

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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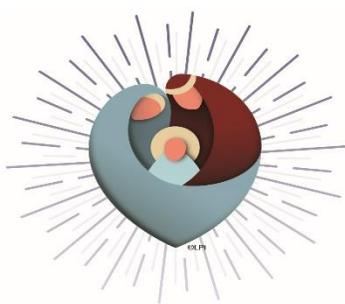
Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Dec 27 11 a.m. Feast of the Holy Family
+Daryl & Andy Adams
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Thurs. Dec 31 10 a.m. NEW YEARS EVE
Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday Jan 3 11 a.m. Epiphany of the Lord
+Dean & Alice Adams
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Adoration: NO Adoration on December 28th



Feast of the Holy Family
The child grew and became strong filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.
Luke 2:40

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today we celebrate The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is a model for all families. Being a Holy Family does not mean that everything was smooth for them. It was a family with many ups and downs. Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's pregnancy was a troubling situation for both Mary and Joseph. They, however, accepted the situation when each of them was ministered to by the angel of the Lord.

Mary gave birth to Jesus in a very difficult circumstance. After a long journey on foot from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a distance of about 100 miles, there was no inn to lodge in. They went to a shed in a farm where Mary gave birth to Jesus. There was no nurse or midwife; only Mary and Joseph. We can only imagine how tough it was for the two of them. As we read in the Gospel of today, at the presentation of Jesus in the temple, Mary was told that a sword would pierce her heart. No mother would be glad to hear such a prediction concerning her baby.

Her first experience of the sword piercing her heart was when the Holy Family fled to Egypt to save Jesus from Herod's wrath. It was another traumatic experience when Jesus got separated from them after the feast of Passover in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple after searching for him for three days. In all their ups and downs, Mary and Joseph remained together. As the Gospel says, Jesus grew under them and became strong, filled with wisdom; and God's favor rested upon him.

The family was the first institution created by God. Jesus tells us that marriage, which is the foundation of every family, is sacred and a mystery. He says, "But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mark 10:6-9).

We are aware that the family as an institution is under attack. Despite the attack, the Catholic Church's teachings have not changed. The Church has not changed the definition of marriage as a covenant, and not a contract. The Church maintains that marriage is a union between a man and his wife. The Church has not changed her teaching that life begins at conception. The Catholic Church has not changed her teaching that parents have the right to bring their children up in the ways of the Lord. The Catholic Church has not changed her teaching that children are obliged to provide for aged parents.

Pope Paul VI described the Holy Family as a school of Nazareth where we learn true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truth. Members of a family experience peace when they respect and obey each other. Disobedience is one of the vices that disintegrate families. A family that prays together stays together. Let us pray and united in the Holy Family.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

December 26-27, 2020

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:

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

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

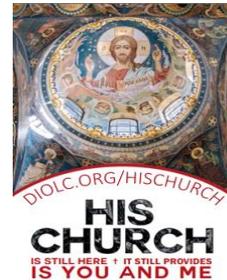
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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
Amount pledged: \$ 3,050.00
Unpledged Amount: \$ 3,770.00

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



Thank you for thinking of me during Christmas with your generous gift, cards and prayers. I pray that God will Bless your family in the 2021 year.
Father Amir

Please pick up your 2021 contribution envelopes which are available on the back table.

Retirement Fund For Religious: "Thank you" hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation for this collection! Please return your envelope for the Retirement Fund soon. Thanks!

Heartland Hospice serving Dunn, St. Croix and Pierce counties, is currently looking for hospice volunteers to help them provide the love, respect and care their patients and families need. For more information, please contact Missie Peterson at 715-214-2485 or Melissa.Peterson@hcr-manorcare.com www.heartlandhospice.com/eaclaire

O, Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

