

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs. Dec 3 10 a.m. +Corrine Janicki  
Requested by Jerry & Betty Jean Smith

Sunday Dec 6 11 a.m. Second Sunday in Advent  
\*Tom Mc Andrews - Recovery  
Requested by Jerry & BJ Smith

**Adoration: Monday 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.**



## *First Sunday of Advent*

*Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.*

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, year B. The term Advent comes from two Latin words Ad-ventus, which simply means “to arrive” or Ad-venire, meaning “to come.” For us Christians, and Catholics in particular, it means expecting the Lord’s coming. Advent marks the beginning of the Church’s new liturgical calendar. It is a four-week preparation period leading up to Christmas.

So, on this first Sunday of Advent, the church enjoins us to rejoice because that night of long pilgrimage to God’s eternal city of peace will soon be fruitful. The reign of peace is close at hand. Therefore, we must wake up and be ready to receive Christ into our lives, families and nation. In the words of prophet Isaiah in the first reading: “We see the mountain of the temple of the Lord, already etched against the Eastern sky.” The prophet lifts up our spirits with his vision of the imminent reign of peace to be initiated by the coming of our Messiah.

The Messiah whom we expect this season comes to us with peace. Though “he will wield authority,” he will not oppress or exploit us. Rather, He shall transform our culture of war into that of peace:

The gospel is a wakeup call to all of us Christians. The evangelist admonishes us to: “Stay awake!” It is very important because, this is a season of great awakening, preparation, and of great expectation of the birth of the Messiah. It is a season that will definitely culminate in an outburst of great joy. It is, a season of prayer when all Christians must turn to God in prayer. Therefore, with the psalmist, I pray for you all my dear friends, companions, and people of God: “Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, and in your palaces, peace!”

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 6<sup>th</sup>.*

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

**St Luke’s will not be collecting aluminum cans at the present time. Thank you for your past participation and support of the India School.**

## 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  
\$10.00

Envelope Collection  
\$721.00.00

Special Collections  
\$0.00

*Web address: [www.saintlukebv.org](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

### 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



This week the mailings from the Diocese should have reached parishioner mailboxes. If you did not receive information from the Diocese of La Crosse regarding the Annual Appeal, please contact the Parish office.

**St Luke's Target Amount: \$ 6,820.00**

**Amount pledged: \$ 250.00**

**Unpledged Amount: \$ 6,570.00**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

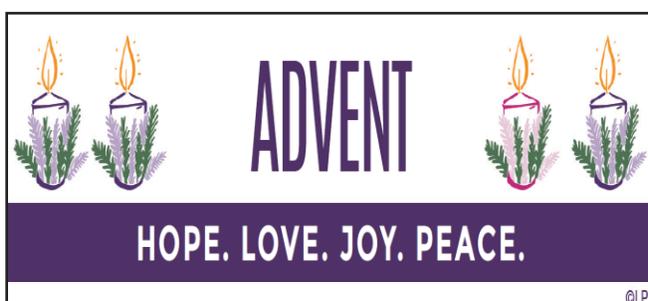
Since I cannot at this moment  
Receive you sacramentally,  
Please come spiritually into my heart.

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.

### Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light and the darkness,  
Send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for  
Christmas  
We who have so much to do  
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
We who are anxious over many things  
look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways  
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We whose hearts are heavy  
seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people,  
walking in darkness, yet seeking the light  
To you we say,  
"Come Lord Jesus!" Amen



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