

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Nov 8 11 a.m. Thirty Second Sunday – Ordinary Time
Mark Nelson – Recovery from infection
Requested by Jerry & Betty Jean Smith

Thurs. Nov 12 10 a.m. Betty Garside – Recovery from stroke
Requested by Jerry & Betty Jean Smith

Sunday Nov 15 11 a.m. Thirty Third Sunday – Ordinary Time
Parishioners of St Luke's

Adoration: Monday 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Prepare

"But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'" Matt 24:7

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Jesus deals with the topic of readiness in the gospel. He makes his point in the parable of the ten virgins. All ten of them are waiting with the bride at her home for the arrival of the groom, for the wedding, for the feast and the joy.

At midnight, a cry goes up to announce the arrival. The bridesmaids, who have brought the supply of oil, need it to make the lighted escort for the couple. So the wedding procession, minus five bridesmaids, goes into the feast and the door is shut. The bridesmaids who come later are refused admission. They were not prepared with lamps burning brightly when the groom appeared.

The wedding is an image in the bible which represents the union of humans with God. This union will take place in the future, in its fullness, but a foretaste of it can be experienced even now, in the present. Especially around Jesus the joy of the great feast could already be felt: "How can the wedding guests mourn while they are together with the bridegroom?" However, Jesus said, "The time will come when the guests will be left alone; then they will fast." The time after Jesus' death and resurrection until his return in glory is the time of waiting, of 'fasting' and of preparation.

All the bridesmaids fall asleep, which is human. Some nevertheless are prepared, namely those with enough oil for their lamps. We can ask: What does the lamp oil represent in our parable? What is it that keeps our lamps burning, in spite of occasional tiredness and weariness? Our readings today speak about that. There is first the message of hope in St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. The core of what Paul says is: "We shall always be with the Lord." In death we won't be separated from Christ, but united with Him to whom we looked and whom we tried to follow during our lifetime. One way of keeping our own lamps burning is to share this message of hope with other people, with people who struggle with the experience of death and dying in their own lives and among their loved ones. Our first reading speaks about wisdom. Wisdom is a gift from God, but it also needs to be sought and loved. We need to pay attention to it and notice it wherever we can find it: in the word of Holy Scripture and in the teaching of the Church, in other people and in our own life experience. It is good to ask ourselves regularly: Where did I find God's wisdom? How had God's wisdom empowered or also challenged me today or this week? How have I oriented my life anew according to this divine wisdom? This, too, is a way of keeping our lamps burning. The 'prudent' virgins were ready for the wedding. We, too, are called to be prepared for our final encounter with God.

All the virgins fell asleep. This is consoling for us. We can rest every once in a while. However, the 'wise' virgins were prepared. They expected the bridegroom's coming. And they oriented their lives toward it.

Let's pray today for ourselves and for those who are near and dear to us, that we be strengthened in our hope, that we may seek and find wisdom and that we may discover how we can encourage our companions on the journey.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

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

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

Father Amir will bless religious articles, after Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal St Luke's target amount this year is \$6820 which is \$700 less than last year. The letter from the Diocese has been delayed so, if you have not yet received your mailing from the Diocese by the end of this week please contact Karen in the parish office.

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.

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

For the faithful departed we pray:

Betty Kosharek Dole, Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman, Kathey Santanni, Virgil Hill, Corrine Janicki, Rita Bodine-sister of Georgia Williams.

For the sick we pray:

David Buck & Bruce – Cancer
Tom McAndrew & Betty Garside – Stroke recovery
Mark Nelson – Infection in knee replacement joint
Options for Women

Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign!

Pro-Life Wisconsin's Helping Both Program fills the gap for families and gives hope to moms in crisis pregnancies. Your generosity provides the financial resources to continue supporting families in need.

Donate at: www.prolifewi.org/donate



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.

Veteran's Day
November 11, 2020
Honoring all who served

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

November 7-8, 2020