

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Feb 22 4:00 p.m. +Wenzel Humpal
Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal

HOLY DAY & DAILY MASS

Ash Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Thurs Feb 27 8:30 a.m. +Jack Lampman
Requested by Lee Hofer

NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Feb 29 4:00 p.m. +Richard Laluya
Requested by Barb Laluya

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 February 15, 2020

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 381.00 Loose Collection \$ 40.00

Ministries:

Ushers for February: John Humpal & Tom Humpal

Lector: February 22 – Rita Zimmerman February 29 – Dennis Hill

Eucharistic Ministers: February 22 – G. Williams, BJ Smith, B. Laluya
February 29 – J. Fisher, K. Adams, J. Smith

Rosary Leader: February – Frank Kowalczyk

St Luke News: UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

Ash Wednesday – February 26th – 8:30 a.m. Mass

Stations of the Cross beginning at 6 p.m. on March 4th and every Wednesday thereafter through April 1st. ***Please NOTE:*** Following Stations of the Cross during Lent, St Joan of Arc Circle will again host a Lenten Soup Supper. This, as always, will exclude Ash Wednesday and Holy Week.

Lenten Regulations:

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday until they have celebrated their 59th birthday are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

Other News:

TRI PARISH MISSION to be held on Sunday March 8 from 6-8 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Spring Valley. A light supper will be served at 5 p.m. preceding the retreat in the Brother Michael Center.

Lenten Confessions: Saturday March 28th from 3-4 p.m. Mass following at 4 p.m.

Mass Intentions can be scheduled for family or friends who have gone on to their eternal reward. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass.

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." ~Matt 5:44

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Of all the teachings pronounced by Jesus in his lifetime none is more difficult than the commandment to "love your enemies." When Jesus pronounced this teaching, you can be sure that the people listening to him were probably shocked beyond belief. Love my enemies? How can that be? After all, imbedded in the laws of Judaism and in most ancient cultures was the expectation to fight against one's enemies.

But Jesus teaches, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' But I say to you, offer no resistance to the one who is evil. If someone strikes you on the cheek, turn and offer them the other cheek. What I say to you is love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

We live in a world where retaliation or revenge is widely accepted. Revenge is played out on every school playground; revenge is practiced in many courtrooms; revenge is used in arguments between spouses and revenge is sought in many conflicts around the world. You hurt me. I hurt you. This is the cycle of revenge. This is the reality of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

What Jesus is concerned with, of course, is the need to break the cycle of revenge. Revenge accomplishes nothing except to foster greater hatred and injustice. Jesus teaches that the only way to end the cycle of revenge and violence is to pull the plug on it by forgiving the offender. Now, some people suggest that the forgiveness taught and practiced by Jesus is a sign of weakness and fear.

Consider what the world would be like if we never forgave or if we remembered every hurt and every insult. We would end up in an emotional and spiritual gridlock of resentment, frustration and hatred. The fact is, while we may not like to think about the need to forgive those who hurt us, we actually forgive many things that happen each day. We forgive and forget things almost automatically. If someone bumps into you in a crowd, that person will usually say, "Oh, I'm sorry" and you would normally respond, "Don't worry about it" and that's the end of it. It's forgiven and forgotten and you move on.

The Lord teaches that we must become perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Channel your anger into forgiveness. Hold no grudges. That is the best way to diffuse conflict and to learn to live peacefully with others. If we can learn to forgive minor offenses, we can learn to forgive greater ones. The willingness to forgive is a sign that we are close to God. If we can forgive just as God has already forgiven us, then that is a sign that we are like God.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: Jim Smith - effects of chemo for colon cancer, David Buck - Cancer, Corinne - sister of Dennis Hill who had a stroke, Terry Mohr's son-in-law who is dealing with leukemia, Bruce - Cancer, Debbie McNamara - Cancer, Betty Jean Smith - upcoming knee replacement, Kaleb Humpal - eye/sight issues. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

Annual Appeal Update: 23 families have donated 68% (\$5,186) of the amount necessary to reach our goal of \$7580. For those of you who have not yet contributed, please give prayerful consideration to helping us reach our target amount. Thanks in advance.

50th Jubilee Anniversary Couples - The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2020. Please contact the Parish office with names of couples whose golden wedding anniversary is in 2020 so that they can be a part of the Diocesan celebration.

Menomonie Knights of Columbus will be serving their famous Friday Fish Fry starting on February 21. Dinner is served from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Charles Hall of St Joe's Catholic Church. See the bulletin board for more information.

February 22-23, 2020