

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs. Nov 26 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday Nov 29 11 a.m. First Sunday in Advent
*Betty Jean Smith - Recovery
Requested by Jerry & BJ Smith

Adoration: Monday 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This feast is the crown of the liturgical year and it was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI who was concerned about the state of the world in the post-World War I.

At times I am sure we all feel that we cannot escape from this noisy world, and our hearts and minds cannot pretend to be untouched by the ugliness that at times afflicts and oppresses us. We are invited to look beyond all of this, to contemplate the one who is beautiful and true and all-powerful, and who reigns over all: Christ the King!

However, it is most important that we look for him in the right place. As Christians, if we want to look upon the one who is lord of all creation, we are to look at Jesus hanging on the cross. This is the Son of Man of whom the prophecy of Daniel speaks. He who reigns forever gloriously, is the one who identifies with the poor and oppressed and the marginalized of our world, against the powers of evil that oppress us.

When we think of leadership, we are inclined to think first of those who are in charge - who have power to make decisions and to enforce them. In the Church, for example, we tend to think of the leaders as the Pope and the Bishops. Organizational leadership is, of course, very important. We are right to acknowledge the power and authority that goes with such positions, and we are right to try to ensure that those exercising such power are gifted to do it well.

However, there is a much more important lesson to be learned. The real leadership which we see when we look at the crucifixion is not organizational decision-making leadership. The most important area for leadership lies in the area of love. Christ the king shows us that ultimate power is the power of love. Our lord and king is a victim of the unjust exercise of organizational leadership. But no one could stop him loving, and his self-giving love shines out in splendor from the cross. The love that flows from his pierced and broken heart, even from the cross, continues to reveal the power and mercy of God.

Today's feast exhorts us not to lose our perspective. There are defects in the exercise of leadership in every community including, of course, the Catholic Church. Change takes time and a lot of courage, and we will bring about good change only in proportion to our love, for love is what God is, and love is what we see in the lord and king of history, reigning from the cross.

The feast of Christ the King has implications for every aspect of our Church life. Its main message, however, is of the power of love and the mercy of God, in any and every circumstance of life. As we struggle for truth and for justice, let us learn from him to use only the weapons of love, as it is with love that Jesus continues to conquer the human heart.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Father Amir will bless religious articles, after Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Please bring all your Christmas religious articles to be blessed on December 6th.

Thanks to everyone who sent flowers, the beautiful plant, the cards, prayers and phone calls, during my recovery, after breaking my ankle.
~Judy Knops

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

Loose Collections
\$357.00

Envelope Collection
\$1,155.00

Special Collections
\$220.00

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

For the faithful departed we pray:

Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton, Betty Kosharek Dole, Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman, Kathy 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

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

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.

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.

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

God our Father, graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

St Luke's is not collecting aluminum cans at this time. Thank you for participating and supporting the India School.

November 21-22, 2020

