

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY:	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday	Nov 2	8:30 a.m. +Celia Cullen Requested by Mary Byrne
		DAILY MASS
Thurs	Nov 7	8:30 a.m. +Richard Laluya Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal
NEXT WEEK:	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday	Nov 9	8:30 a.m. +John & Blanche Stang Requested by Mary Byrne
		+ Rest in Peace * Holy Mass of the Living

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 October 26-27, 2019		
<i>“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34)</i>		
Adult Envelopes \$ 245.00	Loose Collection \$46.00	Mission Sunday \$205.00

Ministries:

Ushers for October: Jerry Smith & Volunteer
Lector: November 2 – Dennis Hill November 9 – Joe Adams
Eucharistic Ministers: November 2 – J. Humpal, J. Fisher, K. Adams
 November 9 – G. Williams, K. Hansen, BJ Smith
Rosary Leader: November – Frank Kowalczyk

St Luke News:

World Mission Sunday envelopes: Please return your envelope as soon as possible. Thanks for your generosity.

POTLUCK!! Saturday November 9th following the 4 p.m. Mass. Please plan to stay and share a supper with our parish. St Joan of Arc Circle will serve the month of November.

St Jessica Circle is once again collecting items for shoe box for **Operation Christmas Child**. Anyone in the Parish is welcome to donate items for the boxes. There is a list of things which are appropriate for packing into the shoe boxes located on the back table. Please remember, no candies, liquids of any sort, or toothpaste, may be included. We are also in need of more shoe boxes to pack the gift items into. Thanks for helping to brighten Christmas for children who have so little.

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 WestCap. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: By now you will have received Annual Appeal literature in the mail. The 2019-2020 target amount for St Luke’s is \$7580. To date we have collected 20% of our target. The Annual Appeal helps train and educate priests as well as support international clergy. Please be as generous as you can.

Parishioners are needed to serve on the following committees: Family Life, Sacred Worship, Education, and Social Justice. Please contact the Parish Office or Father if you are interested in serving the Parish in this way.

Sacristan Needed – If you would be interested in learning how to be a sacristan please contact the Parish Office.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy ~Luke 19: 5-6

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

On this 31st Sunday of ordinary time, the Church reminds us that though we might seem insignificant, yet it does not diminish the love, mercy, and salvation of God for us. God loves all that exist. So, in his mercy, He comes to dwell with us. All it takes is one divine encounter with Him for a transformation to take place.

In today's first reading, the book of Wisdom reminds us of the mercy of God which extends to all his creatures irrespective of their status. Hence, in spite of the weakness of humankind, God continues to be merciful: "*Yet, you are merciful to all because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.*" In other words, our merciful God gives us the opportunity to retrace our steps.

This is the nature of God's mercy! As a father who would not despise his own child, so God will not despise his people because He values each one of us. Even when we offend him, Wisdom says: "*Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, and you admonish and remind them how they have sinned...*"

In the second reading, Paul prays for us to persevere in good deed and faith in Christ. He equally encourages us to continue without being carried away by false rumors of the Lord's imminent coming. In other words, in as much as the Lord will come in fulfillment of his promise to us, we must go ahead living our lives. We must not just sit down doing nothing. Rather, we have to get ourselves busy with good deeds.

Today's gospel reminded me of the song that says: "*Jesus is coming this way today.*" Every day Jesus keeps coming our way full of mercy and love. He comes our way through our neighbors, through the sacraments, and through the whole of creation. Do we see or recognize Him? How much effort do we make to have a glimpse of him?

The story of Zacchaeus is a true indication that the merciful Christ comes to seek and save us. Irrespective of all human obstacles, the courage and humility of Zacchaeus attracted the attention and mercy of Christ to him. He refused to be limited by the crowd, or allow his short coming be a hindrance to his salvation. He saw mercy and salvation and took advantage of them.

In life, there are so many obstacles preventing us from seeing Christ. If we make frantic efforts as Zacchaeus did, Christ will certainly notice us and show us his loving mercy. Therefore, we must rise above all obstacles that prevents us from seeing Christ and receiving his mercy. Paul advised Timothy thus: "*Do not to allow any one look down on you because you are young*" (I Tim 4, 12). Likewise, we must not allow any obstacle prevent us from seeing Christ.

Finally, humility helps us to accept who we are. However, it does not prevent us from trying to overcome our shortcomings. Instead, it should spur us to search for other good paths to success in life. Zacchaeus' humility is worth emulating.

He acknowledged the fact that he was short and could not contend with the crowd for space. He did not quarrel with anyone. Rather, he simply explored another option. My dear, there are so many other options in life better than that one that has made your life miserable.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: Jayme Closs, Virgil Hill (failing health) – father of Dennis, Margaret Erickson – stroke recovery, Karen McAndrew-health issues, Amber McDonald Carlsrud-colon cancer, David Buck – Cancer. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

Let us remember in our prayers the souls of those who have gone to their eternal rest:
Jerry Sabelko, Tony Curvello, Jack Lampman, Richard Laluya, Shirley Humpal. May their souls rest in Peace.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.... One single grateful thought raised to Heaven is the most perfect prayer.
~G. E. Lessing

November 2-3, 2019