

# SAINT LUKE – SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**Until further notice: ALL MASSES ARE CANCELED. During this time, Father Amir will continue to celebrate private Masses and will pray for those intentions that have been requested.**

Mass Intentions This Week:

Saturday March 28 - +Daryl & Andy Adams  
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Thurs. April 2 - +Jack Lampman  
Requested by Lee Hofer

Saturday April 4 + John Knops  
Requested by Judy Knops

## 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](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

## **STEWARDSHIP**

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

We ask that you continue to use your offertory envelopes each week, as we still have bills to pay. 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

## **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.

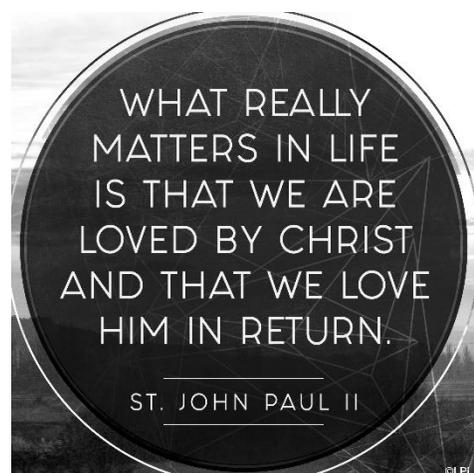
**Confessions:** Father Amir is available to hear your confession. Please call him at 715-574-4265 to make an appointment.

When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion which is a most beneficial practice.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.



**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, Repose of the soul of Shawn Berg, son-in-law of Terry Mohn, 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

# Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live" Jn 9:11

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

**Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

It makes me sad that I am not able to see you all during this corona virus outbreak. I am happy that our government takes all the preventive measures to stop the spread of the virus by temporally limiting gatherings. I celebrate Mass privately at Sacred Heart Church, Elmwood. I am praying for the people throughout the world especially for our parishioners to protect every one of us from this pandemic, and begging God to bring us back together once again.

I would like to present to all of you about "Spiritual Communion" written by our Bishop William Patrick Callahan in his Blog.

Some people may have a question about "private Masses" and the Catholic notion of "Spiritual Communion." The Catholic practice of Spiritual Communion, many of our brothers and sisters who were unable to receive sacramentally (for one reason or another) had a moment of deep and sincere communion with our Blessed Lord spiritually.

In his encyclical, "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" ("A Eucharistic Church"), in April 2003, Pope Saint John Paul the Great encouraged the practice of Spiritual Communion, "which has been a wonderful part of Catholic life for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life." St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him" at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion. These days of the dreadful coronavirus pandemic, when our priests are limited to the private celebration of the holy Mass, demonstrate the wisdom of the Church as She shares this great spiritual gift for us in these extraordinary and difficult times.

The Catechism of the Council of Trent devoted a special section to Spiritual Communion in its program of renewal in the late 16th century. In the past, instruction manuals gave as a most familiar example, a mother's need to stay home from Sunday Mass to care for a sick child, thereby missing the opportunity for Communion. In such cases, the mother could make an act of Spiritual Communion, uniting herself with the Mass in her parish church and receive the spiritual benefit of Holy Communion. The opportunities for receiving Spiritual Communion are limitless, but the particular circumstances make it appealing and pertinent for our time. Today, there are many Catholics who may not be able to receive Communion because of a marriage not recognized by the Church. They are often in a process of getting their marital status rectified through the Church Tribunal, but until that is done, they cannot participate.

It is important for us to keep in mind that the current situation regarding "health warnings" and "social distancing" are not being forced on society—and especially upon the Church—in some sort of atheistic or secular closure of the Church. This current health crisis and its governmental intervention is a temporary difficulty and sadness that for us, as Catholics in particular, affects our spiritual lives.

We will recover from this pandemic and its dreadful effects with the help of God. In the meantime, the Church in Her ever inspired and wonderful love of Almighty God for His children provides us with abundant grace and proximate care for us to be with Him and receive Him spiritually in our hearts and souls until such time as we are able, once again to receive sacramental absolution as necessary and to attend holy Mass and receive our Blessed Lord in the Source and Summit of our lives in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

O, Sacrament most Holy, O, Sacrament Divine, All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

March 28 - 29, 2020