

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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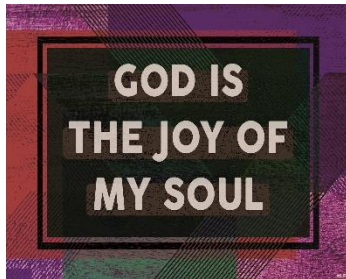
Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Dec 13 11 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent
+Corrine Janicki
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

Thurs. Dec 17 10 a.m. +Corrine Janicki
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

Sunday Dec 20 11 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent
+Dee & Jim Baudhuin
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Adoration: Monday 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Third Sunday of Advent

A man named John was sent from God. He came For testimony; to testify to the light, so that all Might believe through him. He was not the light, But came to testify to the light. John 1:6-8

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

We celebrate third Sunday of Advent today. This Sunday is called Gaudate Sunday, meaning Sunday of joy. Gaudate is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” The word rejoice is taken from Philippians 4:4-5, “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I said rejoice,” the entrance antiphon of today’s Mass.

In the first week of Advent we prayed for the restoration of hope. In the second week we prayed for the restoration of peace. In this third week we are praying for the restoration of joy, especially for those, according to Pope Francis, whose life seem like “Lent without Easter.” This type of joy, according to the pope, enables “wheat to grow in the midst of weeds” and the light of the Holy Spirit to radiate in the midst of darkness. Today we light the pink candle which symbolizes joy. There are people who have little or no joy in their life. We pray for such people today as we light the candle of joy. May God restore their joy again.

The first reading brings out clearly the theme of today’s celebration. The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice. When there is no joy, life is like desert; life is like parched land; life is like steppe (barren land). Life without joy is like eyes that are blind, ears that are deaf and legs that are lame.

The joy we are talking about is not “feeling good” because of possession of worldly things. One can lack material things and still filled with joy. One may be encountering certain deprivations of life yet filled with joy. One can be physically sick but filled with joy. One can be physically challenged but filled with joy and even more joyful that those physically whole. One can have all worldly possessions but has no joy.

What therefore is this joy? It is what Nehemiah the prophet calls the joy of the Lord which is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). It is joy from above. This joy is the gladness of heart that comes from knowing God and surrendering to him, knowing Jesus and trusting and abiding in him, and being guided by the inspiration and promptings of the Holy Spirit. This implies that the individual is spiritually alive and sound. Despite all afflictions of life and against all odds, the individual remains steadfast, endures and unshakable in his or her faith. So, let us be joyful in the Lord.

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

Loose Collections

Envelope Collection

Special Collections

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

For the faithful departed we pray:

Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton, Betty Kosharek Dole, Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman, Kathy 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

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.



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

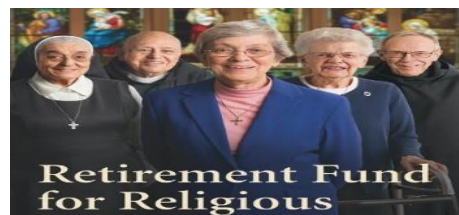
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Unpledged Amount: \$ 3,920.00

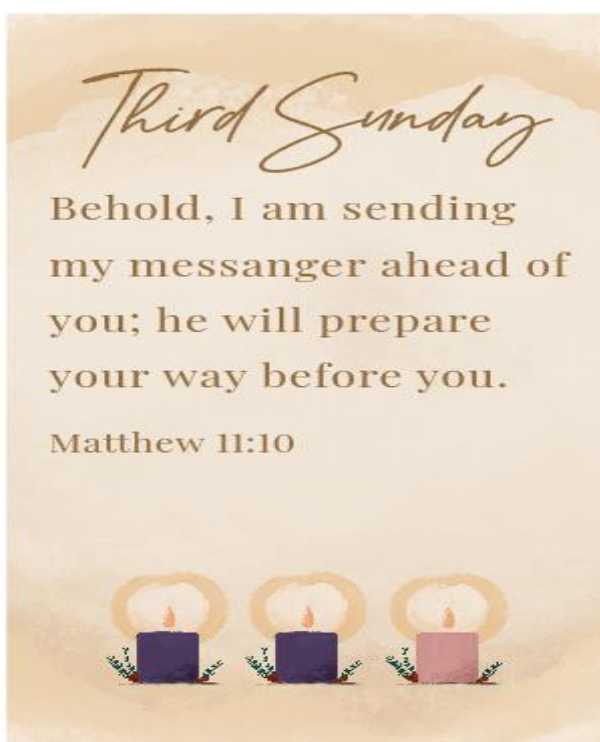
VIRTUAL PARISH MISSION: The Diocese of La Crosse is offering an online Parish Mission for Advent called *Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St Joseph*. Weeks 1 & 2 are available watch to online. Dec. 13 – Fr. Pace: *That Holy Night, Through Joseph's Eyes*. Dec. 20 – Bishop Callahan: *Joseph, Son of David...You are to Give Him the Name of Jesus*.



The Knights of Columbus will again have "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets available. A free will offering is suggested to help defray costs



Retirement Fund for Religious supports aging religious. Envelopes are available on the back table. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for small stipends. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Please be generous.



Christmas Mass:

Dec 24th– 3:00 p.m. in Spring Valley

5:00 p.m. in Spring Valley

7:00 p.m. in Elmwood

Dec 25th— 8:30 a.m. in Boyceville

10:30 a.m. in Elmwood

New Year's Mass Schedule:

Dec 31st— 10:00 a.m. in Boyceville

7:00 p.m. in Elmwood

Jan 1st– 10:00 a.m. in Spring Valley

December 12-13, 2020