

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
Saturday Mar 16 4:00 p.m. Parishioner of St Luke's

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Thurs Mar 21 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

NEXT WEEK: **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
Saturday Mar 23 4:00 p.m. +Diane Schmidt
Requested by Dennis & Joyce Hill

+ Rest in Peace * Holy Mass of the Living

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 March 9, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 580.00 Loose Collection \$ 156.00

Ministries:

Ushers for March: Joe Boesl & Joe Adams

Lector: March 16 – Joe Pieters March 23 – Karen Hansen

Eucharistic Ministers: March 16 – J. Smith, BJ Smith, S. Anderson
March 23 – J. Fisher, K. Adams, V. Kujawa

ST LUKE NEWS:

REMINDER: Beginning on April 7th, we return to the Spring/Summer Mass schedule. Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. on SUNDAY. This schedule will continue through Fall Dinner Sunday.

During the *Lenten season*, **St Jessica Circle** will be **collecting paper towels, zip-lock bags, toilet paper, Kleenex, and personal care items** for the needy. Please consider helping us to repeatedly fill the tote at the back of Church with these items. Direct any questions to Barb Hellmann or Gloria Pieters.

Two new books are being made available by members of St Joan of Arc circle, "Your Guide to the Mass" and "Welcome to our Church". The books are on the back table and may be borrowed to be used for personal growth during this Lenten season.

Annual Appeal Update: We continue to hold at \$5520 contributed toward the Annual Appeal. Our target amount is \$6990. We are short of the target by \$1470. This Appeal helps to fund Diocesan programs like the International Priests. St Luke's benefits greatly from this particular program © Please give prayerful consideration to donating to this worthy cause.

Have you heard of the **Commodity Supplemental Program for Seniors?** If you are 60 or older, have a gross household income of \$1354 for 1 person or \$1832 for 2 persons, you could qualify for a free box of commodity foods each month. For information please call Melissa J Larson, Food Access and Resources Coordinator – West CAP at 715-977-1191. Also check the bulletin board for more information about household income qualifications.

Upcoming Lenten Schedules:

Stations of the Cross – Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. with a light soup supper to follow
Lenten Reconciliation Service – Thursday March 21st at 7 p.m.

The Second Sunday in Lent
While he was praying, his face changed in appearance and his
clothing became dazzling white ~Lk. 9:29

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

We started Safe Heaven Sunday in our parishes on 3/10/2019. I think it is necessary to speak on the topic of the pervasive presence and use of pornography in our society. All indications are that this is a widespread problem in our society, made ever broader by easy access and free content through the internet.

The statistics are alarming.

- Studies indicate that 93% of boys and 62% of girls were exposed to pornography before the age of 18.
- 71% of teens have done something to hide what they do online from their parents. This includes clearing browser history, minimizing a browser when in view, deleting inappropriate videos, lying about behavior, using a phone instead of a computer to browse, blocking parents with social media privacy settings, using private browsing, disabling parental controls, or having email or social media accounts unknown to parents.
- 57% of young people seek out porn once a month.
- 75% said their parents had never discussed Internet pornography with them.⁴ • One in 10 American males view porn daily.
- 68% of men and 18% of women said they used pornography at least once every week. Another 17% of men and another 30% of women said they used pornography 1-2 times per month.
- 56% of divorce involves one party having “an obsessive interest in pornographic websites.”

No one is immune from this invasion, and the problem exists in Catholic homes as it does in other homes. One of the realities of this topic is that a person, through no fault of his or her own, can be exposed to this material quite innocently. A misspelled word in a search engine can lead to exposure and that can place a hook in a person. If we are not careful, first exposure develops into repeated curiosity and that develops into habitual use that impedes healthy human development and spiritual development.

We must admit that with the dawn of the internet, it happens more easily and frequently now, and it comes directly into your home right in the room where your child is on the computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Use of this explicit material makes its users spiritually crippled and deadened. It is serious sin that needs to be confessed, and especially before coming forward to receive Holy Communion. It becomes enslaving. It negatively impacts personal discipline, dating, marriage, and even the ability of a young person to discern a call from God to priesthood or to a religious vocation.

I hope the given statistics on use of explicit material, my dear parents, you should likely just assume that your child has been exposed, and that your middle school and high school aged child may already have a habit of use. You must speak with them. You must first treat this issue in your own life with serious resolve. You must take measures to control and eliminate the entry points for this material into your home. Use internet accountability and filtering software and even have everyone in the house turn in all cellular and internet devices each evening, where they remain locked in the parents' bedroom until morning.

My dear brothers and sister, you need to take such measures to protect yourselves and your children to make your home as Safe Heaven.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

**Please pray for: [For healing of body, mind and soul of Jayme Closs, Debbie McNamara – Cancer,](#)
[repose of the soul of Richard Laluya, Jack McNamara – Mono,](#)
[The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center, Menomonie.](#)**

OTHER NEWS:

Thank you to Jason & Teresa Nilssen for donating the book, “The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity” to the Tri-Parishes. The book is available on the back table and for your use during Lenten season.

Mite boxes are available for your Lenten almsgiving. Collections benefit health & nutrition programs for the poorest of the poor of our world.

The group Christmas picture is available on the back table for anyone who wishes a copy.

March 16-17, 2019