

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Mar 7 11 a.m. Third Sunday of Lent  
 +Steve Weitzel  
 Requested by Frank Kowalczyk

Thurs. Mar 11 10 a.m. +Frances Knopps  
 Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Sunday Mar 14 11 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 +Allan Hemann  
 Requested by Karen Hemann

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



His disciples recalled the words of  
 Scripture, Zeal for your house will  
 consume me.

Jn 2:17

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

As we continue our journey this season, we celebrate Christ the fullness of the Law and the wisdom of God on this third Sunday of Lent. Today, the church calls us to re-dedicate ourselves to Christ. This is because He is the fulfillment of God's commandment.

In our first reading from Exodus, God gave the Law to Moses for Israel. The Law was given to Israel to help them become wiser. It was also given to them in order to strengthen their relationship with God and to help them organize their social and religious life.

While the old Law was given through Moses, the new Law (Covenant) given through, and in Christ *fulfills it*. God reveals Himself precisely in His commandment. Hence, as the fullness of God's commandments, Christ is the channel through which God receives and loves us.

In our second reading, Paul reminds us that Christ is: "The fullness of God's wisdom." The Greeks searched for this wisdom. Unfortunately, they ignorantly rejected Him. So, instead of benefiting from Him, they were misled by the wisdom of this world.

According to Paul, Christ is the fullness of the law and the wisdom of God. So, whoever finds and receives him, will be filled with wisdom, and will never walk in ignorance. "*Whoever receives him will never walk in darkness again*" (Jn 8, 12). Darkness is opposed to wisdom. So, whoever has not received Christ the fullness of wisdom, even though, he walks according to the wisdom of this world, lives in darkness.

In today's gospel, John narrates Jesus' encounter with those profaning God's Sanctuary. His action simply demonstrates that He is actually God's wisdom and the fullness of the Law. His zeal distinguished Him, from the authorities. Instead of representing God's interest, they represented their selfish economic and social interests. It also, distinguishes Him from temple pilgrims who simply visited the temple without real devotion to God.

What do we learn from today's gospel? First, we are not supposed keep quite or remain indifferent while things go wrong. This is especially in the house of God, our homes, offices or any place at all. The Church is the house of God and a place of worship. We must keep it holy and respect it. Also, it reminds us that our body is the Temple of God. So, we must not defile it.

Finally, today Christ prophesied about his own death and resurrection: "*Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days.*" This prophecy will be fulfilled during the paschal mystery. Therefore, today's gospel keeps the events of this season in perspective. It reminds us of where we are heading to this season, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So, as we march forward this season, let us continue to abide by the commandments of God fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the perfect wisdom. Let us acclaim Christ: "*You, Lord, have the message of eternal life!*"

*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](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

Greg Buchal – Recovery after gall bladder surgery

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

Lent Reconciliation – Thursday March 4 before daily Mass & Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

Parish Council meeting – March 11 at 6:30 p.m. following Mass

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

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

### BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

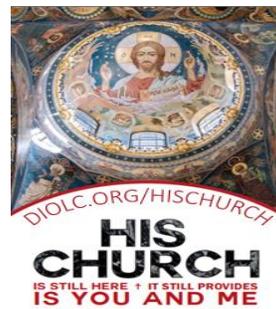
**Joining Our Parish:** If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

**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**

*Lent is a time to fast from certain things and feast on others. It is a season in which we should:*

Fast from anger and feast on patience;

Fast from words that pollute and

Feast on phrase that purify;

Fast from worry and feast on Divine order;

Fast from complaining and feast on appreciation;

Fast from discouragement and feast on hope;

Fast from idle gossip and

Feast on purposeful silence.....

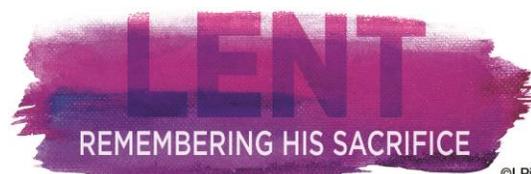
**Time Change:** Daily Mass will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Council Meeting,** Thursday March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

**40 hours Adoration**—A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is a sharing in the work of Redemption. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in Spring Valley beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> with Adoration until 6 pm continuing through Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and ending with Mass at 10 am. Contact Paul or Rita to sign up for a particular hour, or simply stop by at any convenient time.

**The Stations of the Cross** are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 stations focus on specific events of His last day. The Stations of Cross are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. through March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you to Jason Nilssen** for the generous donation of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes for the three parishes!! Very much appreciated!



March 6-7, 2021