

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY:

Saturday Mar 2

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. +Allen Hemann
Requested by Karen Hemann

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs Mar 7

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

NEXT WEEK:

Saturday Mar 9

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

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 23, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 425.00 Loose Collection \$ 90.00

Ministries:

Ushers for March: Joe Boesl & Joe Adams

Lector: March 2 – Dennis Hill Ash Wed – Rita Zimmerman March 9 – Joe Adams

Eucharistic Ministers: March 2 – J. Humpal, S. Anderson, G. Williams

Ash Wednesday – Volunteers

March 9 – B. Laluya, K. Adams, K. Hansen

ST LUKE NEWS:

Would you like to become a **member** of the Boyceville Knights of Columbus? Contact Tom Humpal or Paul Zimmerman for more information.

Altar Society Meeting, after Stations of the Cross, on Wednesday, March 10th (during the soup supper). We have two agenda items to discuss: Funeral meal options and St Luke's hosting of the Spring deanery Meeting in April.

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.

Safe Haven Sunday is March 10th. Safe Haven refers to parents providing a home that safe from pornography. The Diocese has produced a booklet explaining the profoundly harmful effects of pornography which will be made available in most parishes. Pornography is a scourge on our country, with devastating effects of marriages, families, including young children who are exposed to it at younger and younger ages. Resources regarding Safe Haven can be found at diolc.org/shs helping people make their home a "Safe Haven."

Upcoming Lenten Schedules:

St Luke's Ash Wednesday Service – March 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services are also available in Spring Valley at 3:45 p.m. and in Elmwood at 8 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – beginning March 13th at 6 p.m. with a light soup supper to follow.

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter from your eye', when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye"

~Lk. 6:42a

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

In the New Testament, people who are followers of Christ, those who seek him, are called disciples. The word *disciple* has the same root as the word *discipline*. A discipline is always intentional, never accidental. We don't learn the discipline of algebra by accident. We don't learn the discipline of music or medicine or ice skating without intending to. There must always be intention on our part first.

The same is true for being Jesus' disciple. There must be intention, a decision, a focus of our will to seek Christ. For many of us, especially those of us who have spent many years in the church, we can forget this. We can become passive about seeking God.

The season of Lent is about walking through the hills and valleys of our kingdom and tearing down the idols we find there. It means acknowledging, through confession, those things in our lives that have taken the place of God and prevent us from finding him. Maybe it's a schedule so full there is no time for prayer. Or a heart preoccupied with material things. Lent is a time to clean out the debris in our lives to make room for new growth.

Traditionally, people have done this through fasting, by releasing something in their lives that has a hold on them. Sometimes this is a food, or a possession, or an activity. I have friends who are fasting from television during Lent. Not only are they resisting the cultural idol of television, but they are freeing up their time to seek God and connect with others. Seeking God means clearing out the obstacles in our lives, whatever they may be.

Seeking God is not just about removing things from our kingdoms; it's also about building things, putting things in place that help connect us with the One we are seeking. There needs to be removing, and there needs to be building. We need to subtract some things so we may add others. We need to clear out the debris, but we also need to plant new seeds. Both are essential for growth.

Vehicles that help us commune with God and experience his presence with us are called spiritual disciplines. They are practices that help us seek God—things like prayer, solitude, meditating on Scripture, fasting, serving others, giving, hospitality, worship. Preparing a garden in the spring involves work—disciplines that prepare the soil to accept the seeds, sun, and rain that eventually generate growth. The same is true for Lent.

Let us prepare ourselves during this season of Lent and return to God "with all our hearts" (Joel 2:12).

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](#), [Diane Schmidt](#), [sister-in-law of Gloria Pieters](#), [Joe Wheeldon – 2nd stem cell therapy](#), [repose of the soul of Josh Drinkman](#), [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.

March 2-3, 2019