

SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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During this time of Mass cancellations in our Diocese, Father Amir will continue to celebrate private Masses and will pray for those intentions that have been requested.

Mass Intentions This Week:

Saturday March 21 - +Sue Jadin
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams
Parishioners of St Luke's
Thurs. March 26 -
Saturday March 28 + Daryl & Andy Adams
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday: Before Mass

ADORATION

Monday 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 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 14, 2020

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 556.00 Loose Collection \$ 46.00

St Luke News:

Televised Mass Broadcast Schedule:

Eau Claire Channel 18 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday
La Crosse Channel 19 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday

St Luke's will maintain regular office hours during this time of crisis. The Church will be open during the hours of 1 – 5 p.m. on Thursday afternoons and any parishioner is welcome to come and pray at this time. Adoration will also continue on Mondays from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the main body of the church. You are asked to enter at the side door by the chapel.

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.

Thank You: Our family wants to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and food that was brought to the house after our granddaughter Bailey's tragic accident. We are very grateful.

~Laverne & Donna Weber and family

Happy Birthday!

Brother Michael's 91st birthday is March 30th. You may send him a card at PO Box 284, Spring Valley, WI 54767. Let's fill his mailbox with birthday greetings.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jn 9:35b

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

There is a story told about a little boy at church with his mother. He was a good little boy, quite and well behaved. He didn't cause any problems. But every once in a while he would stand up in the pew, turn around, look at the people behind him and smile at them. His smile was infectious, and soon everybody behind him was starting to smile back at him, too. It was all going fine until the mother realized what the little boy was doing. When she did, she grabbed him by his ear and twisted it a bit, told him to sit down and remember that he was in the church. Then he started sniffing and crying, and she turned to him and said, "That's better."

In the First Reading we hear that the Prophet Samuel is sent by God to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse to anoint a new future king of Israel in place of Saul. The Reading emphasizes the Lord's surprising choice: a shepherd boy, the youngest among the sons of Jesse. David will become Israel's most famous king. The description of God's choice of David over his brothers is a tale of human blindness, our inability to see spiritual truth as God sees it. Divine wisdom searches the soul, knowing every thoughts of the mind and knows those who will live as children of the Light. The prophet Samuel is reminded that the Lord's vision goes deeper than outward appearances. David is portrayed as the least likely of his brothers to be chosen for greatness - it never even occurs to his father to present David to Samuel as a candidate for divine election. But God sees into the heart and directs the prophet to anoint David.

The gesture of anointing signifies both God's choice of David and his consecration for the mission entrusted to him, shepherding God's people as king. The blindness of those around David to his potential for being an instrument of God's power is a symbol on many levels of how sin can blind us to God's will for us and for the world.

In the Gospel Reading of today, St. John presents a sad account of a healing miracle. Instead of rejoicing over the miraculous cure of a man born blind, the religious leaders are filled with hostility and the stubborn refusal to accept that good has been done. Their attitude is all the more sad because the evidence is so clear. The poor beggar is thrown out of the religious community. Jesus looks for him and reveals his identity. The man sees and believes. Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for presuming to know and to see. It is this presumption that blinds them.

Light and darkness, sight and blindness are the contrasting images in the Scripture Readings of this Sunday. The central message is that Christ heals our spiritual blindness in our Baptism and makes us witnesses of the truth.

So, as we consider the Scripture Readings of today, let us look at what in our lives is darkness, the places where we are blind and try to shed light on them.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

INFORMATION:

Please read the following from the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, our Bishop of La Crosse.
17 March 2020

Dear faithful of the Diocese,

May the Lord give you peace.

In light of the continued concern surrounding spreading the coronavirus COVID-19, and the advice of medical experts across the country and especially in our state, all public Masses in the Diocese of La Crosse will be canceled beginning 17 March 2020 at 5:00 p.m. until further notice. All fish fries, parish gatherings, etc. are also canceled.

Please note, however, churches will remain open for private prayer. I am urging the faithful to remember in their prayers all of our brothers and sisters whose personal lives and the lives of their families have been affected by this disease. Visit diolc.org/pray to send me your personal prayer intentions.

At this point we are hopeful to resume public Mass by 1 May. As you know, these plans and regulations change every day. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to shorten this time frame or any of these regulations. This, of course, is unprecedented in our lives and we rely on the providence of Almighty God and His Holy Mother. Please stay well and take every precaution to do so. Be aware of my prayers and my confidence in our protection under the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

March 21-22, 2020