

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
Saturday Dec 7 4:00 p.m. +John Nuwer
Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

DAILY MASS
Thurs Dec 12 8:30 a.m. *Gotcher Family
Requested by Mary Byrne

NEXT WEEK: **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
Saturday Dec 14 4:00 p.m. *Jerry & Betty Jean Smith
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 Nov 30 – Dec 1, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 401.00 Loose Collection \$35.00

Ministries: **Ushers for December:** Tom Humpal & Paul Zimmerman
Lector: December 7 – Dennis Hill December 14 – Joe Adams
Eucharistic Ministers: December 7 – J. Humpal, S. Anderson, G. Williams
December 14 – B. Laluya, K. Adams, K. Hansen
Rosary Leader: December: Rita Zimmerman

St Luke News:

Senior food boxes will be packed on Tuesday, December 10th at the West Cap building beginning at 10:30 a.m. Needy Seniors in this 7 county area will greatly appreciate your efforts. Use the ramp entrance on Race Street. Hope to see you there.

The hat and mitten tree is now up in the back of church. If you find it your heart to decorate it with hats and mittens, please do so. Anyone is welcome to contribute. The hats are usually delivered to the Coat Closet while the mittens go to Tiffany Creek Elementary. There are many people who seem to be in need, so the donations will surely be appreciated.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: **Saturday, December 14th** from 3 to 4 p.m. which will be followed by Mass, Soup Supper sponsored by the K of C, and St Jessica's Annual Bake Sale. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



The Knight of Columbus have "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets on the back table. Free will donation. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: The 2019-2020 target amount for St Luke's is \$7580. To date we have collected 44% with 14 families donating toward the Appeal.

There are envelopes available on the back table if you wish to donate toward Poinsettias for the altar.

The Third Sunday in Advent

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey
~Matthew 3:4

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sister and brother in Christ Jesus,

As we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist could be the central figure in our thoughts today. He prepared the way for the people of his time to understand the good news of their salvation. That is the way God normally works; He sends the message of salvation to us through each other. As St Paul once put it, how can people know the truth about God if they have never heard it; and how can they hear if nobody is sent to them?

Jesus found his first disciples among those who were influenced by the preaching of John the Baptist. He had showed them the value of self-control and of prayer; he urged them to listen to the inner voice of God, with repentance and a faithful heart. The high point of John's short ministry was his meeting with Jesus. Not only did he get to baptize Our Lord but he also helped some of his own followers to go with Jesus and become the first Christian disciples. Through him, Andrew and his brother Peter, and Philip and Nathanael became apostles of Jesus.

God invites each of us, Christians, to help other people to know and love him. If in the first place, we were more committed to our own Christian calling, we would be more effective in influencing others towards religious commitment. Parents have the first opportunity to point their children towards God. But their words will only be effective when backed up by the actual example of their own faith and prayer.

People can influence others, for good or evil, in all sorts of ways. A special kind of influence rests with the journalists and opinion-formers who work in the media, press, radio and television and through the internet. But ordinary people outside the media can also influence the views and values of those with whom they talk and live. When looked at in light of today's Gospel, does our way of speaking and behaving in any way help others to share our values, or do we confirm their suspicion that this world is a selfish and cynical place?

And what about fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life, or to some active form of church service? The ability of our Church to go on as a visible, organized community continuing in the prayer-life and values of Jesus is under serious question today. If people open their hearts to inspiration, Andrew and Philip and Peter, a way will be found to spread the saving message of Christ. Let us be open to the calling of God and become the ambassador of the Gospel.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: Jayme Closs, Virgil Hill (failing health)-father of Dennis, Jim Smith - effects of chemo for colon cancer, Mark Hellmann - recovery from kidney cancer, Joe Hellmann - recovery from pneumonia, Amber McDonald Carlsrud-colon cancer, David Buck - Cancer. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

Retirement Fund for Religious - Sunday December 7

Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Envelopes are available on the back table. Please be generous to those aging religious who graciously dedicated their lives to serving others

NEEDED: 2 or 3 Eucharistic ministers who would be willing to share the responsibility of taking communion to the shut-ins in Boyceville



December 7-8, 2019