

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Apr 11 11 a.m. Divine Mercy Sunday
+Steve Weitzel
Requested by Frank Kowwalczyk

Thurs Apr 15 10 a.m. Betty Jean Smith - Healing
Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

Sunday Apr 18 11 a.m. Third Sunday of Easter
+Pat & Richard Dean
Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” John 20:29bc

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

We celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday on the 8th day of the Feast of Easter, today, in which Blessed Pope John Paul II said that we receive the Easter Gift. And what is this very special Easter Gift? It is the special gift of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment that the Catholic Church offers in the form of a plenary indulgence.

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Blessed Pope John Paul II established this new feast to re-emphasize the tremendous gift of Divine Mercy that the Lord wants to pour out on each and every one of us.

In the Old Testament, God told Moses to celebrate their most important feast called the Day of Atonement, once a year, and to prepare for that feast, they were to afflict themselves and offer up animal blood sacrifices. On the last day, God would forgive their sins. It was for them, an annual preparation for the Judgment. We can also recall what Jesus said in the Gospel: “Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained”.

In the Divine Mercy image, Jesus is moving towards us and asking us to trust in Him. He is asking us not to be afraid to approach Him and to ask Him for His mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. He is calling us to wash away our sins and to receive Holy Communion without stain of sin, because He wants to give us the absolute greatest gift possible.

The rays in the Divine Mercy Image indicate the Blood and Water that gushed from His heart when it was pierced on the Cross. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blood and Water that gushed out from Jesus on the Cross are the Sacraments of the Church. The Water washes away our sins, just like in Baptism or Confession and that the Blood gives us life, just like in Holy Communion.

Jesus told Saint Faustina that every time we approach the Confessional, that He Himself is waiting there for us. That He is only hidden by the priest and that the priest is, for Him, only a screen. So, if you haven't had a chance to make your yearly Confession in preparation for your Easter Communion, don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to have all of your sins and punishment forgiven.

The Catholic Church allows about 20 days for Confession, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday, to gain the special plenary indulgence that is being offered today. If you think that you are in the state of serious or mortal sin, the Church teaches that you must go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you have gone to Confession but have fallen back into venial sin, you should make a perfect Act of Contrition before receiving Holy Communion.

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
\$ 388.00	\$ 750.00	\$

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

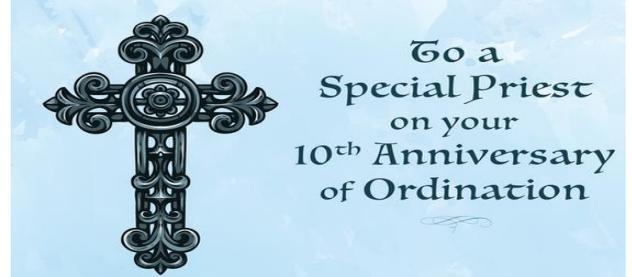
David Buck – Cancer

Options for Women

Quinn Miano – brother of Betty Jean Smith

Betty Jean Smith

Mason Mrdutt - Seizures



Congratulations to Father Amir on the 10th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, April 11th. May the Lord bless you as you continue your most holy ministry in our parishes.

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

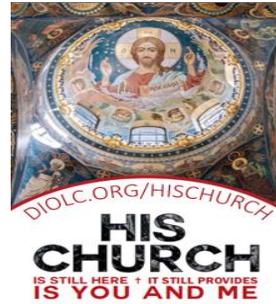
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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.

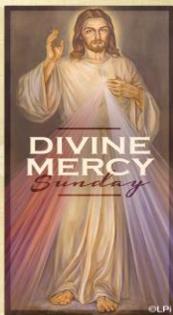
Becoming Catholic: If you are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to become Catholic, or are interested in becoming a Christian through baptism, contact Father Amir at pastor@svecatholic.org.



Diocesan Annual Appeal

Target Amount \$6,820
Amount pledged \$5,275
Unpledged \$1,545

21 families participating
THANK YOU



Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy! To Saint Faustina Our Lord said: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (Diary, 699). This day we celebrate the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us.



Thank you to all who "sacrificed" a dollar day during Lent for the Casa Hogar Mission in Peru. "The support for the children at Casa Hogar is certainly appreciated. Sending many prayers and a big "muchas gracias"

~Father Woody and Sarah Sceery from the Mission Office.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Knights of Columbus bake sale. We appreciate your support.

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, we can allow up to 100 people in church. **Bishop Callahan still has in effect that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed.**

The ladies of the Altar Society will take up their annual collection for Low Sunday, TODAY

April 10-11, 2021