

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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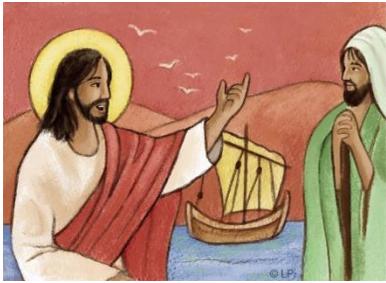
## Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Feb 21 11 a.m. First Sunday of Lent  
+Wenzel (Bunny) Humpal  
Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal

Thurs. Feb 25 10 a.m. +Richard Laluya  
Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal

Sunday Feb 28 11 a.m. Second Sunday of Lent  
+Dorothy & Lyell Gleason  
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Your ways, O Lord, are love and  
truth to those who keep your  
Covenant. Psalm 25

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent, a season of Renewal. The season of Lent provides us a great opportunity to shed off our *“spiritually tired and weak skin.”* This is in order to wear a more durable one for our Journey. Therefore, on this first Sunday of Lent, the church invites us to renew our covenant with God.

Our first reading recounts the unconditional covenant between God and Noah who represents humanity. This is a covenant of renewal, recreation and restoration. This covenant was sealed with a rainbow as a sign of God’s faithfulness. It was also a reminder that God can, and will judge sin (Gen 9, 8- 15; 2 Pt 2, 5).

This means that, in his justice, God has been faithful to this covenant, to the extent of offering his own son Jesus Christ in order to renew it. Unfortunately, humanity has been unfaithful to God and his covenant. Therefore, this season, God offers us another opportunity to renew our covenant with him through Christ.

In the second reading, Peter reminds us of God’s New Covenant with us through Christ. He paid the great price in order to restore us to God. In other words, Christ renewed and strengthened the covenant with his own blood. He did this by opening the spring of baptism through which we were purified and restored to God.

This is the renewal of the covenant on God’s Part. Hence, all of us who were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ have taken part in this new covenant. Each year, the church, the bride of Christ, provides us a new opportunity through the period of Lent to reflect upon this covenant. She also gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment to it. Hence, Paul reminds us that: *“Now is the favorable time; the day of salvation”* (2 Cor 6, 2).

Mark Gospel narrates the temptation of Jesus, and the sacrifice he made in order to prepare himself for his mission and journey. To be a worthy lamb for the renewal of God’s covenant with his people, Jesus had to be tested. Peter states this clearly: *“As gold is tested by fire so shall your faith be”* (1 Pt 1, 7).

Therefore, today’s gospel reminds us that, as Christ was tested, so shall we all be tested. Every day of our lives, the devil tempts us, and he will continue doing so. However, this should not frighten us, because the Holy Spirit that helped Christ is always available to help us. It is also a reminder, that temptation is inevitable in our Christian journey.

As we prepare to renew our covenant with God, just like Christ, we must persist in prayer, fast and abstinence. We must ask God to grant us the strength to endure till the end of our own test as Christ did. Also, we must ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with humility, courage, and patience this season.

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
\$590.00	\$809.07	\$500.00

*Web address: [www.saintlukebv.org](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

### For the faithful departed we pray:

Frances Knopps, Wes Tuttle, Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton, Corrine Janicki, Rita Bodine

### For the sick we pray:

Kaleb Humpal – Recovery from injury – carotid artery damage

Greg Buchal – Recovery after gall bladder surgery

Jessica Garside & Lonna Borgert

David Buck – Cancer

Options for Women

Quinn Miano – brother of Betty Jean Smith

Betty Jean Smith

Mason Mrdutt - Seizures

## Lenten Schedule

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. - Tri-Parish Mission at Sacred Heart Church in Elmwood

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
Originally scheduled for Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, we will postpone so as to NOT conflict with the Lenten Mission.

Confessions - Thursday March 4 before daily Mass & Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

### BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

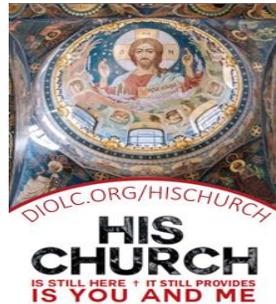
**Joining Our Parish:** If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@svecatholic.org).



### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Target Amount \$6,820  
Amount pledged \$5,275  
Unpledged \$1,545

21 families participating  
**THANK YOU**

## Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

**Tri-Parish "Lenten Charity Box" event** Father Amir is asking parishioners and families from the three parishes, to sacrifice and donate a \$1.00/ day for the 40 days of Lent, with a potential \$4000 being raised for this Diocese of La Crosse Casa Hogar Mission in Peru. This charity boxes are available on the back table at church. If you are unable to come to church to pick one up, please call the Parish office to make arrangements to have it mailed to you.

**40 days of Mass during Lent** Father Amir will celebrate 40 Masses during Lent. Details are outlined in the letter which was emailed/mailed to every household. If you did not receive the letter please contact the Parish office.

**Our Condolences:** Our deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers are extended to the family of **Frances Knopps**, who died on February 5th. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant, Fran, from all her sins, that they who believed in the Resurrection of Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect)

Altar Society Meeting, Wednesday March 3 at 6 p.m.



**Tri Parish Lenten Mission** will be held this Wednesday in Elmwood. The Presenter will be the Very Rev. Fr. Woodrow Pace, Vicar for Clergy & Mission Director, Diocese of La Crosse

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 24 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm at Elmwood

**Talk I:** The missionary mandate of the Church

**Talk II:** The experience of a mission through Fr. Joe Walijewski

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