

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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PASTORAL TEAM

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TODAY: THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Saturday Nov 23 4:00 p.m. +Jack Lampman
Requested by Dennis & Joyce Hill

DAILY MASS
Thurs Nov 28 8:30 a.m. +Shirley Humpal
Requested by Patricia Chamberlain

NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Saturday Nov 30 4:00 p.m. *The Ward Family
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 November 16-17, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 790.00 Loose Collection \$65.00.00

Ministries:

Ushers for November: Jerry Smith & Volunteer

Lector: November 23 – Rita Zimmerman November 30 – Karen Hansen

Eucharistic Ministers: November 23 – G. Williams, BJ Smith, B. Laluya
November 23 – J. Fisher, K. Adams, V. Kujawa

Rosary Leader: November – Frank Kowalczyk

St Luke News:

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: The 2019-2020 target amount for St Luke's is \$7580. To date we have collected 32% with 9 families donating toward the Appeal.

Thank you so much for contributing to the Operation Christmas Child shoe box project. We were able to put together 32 delightful boxes of goodies for needy children. Also thank you to St Joan of Arc circle for contributing to the shipping costs. God Bless you all.

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.



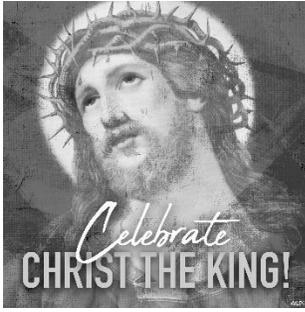
HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY



NEEDED: 2 or 3 Eucharistic ministers who would be willing to share the responsibility of taking communion to the shut-ins in Boyceville.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: Saturday, December 14th from 3 to 4 p.m. which will be followed by Mass, Soup Supper sponsored by the K of C, and St Jessica's Annual Bake Sale. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

NEEDED: Person willing to volunteer to fill a vacancy on Parish Council



The Feast of Christ the King

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen One, the Christ of God." ~Luke 23:35

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The following Sunday, already in the season of Advent, we begin year A. And as you know, every last Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the *Solemnity of Christ the King*.

The feast of Christ the King began not long after the world war. It's a time when some countries especially in Europe were in conflict between one another largely because of the hunger for power. One country wants to dominate others, with its leader inclined to prove himself as the most powerful above all others. Similarly, you have also the tendency of a people considering itself more superior than others.

Besides, such kind of behavior was nourished by certain ideologies which seemed to say: man you are an adult enough to run your affairs. You have the power, you have the money, you have the weapons, you have the technology –you are ripe to be your own master. What's the point of submitting yourself to a god? What's a point of listening to what the church teaches? It's time to have your independence from God and from the church.

It's in such climate of self-conceit that Pope Pius XI declared the feast of Christ the King, in 1925. He aimed at warning Catholics and world leaders of the danger of distancing themselves from God. The Holy Father invited people to establish their lives and all they do on the values of the Gospel as the only sure foundation.

Christ is King not only of a certain section of people or of an area. He is King without borders as he has come to gather people of all nations, races, languages into one single family of God. "People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God" (Lk 13:29). In Christ we become a family. That's why his church is catholic or universal, not only because it's everywhere in the world but also that it embraces the entire humanity. No person is excluded. And when I accept Christ as King of the universe, there are important consequences in my relations with others. I become a brother, a sister to everyone. If I confess Christ as King of the universe yet I remain closed onto myself, that's a contradiction. Unfortunately, contradictions are not rare in our lives.

We just can't talk about Christ as King without talking about his Kingdom as well. His Kingdom is not something we just await at the end of the world; it's already there though yet to be fulfilled. It's present because Jesus has sown the grains of the Kingdom which are germinating, growing and even bearing fruit through the lives of those who have welcomed his message. That's why we pray, your Kingdom come. It's not that we just want to open our hands and have it descend on us, rather, we commit ourselves to making and transforming our neighborhood into signs of the Kingdom, made visible through acts of charity and of humanity.

For Christ to be King of my life I need to give him space. That's why he says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).

Am I ready today to open the door of my life so that Christ can come in be master of my life?

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.... Giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light ~Colossians 1:12

November 23- 24, 2019