

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY:

Saturday Mar 23

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

4:00 p.m. +Diane Schmidt
Requested by Dennis & Joyce Hill

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs Mar 28 8:30 a.m. +Wenzel(Bunny) Humpal
Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal

NEXT WEEK:

Saturday Mar 30

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

4:00 p.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

+ 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 16, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 576.00 Loose Collection \$ 18.00

Ministries:

Ushers for March: Joe Boesl & Joe Adams

Lector: March 23 – Karen Hansen March 30-Margaret Erickson

Eucharistic Ministers: March 23 – J. Fisher, K. Adams, V. Kujawa

March 30 – K. Adams, J. Humpal, K. Hansen

ST LUKE NEWS:

REMINDER: IN TWO WEEKS, 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.

St Jessica Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27th to cut quilt pieces, so bring your scissors. If you don't care to cut, come to socialize – hope to see you there!

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.

Annual Appeal Update: We have 3 months to go in the 2019 Annual Appeal. We continue to hold at \$5520 which is 79% of our target amount (\$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.

The Third Sunday in Lent

He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down,'" ~Lk. 13:7a

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

BEAR FRUIT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

This week, our Lord speaks of the fig tree that was not bearing fruit. The owner of the land wanted to cut it down, but the gardener wanted to give it one more year to cultivate it, fertilize it and then, if it does not bear fruit, it would be cut down. Jesus uses this example to highlight the fact that if we do not bear fruit for God we will be cut off from God and from the land of the living.

There are some who have a presumptuous idea that since they are baptized and since they have received Holy Communion that Heaven is a guarantee. Even worse, there are many people who seem to think that everyone, or nearly everyone, goes to Heaven. The people of Israel were all under the cloud, all baptized into Moses, all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink, yet most of them did not see the Promised Land, but died in the desert.

Like the people of Israel, we too have been given a promise, not of a land flowing with milk and honey, but of Heaven itself. We are all baptized into Jesus, we have been overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, and we have received our Lord in Holy Communion. We have been freed from slavery to sin and Satan which is infinitely greater than the freedom from slavery received by the Israelites. One would think we would be grateful and generous in our response to God.

We see the patience of God as He dealt with the people of Israel for so many years, but after a while He decided that it would be better to cut them down instead of allowing them to exhaust the Promised Land with their fruitlessness. We can each see the patience of God as He has worked with us over the years, but we have to ask if we are bearing fruit for Him.

When God spoke to Moses He revealed His Holy Name I AM WHO I AM. I AM implies that He is always in the present and that He never changes. This is why St. Paul tells us that the things we read about regarding the events in the desert were written to serve as an example for us so that we do not follow in their ways. Jesus tells us essentially the same thing when He speaks about some people who died tragically and says that if we do not repent something similar will happen to us. As we move toward the middle of Lent, we need to recommit ourselves to our Lenten program, repent, and begin to bear good fruit for the Lord.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

OTHER NEWS:

Brother Michael wishes to thank all the parishioners of St Luke's for the lovely birthday party last Saturday after Mass. He was extremely pleased and delighted at the kindness of all the people at St Luke's.

NOTICE: As I will be gone on vacation, there will be NO bulletin next week. Sorry for the inconvenience ~Karen

Sacred Heart in Spring Valley will honor Brother Michael's 90th birthday on Sunday March 31st with a pot luck lunch following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend.

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.**