

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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<b>TODAY:</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b>		
Saturday Dec 28	4:00 p.m.	+Jane Squillace	
		Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman	
		<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> – 8:30 a.m. – Parishioners of St Luke’s	
		<b>DAILY MASS</b>	
Thurs Jan 2	8:30 a.m.	– Sue Jadin	
		Requested by Joe & Karen Adams	
<b>NEXT WEEK:</b>	<b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>		
Saturday Jan 4	4:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St Luke’s	
		+ 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](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

<b>STEWARDSHIP for December 21 &amp; 25, 2019</b>			
<i>“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34)</i>			
December 21	Adult Envelopes	\$ 248.00	Loose Collection \$ 30.00
Christmas Day	Envelopes	\$ 445.00	Loose \$192.00

**Ministries:**

**Ushers for December:** Tom Humpal & Paul Zimmerman  
**Lector:** Dec 28 – Karen Hansen Jan 1 – Dennis Hill Jan 4 – Joe Adams  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** December 28 – B. Laluya, J. Humpal, V. Kujawa  
 January 1 - Volunteers  
 January 4 – K. Hansen, J. Smith, BJ Smith  
**Rosary Leader:** December: Rita Zimmerman

**St Luke News:**

**Upcoming Holy Day Mass Schedule:**

New Year’s Day Vigil Mass – Dec 31 – 6:30 p.m. in Spring Valley  
**New Year’s Day – 8:30 a.m. in Boyceville** 7:30 p.m. in Elmwood

**St Jessica Circle** wishes to thank all who contributed to the great success of their bake sale. Thanks for bringing and thanks for buying. We hope everyone enjoyed their goodies!

2020 Contribution Envelopes are available on the back table. Please make sure to pick yours up.

**ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:** The 2019-2020 target amount for St Luke’s is \$7580. We remain at 44% with 14 families donating toward the Appeal. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause and helping our parish reach its goal. Thanks for your generosity.

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please return your donations for the Retirement Fund for Religious as soon as possible  
 Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: May you know the wonders of His love!

## Feast of the Holy Family

"Rise, take the child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

~Mt 2:20

### PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Against this bleak backdrop of society, the Church invites us all to look up to the example of the Holy Family. Of course, many of us will say, "Well, that's great! Joseph was celibate, Mary is the Immaculate Virgin, and Jesus is the Son of God. That is an ideal family, a perfect family. My family is not. We just cannot be like them!"

The truth of the matter is that the Holy Family was not exempt from the harsh realities of life, from troubles and problems that beset our families today. Many families now are complaining about economic difficulties. But the Holy Family was in a far worse condition. Jesus was born in a stable, the place for animals. Imagine the crawling insects of various kinds and the foul odor. To protect him from the bitter cold, he was wrapped in swaddling clothes and they laid him in a manger. There is nothing romantic about the whole situation.

Many families now undergo voluntary exile and are away from loved ones and homeland in order to secure a better future. The Holy Family also experienced being away from home, for they had to flee from the cruel king who wanted to kill the Child. Are we worried about not having enough income to support the family? But Mary was just an ordinary housewife and Joseph was a carpenter. They also had their share of struggles for survival.

The Holy Family, therefore, is being presented to us, not as a romantic ideal as in the movies, but as an inspiration for our families. The Holy Family conquered their struggles through their strong faith. The real test of faith is obedience to God's will. This is very clear in the life of the Holy Family. Mary's faith enabled her to accept God's plan. Joseph's faith made him strong to protect and provide for the family. Jesus, having emptied himself, had faith in the Father's will and in his parents to care for him.

Whatever is the situation we are in now, the example of the Holy Family gives us hope and inspiration in the struggles our families face each day. If Jesus, Mary and Joseph, though poor and simple, successfully overcame all challenges in life, our families too can be successful because we put our faith in God who is with us, and we are always ready to obey His will in our lives.

In conclusion, the only sure formula for a happy and strong family is God: "Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord." We may encounter the worst trials and difficulties in life, but as Saint Paul said: "If God is with us, who can be against us?" Let us entrust our families to the protection and guidance of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Then we hope that God will also welcome us into His Eternal Family of God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

### WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: Jayme Closs, the repose of the souls of Herb Dow, Sue Jadin Hernandez, & Al Andrews, Jim Smith - effects of chemo for colon cancer, Mark Hellmann - recovery from kidney cancer, David Buck - Cancer. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center



December 28-29, 2019