

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
Saturday Nov 30 4:00 p.m. *The Ward Family
Requested by Mary Byrne

DAILY MASS
Thurs Dec 5 8:30 a.m. +Richard Laluya
Requested by Dennis & Joyce Hill

NEXT WEEK: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
Saturday Dec 7 4:00 p.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 November 23-24, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 855.00.00 Loose Collection \$40.00

Ministries:

Ushers for December: Tom Humpal & Paul Zimmerman

Lector: November 30 – Karen Hansen December 7 – Dennis Hill

Eucharistic Ministers: November 30 – J. Fisher, K. Adams, V. Kujawa

December 7 – J. Humpal, S. Anderson, G. Williams

Rosary Leader: December: Rita Zimmerman

St Luke News:

The hat and mitten tree is now up in the back of church. If you find it your heart to decorate it with hats and mittens, please do so. Anyone is welcome to contribute. The hats are usually delivered to the Coat Closet while the mittens go to Tiffany Creek Elementary. There are many people who seem to be in need, so the donations will surely be appreciated.

St Jessica Circle will meet on Thursday December 5th at 9:15 a.m. We will be pulling together 50 dish cloth/detergent gifts for West Cap and also packing the Christmas Gift Bags. Please plan to be there and give us a hand.

St Luke's Altar Society will meet for a short meeting following Mass on Thursday December 5th. All women of St Luke's are welcome to attend.

St Joan of Arc Circle will meet on Saturday December 7th at 9 a.m. in the church dining hall. The Bible Study will cover the chapter on Confirmation.

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.

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.

The First Sunday in Advent

"So too, you must also be prepared, for an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

~Matthew 24:44

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Today is the first Sunday in Advent, year A. The term Advent comes from two Latin words, Ad-Ventus, which simply means "to arrive" to 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 waked up and be ready to receive Christ into our lives, families and nation. In the works of the 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 that 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 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.

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

Retirement Fund for Religious – Sunday December 7

Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Envelopes for next week's collection are available on the back table. Please be generous to those aging religious who graciously dedicated their lives to serving others.

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

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

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.



Food for Thought: We love because He first loved us. 1John 4:19

November 30-December 1, 2019