

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY:	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Saturday Feb 29	4:00 p.m. +Richard Laluya Requested by Barb Laluya
	DAILY MASS
Thurs Mar 5	8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's
NEXT WEEK:	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Saturday Mar 7	4:00 p.m. +Dee & Jim Baudhuin Requested by Joe & Karen Adams
	+ 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 February 22, 2020

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 395.00 Loose Collection \$ 69.00

Ministries:

Ushers for February: John Humpal & Tom Humpal

Lector: February 29 – Dennis Hill March 7 – Joe Pieters

Eucharistic Ministers: February 29 – J. Fisher, K. Adams, J. Smith

March 7 – J. Humpal, S. Anderson, G. Williams

Rosary Leader: February – Frank Kowalczyk

St Luke News: UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

Stations of the Cross beginning at 6 p.m. on March 4th and every Wednesday thereafter through April 1st. Following Stations of the Cross during Lent, St Joan of Arc Circle will again host a Lenten Soup Supper.

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

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.

St Patrick's Day Dinner – March 15th

Sacred Heart of Spring Valley will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on

Sunday, March 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brother Michael Center.

Please come and join us for a good meal of bone in Ham, real mashed potatoes with Ham gravy, homemade baked beans, sweet corn and PIE. Try an Irish coffee at our Coffee Bar! Spread the word! We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I will give to you, if you but prostrate yourself and worship me" ~Matt 4: 8-9

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

On Wednesday we began the season of Lent which is our preparation for the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is a time in imitation of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert, and overcame the devil's temptations. Jesus never sinned but in the desert he was tempted, and during these forty days of Lent we remember Jesus in the desert as we try to overcome temptation in our lives and to overcome sinfulness.

Lent is an invitation to us to take the courageous step of "going into the desert" and not hiding from what lies hidden deep within us. Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and darkness and wounds come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus.

During these forty days of Lent, we do not hide from our sinfulness or prevent God speaking to us or healing us during this Lent. It is only when we admit something that we can deal with it. The first stage in overcoming anything is to admit the problem. If we remain in denial we miss out on the grace of God to heal us and renew us and make us whole.

During Lent we say no to the devil's temptations to continue committing sin, and instead we trust in our heavenly Father like Jesus in the desert. The words of Jesus can be our words this Lent, "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matt 4:4)

Lent is a time for more prayer. We live busy lives and there is much emphasis on enjoying life but a life without prayer is a life without the joy of the presence of God. Martha was busy serving when Jesus came but Mary spent time with him and Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter.

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 Mohn'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, Repose of the souls of Lynn Zimmerman and Doris Squillace. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

Annual Appeal Update: We remain at 68% collected of the \$7580 that we owe for the Annual Appeal. For those of you who have not yet contributed, please give prayerful consideration to helping us reach our target amount.

Menomonie Knights of Columbus will be serving their famous Friday Fry Dinner from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. each Friday during Lent in Charles Hall of St Joe's Catholic Church. See the bulletin board for more information.

February 29-March 1, 2020