

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Mar 21 11 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Parishioners of St Luke's

Thurs. Mar 25 10 a.m. +Wes Tuttle  
Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Sunday Mar 28 8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday  
+Shirley Humpal  
Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal

**Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.**



*“When I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw everyone to myself.”*

*John 12:32*

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and we are drawing close to our destination and to the most important moments in our journey this season. This fact is reflected in all the readings that Christ is ready to offer everything for our salvation. So, we too must be willing to offer all for him and for others.

The first reading of this Sunday is an assurance of God's continuous presence with us. It also reminds us of the new thing that God is about to do in our midst: *“I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind...then, I will be their God and they will be my people.”* God is ready to set aside a relationship that was destroyed by infidelity. He wishes to restore a broken relationship.

On our own part, we must be ready to accept this new covenant with God. This new covenant offers us salvation and life. So, as we continue our walk this Lent, let us know that God is willing to fulfill his promise and nothing can stop him. All he demands from us is to be ready to accept this new covenant made in Christ Jesus.

The second reading of this Sunday reminds us of the Gethsemane experience of Jesus. It reminds of the great sacrifice of Christ. First, this was in order to fulfill the promise of his father. Second, it was in order to save us. *“...He learnt to obey through suffering...he became for all who obey him the source of eternal life.”*

In the gospel Christ himself tells us: *“Now the hour has come for the son of man to be glorified.”* What glory is there in suffering? He is about to be arrested, punished and killed, yet he talks about his glory. Jesus saw beyond the clouds of pains and difficulties in order to behold success and eternal life.

He knew that his suffering and death would restore life to many. So, rather than be discouraged by the temporary situation of suffering, he was encouraged and motivated by the honest reward of eternal life. Hence, Christ offered his suffering and life in order to restore a broken covenant and eternal life for all who believe in him. Hence, he says: *“Unless a grain of wheat dies it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.”*

Unfortunately, many of us do not want to follow or like this path. Jesus invites us to be strong along the path of life. He wants us to be where he is. So, we must be ready to endure as he did. We must be ready to die as a grain dies in order to regenerate. Practically speaking, we die every day when we stand up for justices, when we stand for the truth and when we say no to sin, corruption and immorality.

These *“daily deaths”* exhaust us physically, but they strengthen us spiritually. Therefore, as we continue our walk with Christ this season, the thought of his own suffering and death must strengthen us daily. Also, we must constantly remind ourselves that to suffer for others, and for Christ, is an honorable thing to do.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

## STEWARDSHIP

*"We walk by faith, even when we cannot see" 2 Corinthians 5:7  
Everything is a gift from God.*

You may drop your envelopes in the offertory box which is on the back table in church, or you may mail your contribution to St Luke at: PO Box 316, Boyceville, WI 54725

Loose Collections	Envelope Collection	Special Collections
\$ 575.00	\$ 1210.00	\$

*Web address: [www.saintlukebv.org](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

### For the faithful departed we pray:

Frances Knopps, Wes Tuttle, Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton, Corrine Janicki, Rita Bodine

### For the sick we pray:

Kaleb Humpal – Recovery from injury – carotid artery damage

Scott Anderson - Cancer

David Buck – Cancer

Options for Women

Quinn Miano – brother of Betty Jean Smith

Betty Jean Smith

Mason Mrdutt - Seizures

## Calendar of Events

Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. through March 24

Palm Sunday – March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday – 7 p.m. in Spring Valley

Good Friday – 1:30 p.m. in Spring Valley

"The Last Seven Words of Christ" – in Boyceville – 6 p.m.

Holy Saturday – 8 p.m. in Spring Valley

Easter Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

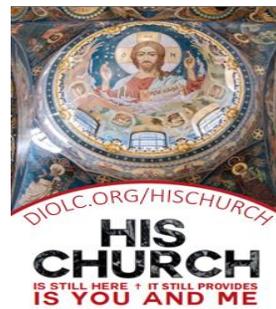
**Joining Our Parish:** If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

**Celebrating Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated throughout much of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child's baptism, please call the parish office, 715-643-3081 for more information. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation class.

**Caring for the Sick:** If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call 715-598-4877 or email Father Amir at [pastor@svecatholic.org](mailto:pastor@svecatholic.org) to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

**Celebrating Marriage:** We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Father Amir to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn more about marriage preparation.

**Becoming Catholic:** If you are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to become Catholic, or are interested in becoming a Christian through baptism, contact Father Amir at [pastor@svecatholic.org](mailto:pastor@svecatholic.org).



### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Target Amount \$6,820

Amount pledged \$5,275

Unpledged \$1,545

21 families participating

**THANK YOU**

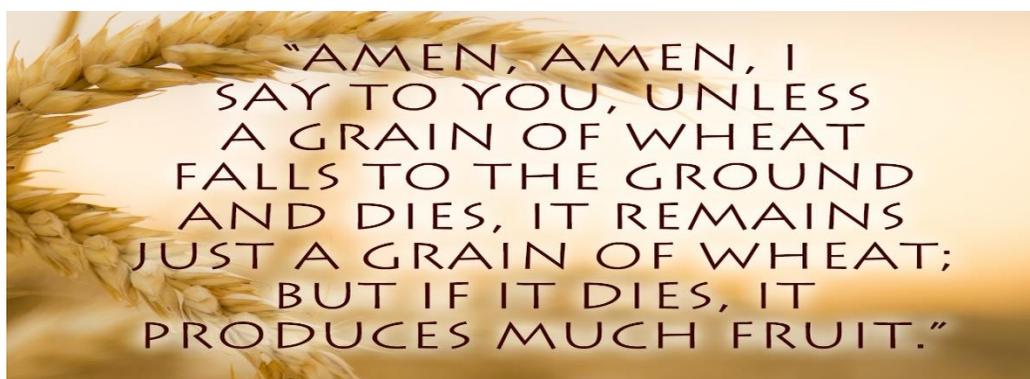


**Easter Flower Donation envelopes** are available on the back table if you wish to donate money to help purchase Easter lilies.

**The Stations of the Cross** are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. through March 24<sup>th</sup>

**The Knight of Columbus** will hold a bake sale on Easter Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass

**PRO-LIFE** "The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." *Dr. Mildred Jefferson*



March 20 – 21, 2021