

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY:

Saturday Mar 14 4:00 p.m. +Richard Laluya
Requested by tom & Judy Humpal

DAILY MASS

Thurs Mar 19 8:30 a.m. +Richard Laluya
Requested by Barb Laluya

NEXT WEEK:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Mar 21 4:00 p.m. +Sue Jadin
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 March 7, 2020

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 330.00 Loose Collection \$ 124.00

Ministries:

Ushers for March: Joe Adams & Joe Boesl

Lector: March 14 – Rita Zimmerman March 21 – Karen Hansen

Eucharistic Ministers: March 14 – B. Laluya, K. Adams, K. Hansen

March 21 – J. Smith, G. Williams, S. Anderson

Rosary Leader: March – Joe Pieters

St Luke News:

Pot Luck this evening after Mass. Please stay and share a meal with your parish family.

Liturgical Precautions during flu season: In light of the high incidence of influenza and the concerns about the Coronavirus, Bishop Callahan has asked us to suspend the sign of peace, the distribution of the Precious Blood from the cup, and to empty the Holy Water fonts. The Bishop also reminds you that if you are sick, you are not obliged to come to Mass. Please stay home and take care of yourself.

KC Raffle Tickets

The Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus 2020 Charity Raffle tickets are now on sale. IF you are interested in purchasing one, please see a KC member. The drawing will be May 2, 2020. Tickets are \$5 and there are some wonderful prizes.

40 Cans for Lent

Please help the Knights help our local food shelf during these Lenten days of discipline. Bring canned items or non-perishable items and place in the bin at the back of church. If you would prefer to donate cash, to enable the food pantry to purchase items they are most in need of, you may place an envelope marked "40 Cans" in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus #17021 and they will in turn send one check to West Cap.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Sunday April 5th from 9-11 a.m. in the church dining hall. Menu includes Pancakes, French toast, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee. Free will offering accepted.

Lenten Reconciliation Saturday March 28th from 3-4 p.m. Mass to follow at 4 p.m.

Third Sunday Of Lent

"If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ~Jn 4:10

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Water is one of the most important requirements for the sustenance of all lives. In fact, according to scientific studies, water makes up to 60-75 percent of the total body fluid. Hence, total withdrawal or extraction of water from any person will result to death. In the Old Testament, water is a common metaphor for Spiritual satisfaction (Is 12, 3)

The first reading of today tells us of the ordeal of the Israelites in the wilderness. After four hundred and thirty years of slavery in Egypt, God came to deliver them (Ex 12, 40). Yet, they grumbled against Moses, and consequently, against God because they were thirsty. God instructed Moses to strike the rock. From it water came forth. The Israelites drank, and were satisfied.

Both the rock Moses struck, and the water that gushed out from it allegorically and metaphorically prefigure Christ. He is both the rock of our salvation, and our eternal living water. On this third Sunday of Lent, we also need a spiritual drink from the living water that flows from Christ, the Rock of Ages. Hence, we must: "*Draw water from the well of salvation*" (Is 12:3) in order to quench our spiritual thirst this Lenten season.

In the second reading, Paul described how the love of Christ, "*is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.*" Here, Paul implicitly mentions water by the use of the verb: "*to pour.*" He reminds us also of how helpless our life was and could still be without Christ, the Living Water. In other words, through his death, Christ made himself the source of our own life.

In today's gospel, Jesus presents himself to the Samaritan woman as the Eternal Living Water. This underscores the importance of Christ in our life. The lesson from this, is we must not discriminate against people on the basis of their race or culture. Jesus knew quite well who the woman was (a Samaritan) and her life history. Yet, he approached her for a drink. Jesus' aim was actually, to draw her closer to himself, the Eternal Living Water.

Hence, by breaking the silence and going against the social customs, and prejudices between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus becomes the gift of God to this woman and her people. Like Jesus therefore, we must be ready to take risks. This is by challenging the unjust rules of social structures and norms. It is by breaking down walls that excludes people, and by opening up possibilities to others. This is, so that they can experience Christ.

Finally, the argument that ensued between Jesus and the woman represents the obstacles, that we must overcome in order to draw people to Christ, the Eternal Living Water. In other words, they represent the "*rational*" *stubbornness*" that the society will present to us before they finally yield to the gospel. However, if we ourselves are connected to the Eternal Living Water, we shall have a better and more convincing witness without getting weary.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

For all the faithful who have died and for the sick, we pray: 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 – recovery after knee surgery, Kaleb Humpal – eye/sight issues, Repose of the souls of Lynn Zimmerman and Doris Squillace. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

Mass Intention Requests: Did you know that you can request a Mass for the living or deceased? Do you have a sick friend who needs extra prayers? Would you like to remember you deceased parents or grandparents with a Mass? You may request a Mass to remember a loved one for a suggested donation of \$10. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule

Diocesan Annual Appeal: If you are among the families who have not given to the Annual Appeal, please remember that any amount not collected through parishioner donation, must be paid to the Diocese from the general fund. Your help would be greatly appreciated as we are currently \$2,394 short of our required target.

Food For Thought: "In these days, let us add something beyond the usual measure of our service, such as private prayers and abstinence in food and drink. Let each of us, over and above the measure prescribed, offer God something of our free will in the joy of the Holy Spirit." ~Rule of St Benedict

March 14-15, 2020