

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY:

Saturday Feb 9

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. +Allen McAndrew
Requested by Tom & Karen McAndrew

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs Feb 14

8:30 a.m. +Diane Schmidt
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

NEXT WEEK:

Saturday Feb 16

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

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 2, 2019

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

Adult Envelopes \$ 1,215.00 Loose Collection \$ 115.00 CCHD Collection \$ 440.00

Ministries:

Ushers for February: John & Tom Humpal

Lector: February 9 – Joe Adams February 16 – Joe Pieters

Eucharistic Ministers: February 9 – G. Williams, K. Hansen, BJ Smith

February 16 – V. Kujawa, K. Adams, S. Anderson

ST LUKE NEWS:

Pot Luck is this evening after the 4 p.m. Mass. Please plan to stay for good food and warm fellowship on a cold winter's evening.

St Jessica Circle will meet on Thursday, February 14th at 9:15 am. We will be cutting out mittens so please bring scissors with you. See you there!

The **Boyceville Knights of Columbus** will be holding a **Soup Supper** following Mass on Saturday, **February 16th**. We will be serving a variety of soup, bread and desserts. Free will offering. Please plan to join us.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: To date we have collected \$5,420, 77% of the target amount. Our balance due is \$1,570.

The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** envelopes are on the back table and in the pews. You may return your donation in the collection basket.

OTHER NEWS:

National Marriage Encounter Weekend in Eau Claire is scheduled for March 9 and 10. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend begins with registration on Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. and ends on Sunday afternoon at 3:45 p.m. For more information you may call 715-832-3296 or visit www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Simon said in reply, "Master we have worked hard all
night and have caught nothing, but at your command
I will lower the nets." ~Lk.5:5

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Month of February is widely known for Valentine's Day. February 14th is observed in memory of the Saint Valentine who is said to have been executed on February 14th in A.D 470 for performing weddings for Roman soldiers (It was a violation of the Roman law). May be that's why he is called the Patron Saint of beloveds and people around the world who celebrate romantic love on the day of his execution.

In English the word "**love**" is used to describe at least four types of love relationships.

- A. The relationship between the members of a family.
- B. The relationship between friends.
- C. The romantic relationship between a man and woman.
- D. The relationship between Christ and his Church.

In the Greek language however there's a different word for each type of these love relationships.

- A. Storge: The relationship between the members of a family
- B. Philia: The relationship between friends
- C. Eros: The romantic relationship between a man and woman
- D. Agape: The relationship between Christ and his Church

St. Paul is talking about the fourth type of love which is "agape". How does agape is different from storge, philia and eros? In a nutshell storge, philia and eros are mostly to do with **me** while agape love is all about **you!** Agape love is not spontaneous. It's not love at first sight. It's not cheap! We have to make an effort. But we are not alone because Christ gives us grace and the ability to love others even when we feel we feel inadequate, (**Philippians 4:3**).

We often see that the human love has an end to it. Marriages can fall apart. Family members can become estranged from one another. Friends can become foes. Such is the human love. The lyric of a famous song goes like this.

*I'd give it all up but I'm taking back my love
I'm taking back my love; I'm taking back my love
I've given you too much but I'm taking back my love*

The love of God is not like that. He doesn't take back his love when we fall short of his expectations but continues to love us, (**Jeremiah 31:3**). Hence we also must love one another without ceasing.

The Apostle St. John, the pneumatic evangelist, goes right into the core of love: "Love is of God...for God is love" (1Jn 4:7-8). In other words, love is not just a thing, or an emotion. Love is a Person – it is the Person of God. God revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ. So, love is the Person of Jesus Christ.

We are followers of Jesus Christ. We ought to be like Him. That should be our ultimate ambition as Christians. If love is the Person of Christ, then as His followers, we should also be true reflections of love. If God is love, and we are children of God, we ought to be men and women of love.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: **For healing of body, mind and soul of Jayme Closs, Repose of the soul of Tony Curvello, Repose of the soul of Jack Lampman, Debbie McNamara – Cancer, Jeff Schmidt, brother of Gloria Pieters, Joe Wheeldon – 2nd stem cell therapy, repose of the soul of Josh Drinkman**

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9-10, 2019