

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs Apr 1 7 p.m. Holy Thursday – Spring Valley
+Frances Knopps
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

Sunday Apr 4 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday
Parishioners of St Luke's

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.



“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest!”

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

We celebrate Palm Sunday today. It is a unique Sunday in Lent because it marks the beginning of Holy Week. We celebrate the triumphant entry of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. This entry is highly symbolic. It demonstrates that Christ is the Davidic king that fulfilled this ancient prophecy: *“He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness...”* (Isaiah 9: 7).

Both the first and second reading of this Sunday are on the suffering and humility of Christ the son of God. The first reading from the book of Isaiah is the song of the suffering servant of God. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul also reminds us of the humility and obedience of Christ, the servant of God: *“...He emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, he was humble even to accepting death on a cross.”*

Humbly, the servant of God accepted all his sufferings in order to save us. He offered and lost his life in order to secure victory for us. The most important lesson from the above is the virtues of patience, humility and obedience. Also, the readings teach us that suffering is inevitable in life. Therefore, only those who are ready to persist and endure to the end will triumph. Also, they teach us that, if we persist in our faith, we shall emerge victorious over sufferings.

Today’s passion narrative includes most important symbols like the palms, the donkey, and the crowd. The Palms represent the royalty of Christ and his peaceful reign. The donkey is a symbol of Christ’s humility. Though he is king, he chose to ride on a donkey, a humble animal. So, Christ demonstrated his humility, through his solidarity with the poor and the weak.

Our procession today was for two reasons. First, to honor Christ as he enters the royal city. Hence, we sang: *“Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”* Second, to express our solidarity with Christ as he begins the journey that will ultimately lead to our salvation. So, as we sing hosanna today, we must ask God for the grace to remain faithful to the end.

Unfortunately, the sad news is that some of those (the crowd), who hailed Christ with the shout of hosanna, would be the same people to later demanded: *“crucify him”* on Good Friday. These episodes simply reflect the reality of life. They also reflect how unfaithful and unpredictable we can be at times in our relationships with God, and others. Today, we are for Christ, tomorrow we are against him. Christ is our friend when we are in difficulty, but our enemy when we are comfortable. It also shows how we relate with one another. Today we are friends, and tomorrow we are arch-enemies.

Let us ask God for the grace to remain steadfast to him at all moments of our lives. We must also extend this solidarity to others.

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
\$	\$	\$

Web address: 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

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 4th at 10:30 a.m.

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

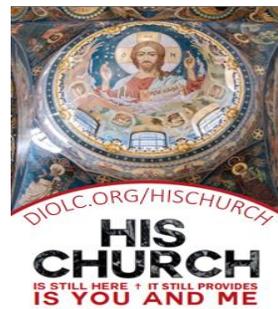
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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 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.



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 **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*

Bishop Callahan is now allowing parishes to increase capacity to 50%. Keep in mind that the guidelines do recommend wearing a mask, maintain a safe social distance and continue sanitation procedures. With this change, starting this Sunday, we can allow up to 100 people in church. Communion is highly encouraged to be received only in the hand for the health and safety of both the priest and faithful. Those wishing to receive communion on the tongue should sit in the back of church and be the last ones to receive the Eucharist from Father Amir, after everyone else has gone to communion.

Bishop Callahan still has in effect that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed. "You can stay home and you do not have a lack of faith by not attending Mass."

Holy Week Live Stream Schedule: Diocese of La Crosse will be live streaming Holy Week from the Cathedral. diolc.org/live Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Friday at 12:10 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

March 27-28, 2021