

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:

Sunday April 12 - Easter Sunday
 Parishioners of the Tri-Parish

Thurs. April 16 - +Jack Lampman
 Requested by Lori Hansen

Sunday April 19 +Lynn Zimmerman
 Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

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

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



Televised Mass Broadcast Schedule:

Eau Claire	Channel 18 at 9:30 a.m.	Sunday
La Crosse	Channel 19 at 9:30 a.m.	Sunday

Sacred Heart-St Luke's is now on Facebook! Father Amir will be celebrating Masses, Tuesday – Sunday at 10 a.m., and you can watch them LIVE or at your convenience on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/springvalley.elmwood.5>

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS **Come to Christ**

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Alleluia!

"Do not be afraid I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here for he has been raised just as he said." Matt 28:5b-6

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

The restrictions on assembling prevent us from celebrating Easter in the church. But we still proclaim with our lives our joy in the renewal of the world, our Easter joy. Many are suffering from the corona virus, and we keep them all in our prayers. No one is suffering from the loss of our Easter joy. No pandemic can destroy Easter.

The celebration of Easter stands in stark contrast to our commemoration of Good Friday. Think about the Good Fridays you have experienced. On Good Friday, there are no flowers or alleluias. There is solemn music. And there was the Cross.

Yet, Good Friday and Easter, as well as Holy Thursday, are bound together into one celebration, the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The name paschal refers to the lamb who was sacrificed and whose sacrifice brought life.

Before Jesus' sacrifice, mankind had lost the capacity to have a spiritual life. Mankind's sin, his decision to push God out of his life, destroyed his own spiritual life. God is the Lord of Life, but mankind decided that he didn't need God. His choice of sin was a choice of death. His pushing God aside allowed the devil to have free reign on the earth. Without God, without a spiritual life, mankind's existence was limited to the here and now.

Jesus rose from the dead and became the source of spiritual life to all who believe in Him. This is why we call out "Alleluia." We are dead no more. We are alive in the Lord.

It is true that we have to do everything possible to bring peace and justice to the world. This is our way of serving Christ's presence in the poor and downtrodden. We have to protect the lives of those who have been conceived but have not yet been born. We have to fight to end poverty in our country and in our world. We cannot turn our backs on people who are suffering, whether they be Americans or people in another country or continent.

We Christians have as our happiness the hope of eternal life. Easter is the celebration of hope. Our hope is that we will share in the fullness of the New Life Jesus won for us through His suffering and death. It is our hope in Christ that helps us endure challenges like the corona virus.

Christ was raised so we can share His New Life. We need to grasp on to our faith with both hands. Only our faith brings sanity, meaning, and purpose to our lives. The corona virus has brought sickness and death, turmoil, unemployment, and all sorts of other crises into our lives, but our faith gets us through because despite the suffering we have happiness in hope. No one can take the Risen Savior from us. No one and no situation, no matter how terrible, can take His Presence from us.

This is the Gift of Easter Sunday! We have entered the spiritual. Our life is hidden with Christ in God. May our spiritual lives have an infinite precedence over our physical lives.

May the life of the Risen Lord flow through our veins, so that every thought word and deed of our lives may shout out: Jesus Lives!

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

[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

The Knights are still collecting non-perishable and canned goods for the West Cap food shelter. There is a collection basket at the back of church. Cash donations are also accepted.

April 11-12, 2020