

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY:

Saturday Mar 9

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

4:00 p.m. +Jim McAndrew
Requested by Tom & Karen McAndrew

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs Mar 14

8:30 a.m. +John McAndrew
Requested by Tom & Karen McAndrew

NEXT WEEK:

Saturday Mar 16

SECOND 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 2, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 1,165.00

Loose Collection \$ 27.00

Ministries:

Ushers for March: Joe Boesl & Joe Adams

Lector: March 9 – Joe Adams March 16 – Joe Pieters

Eucharistic Ministers: March 9 – B. Laluya, K. Adams, K. Hansen

March 16 – J. Smith, BJ Smith, S. Anderson

ST LUKE NEWS:

REMINDER: Beginning on April 7th, we return to the Spring/Summer Mass schedule. Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. on SUNDAY.

Altar Society Meeting, after Stations of the Cross, on Wednesday, March 13th (during the soup supper). We have two agenda items to discuss: Funeral meal options and St Luke's hosting of the Spring deanery Meeting in April.

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.

Safe Haven Sunday is this weekend. Father Amir encourages you to participate in the 7-day text challenge to make your home a safe haven. It is recommended that you begin the text challenge immediately by texting the word "secure" to 66866. If you don't have a cell phone, you can go to <https://cleanheart.online/courses/safe-haven-challenge>. Resources regarding Safe Haven can be found at diolc.org/shs.

Two new books are being made available by members of St Joan of Arc circle, "Your Guide to the Mass" and "Welcome to our Church". The books are on the back table and may be borrowed to be used for personal growth during this Lenten season.

The group Christmas Day picture is on the back table, and available to anyone who wishes to have one.

Upcoming Lenten Schedules:

Stations of the Cross – beginning March 13th at 6 p.m. with a light soup supper to follow

The First Sunday in Lent

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil ~Lk. 4:1-2a

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

SAFE HEAVEN SUNDAY

Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

As your pastor, I am always impressed by the love I see in the families of our parish community and am constantly giving God thanks for your many efforts that truly uphold the dignity of marriage and family life. Thank you! As you work hard to create safe havens for your children and spouse, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and I wish to bring one particular issue to your attention. It's not easy to discuss, but it's important. That issue is pornography.

In November of 2016, the USCCB released a pastoral response to pornography, called Create in Me a Clean Heart. The intention of writing this document was to:

- offer healing and hope to those who have been wounded by pornography;
- articulate the Catholic Church's response to the pastoral crisis brought about by the production and use of pornography; and
- raise awareness of its pervasiveness and harms.

Because pornography is hurting many people, including marriages and families, singles, priests and religious, and even children. It hurts the healthy process of vocational discernment for our young people. Pornography use impacts the relationships of children with their parents, husbands with their wives (and vice versa), the pastor with his community, and most importantly, our relationship with our Lord.

In the formal statement, the USCCB speak directly to parents about being proactive about the issue of pornography in the life of the home with their children and together as a married couple ensure the home keeps its status as a safe haven for all. The Bishops state, "The use of pornography by anyone in the home deprives the home of its role as a safe haven and has negative effects throughout a family's life and across generation." Thus, on 03.10.2019 we will be celebrating the first annual Safe Haven Sunday with the theme "Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children." This awareness effort is meant to draw our attention as a community to the seriousness of the issues of pornography and to recommit ourselves to take steps to ensure our homes are safe havens for all.

You can begin learning now about striving for healthy and holy marriages and families, including how to talk to your children about internet dangers by joining The Equipped 7-Day Challenge: A Digital Crash Course by texting SECURE TO 66866 to receive seven days of emailed digital tips!

I wish and pray that your home and our parish community become safe heaven.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: **For healing of body, mind and soul of Jayme Closs**, **Rest of the soul of Tony Curvello**, **Rest of the soul of Jack Lampman**, **Debbie McNamara – Cancer**, **Diane Schmidt**, **sister-in-law of Gloria Pieters**, **Joe Wheeldon – 2nd stem cell therapy**, **rest of the soul of Josh Drinkman**, **The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center, Menomonie.**

OTHER NEWS:

Thank you to Jason & Teresa Nilssen for donating the book, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" to the Tri-Parishes. The book is available on the back table and for your use during Lenten season.

Mite boxes are available for your Lenten almsgiving. Collections benefit health & nutrition programs for the poorest of the poor of our world.

March 9-10, 2019