

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Saturday Nov 9 4:00 p.m. +John & Blanche Stang
Requested by Mary Byrne

DAILY MASS
Thurs Nov 14 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

NEXT WEEK: **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Saturday Nov 16 4:00 p.m. +Walter 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 2-3, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 1,015.00 Loose Collection \$42.00 Mission Sunday \$20.00

Ministries:

Ushers for November: Jerry Smith & Volunteer

Lector: November 9 – Joe Adams November 16 – Joe Pieters

Eucharistic Ministers: November 9 – G. Williams, K. Hansen, BJ Smith

November 16 – S. Anderson, K. Adams, V. Kujawa

Rosary Leader: November – Frank Kowalczyk

St Luke News:

World Mission Sunday envelopes: Please return your envelope as soon as possible. Thanks for your generosity.

POTLUCK!! TODAY following the 4 p.m. Mass. Please plan to stay and share a supper with our parish. St Joan of Arc Circle will serve during the month of November.

St Jessica Circle is once again collecting items for shoe box for **Operation Christmas Child**. Anyone in the Parish is welcome to donate items for the boxes. There is a list of things which are appropriate for packing into the shoe boxes located on the back table. Please remember, no candies, liquids of any sort, or toothpaste, may be included. We are also in need of more shoe boxes to pack the gift items into. Thanks for helping to brighten Christmas for children who have so little.

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 WestCap. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: By now you will have received Annual Appeal literature in the mail. The 2019-2020 target amount for St Luke's is \$7580. To date we have collected 24% of our target. The Annual Appeal helps train and educate priests as well as support international clergy. Please be as generous as you can.

Sacristan Needed – If you would be interested in learning how to be a sacristan please contact the Parish Office.

Let us remember in our prayers the souls of those who have gone to their eternal rest:
Jerry Sabelko, Tony Curvello, Jack Lampman, Richard Laluya, Shirley Humpal. May their souls rest in Peace.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." ~Luke 20:36

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Jesus argues with the Sadducees in today's gospel about the resurrection. The Sadducees were a Jewish group of the first century who denied the resurrection. Jesus, however, agreed with the Pharisees and proclaimed a resurrection. Now because we are Christian, we side with Jesus. We believe in the resurrection. But, what do we mean by resurrection?

We can talk about Jesus's resurrection and our own resurrection. We believe that Jesus has already been raised up. This is what we celebrate at Easter. We also believe that we will be raised from the dead on the last day, when Jesus returns. What I have to say applies to both Jesus' and our resurrection. What most people think that resurrection means is that death has been conquered and we will live with God forever. Now, resurrection does mean that, but it means something more. Resurrection is a certain kind of living with God forever. Resurrection asserts that we will live with God forever and our bodies will participate in that life. You see, many ancient civilizations believed in an after-life. The Egyptians did. The Greeks did. But, they imagined an after-life as a spiritual reality where the soul would live on and the body would be left behind. The Jews were different. They believed that a day would come when God would raise us from the dead and that our physical bodies would participate in the gift of eternal life. You can hear this very clearly in today's first reading from the book of Maccabees. One of the brothers who is going to his death says, "Cut off these hands. God gave them to me and I am going to get them back." He is expressing his faith that his hands will share in the resurrection. Resurrection, then, means bodily resurrection.

To be clear, we do not think that our resurrected body will be the same body that we have now. It will be a transformed body, a glorified body. It will not age or be prone to sickness or death. We cannot imagine a glorified body because everybody we know is destined to death. But, the gospel challenges us to imagine a body in which the only what is good remains: energy, heightened senses, the beauty of form and grace. We believe that Jesus already has such a body, because he has already been resurrected. The resurrection narratives in the gospels try to express this physical but yet transformed body. Jesus can speak to his disciples; he can touch his disciples; he can eat fish. But at the same time he can pass through locked doors and suddenly appear and disappear. So, we believe that Christ already has a resurrected body and that those who belong to Christ will also be raised up. We believe that our beloved dead who are already with God in heaven will on the last day be raised up bodily to join with all of us and to share God's presence forever.

This then is resurrection. It is bodily resurrection, and it is a central tenet of our faith. We affirm it every time we say the Apostle's Creed. ". . . I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen."

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: Jayme Closs, Virgil Hill (failing health)-father of Dennis, Laurie (recovery from surgery)- sister of Rita Zimmerman, 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.... Thankfully, we have a God who does not quit being God when the situation is bad. ~Daniel Brown

November 9-10, 2019