m. Mass and bless the redecorated church in Spring Valley. A roast beef meal will be served following Mass in the Brother Michael Center. All are welcome.

Community Thanksgiving Service – Monday, November 25 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. A gift of cash or a non-perishable food donation will be received for the Boyceville Weekend Meal Program and West Cap. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head shall be harmed." ~Luke 21: 16-18

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Today is the thirty third Sunday of ordinary time. A week from now we shall come to the end of this the liturgical calendar year C. So, the readings of this Sunday point to "the end of time" and our victory in Christ our king. It is deliberate and wise! This is in order to set us in the finish line mode of the church's liturgical year.

In today's first reading, Malachi speaks of the day of the Lord. He paints two pictures. First, the fate of the evil one. Second, the triumph of the righteous who endures till the end. This reading simply serves as an encouragement to us in order to continue patiently in good works as John reminds us that: "All these call for *patience, endurance and faithfulness*" (Rev 13, 10). Malachi ends with a promise of victory: "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays." This is our hope and the reward.

In the second reading, Paul encouraged us to keep working hard. This is in order to earn both our earthly and heavenly living. The Church does not in any way encourage laziness or idleness. Hence she teaches us that sloth, that is, the reluctance to work, is one of the seven capital sins. Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote: "Sloth is *sluggishness of the mind which neglects to begin good...it is evil in its effect, it oppresses man as to draw him away entirely from good deeds* (Summa theologiae 2, 35, art. 1). Hard work yields good and enduring fruits. Hard work makes a good Christian. It abhors laziness and idleness.

Unfortunately, today many Christians no longer appreciate hard work. Instead, we perpetually depend on others directly or indirectly. In order to make fast and cheap money some have engaged in all sorts of evils like drugs, armed robbery, fraud and even "corporate begging." This is what Paul means when he says: "Now we hear that some of you are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with anyone else's." A lazy Christian yield easily to all sorts of vices.

In the gospel, Christ prophesied the end of a time in the history of Israel. This culminated with the destruction of the temple around 70 AD. He also spoke of the imminent hardships and persecution before, during and after this time. However, He concludes with these encouraging words: "Your endurance will win you your lives."

Hence, the Lord encourages us persevere in righteousness, and endure difficult moments. By warning that the Temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed in spite of its elegance and greatness, Christ also reminds us that nothing of this world will last forever no matter how precious they are to us. The only thing that will endure is our faith in Christ.

Finally, today in our families, offices, businesses, careers and in our world, at large, we face difficulties that at times question our faith. However, if we endure all these patiently as Christ tell us, we shall have enough reasons to smile at the end, and of course, "the sun of righteousness will shine on us with healing in its rays."

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: Jayme Closs, Virgil Hill (failing health)-father of Dennis, Laurie (recovery from surgery)- sister of Rita Zimmerman, Mark Hellmann - kidney cancer surgery and recovery, Karen McAndrew-health issues, Amber McDonald Carlstrud-colon cancer, David Buck - Cancer. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.... If you can't feed a hundred people, just feed one. ~Mother Teresa

November 16-17, 2019