

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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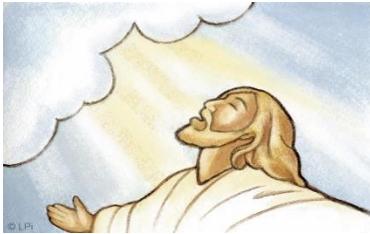
Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs. Mar 4 10 a.m. +Craig Mohn
Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

Sunday Mar 7 11 a.m. Third Sunday of Lent
+Steve Weitzel
Requested by Frank Kowalczyk

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.



“This is my beloved Son,
Listen to Him.”

Mark 9:7

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today we celebrate second week of Lent. Christ is revealed through his transfiguration as the son of God. The only thing that God demands from us is: “Listen to him!” If we listen to Christ, we shall be successful in our journey with him this season.

In the first reading, Abraham was put to test and he remained faithful to God. God did not require him to do anything that He Himself would not do. In fact, the command to Abraham to offer his only son prefigures how God would later offer his own son for our salvation. God prevented the sacrifice of Isaac because, Abraham’s faith was firm.

What do we learn from Abraham today? The first is that he was attentive to the word of God and obeyed God’s command. The second is his trust in God. The third is his generosity towards God. This is a season to pause, and to ask God: “Please Lord, what must I do to make you happy? The answer is simple. We must be ready to listen to God and, to do what he asks us to do as Abraham did.

Our second reading is very encouraging because it is full of hope. This is especially, during this season of Lent. Paul offers us three assurances: “There is no opposition; there is no condemnation; and there is no separation.” This is because: “God graciously gave His Son for us.” So, like Abraham, God was not selfish. Rather, He willingly gave up his Son for our sake: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” (Jn 3:16).

This means that, God is ready to do anything good to save us. All that we need to do is to continue to listen to Christ attentively. God is ready to make sure that we get to our destination this season, because Christ is with us on our journey.

The Gospel presents the scene of the transfiguration of Jesus. He manifests his glory to three of his disciples. The transfiguration reflects the divinity of Jesus. Transfiguration is simply a glimpse of the gift and glory of God. Today, Christ reveals his future Glory. However, to attain the fullness of this glory, He must first suffer and be crucified. This is a road that we must also walk to partake in this glory.

Listening to Christ means transforming our lives and changing our ways. It means living according to the word of God we hear every day. Listening to Jesus means obeying His will and paying attention to what the church teaches us every day.

So, Christ speaks to us through the poor and the marginalized; through the defenseless, through the sick; through the abandoned old people; through the abandoned children in our streets; through the millions of aborted babies all over the world. Christ speaks to us through our lonely neighbors who need some care. Christ speaks to us through families and communities in difficulties.

If we respond to these quickly, rather than being indifferent, then we have listened to Jesus Christ, the beloved son of God. If we do this well, then, “we are walking in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.”

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
\$190.00	\$905.00	\$

Web address: 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

Calendar of Events

Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning March 3 through March 24

Lent Reconciliation – Thursday March 4 before daily Mass & Sunday March 7th after Mass.

First Reconciliation – Sun. February 28th

Palm Sunday – March 28th at 8:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4th at 10:30 a.m.

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

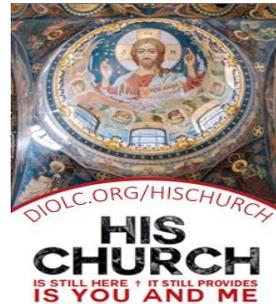
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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.



Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

21 families participating
THANK YOU

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

Fast from discontent and feast on gratitude;
Fast from pessimism and feast on optimism;
Fast from bitterness and feast on forgiveness;
Fast from self-concern and feast on compassion;
Fast from anxiety and feast on the eternal Truth;
Fast from problems that overwhelm and
Feast on prayer that undergirds.....

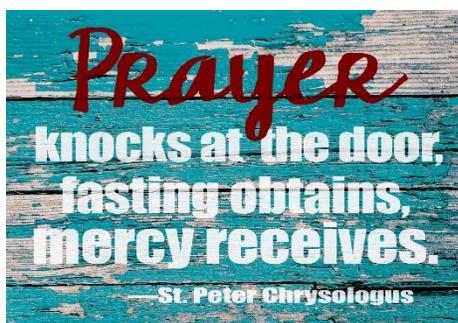
Altar Society meeting, Wednesday March 3 at 6 p.m.

Funeral Mass for Frances Knopps, Thursday, March 4th at 11 a.m. "Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her."

Parish Rosary, Saturday March 6th at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Spring Valley

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.



Thank you to Jason Nilssen for the generous donation of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes for the three parishes!! Very much Appreciated!

February 27-28, 2021