

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs Apr 22 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday Apr 25 11 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Easter
+Bill Riepe
Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



“ Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.”

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

The major problem of the Jewish leaders who crucified Christ was ignorance. They thought they knew God and were advancing his course. On the contrary, they were actually working against it. Hence, they remained stubborn.

One important point which all the readings of today have in common is the relationship between ignorance and faith. Peter observed the Ignorance of the Jewish leaders. Hence, he addressed them: *“It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just...Now brothers, I know that neither you nor your leaders had an idea of what you were doing.”*

They were waiting for the fulfillment of God’s promises. However, when He came, they ignorantly rejected him. Hence, John writes: *“Anyone who says I know him and does not keep his commandments is a liar refusing to admit the truth.”* Ignorance of God’s command and will, leaves one with a false impression that he knows the truth. It makes one think that he is fighting for God, when actually the contrary is the case.

We should be different because, *“the time of ignorance is over” (Acts 17, 30-31)*. It is over through the risen Christ, our advocate. Therefore, we must constantly seek divine counsel and illumination from Christ our advocate. Most importantly, we must constantly repent and receive forgiveness. John assures us today that: *“We have an advocate before the Father who is Just, he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away...”*

In the gospel, Christ continues to strengthen the faith of his disciples by illuminating their minds with the scriptures. Even though they heard him preach, and saw his miracles, they were ignorant of what the scriptures said about Him. St Jerome reminds us that: *“Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”* Ignorance of God’s word and commandments is a major stumbling block to faith.

Today’s gospel also reveals something very important. Often, we think that only Thomas doubted the resurrection of Christ. However, without contradicting John, Luke simply takes us further, by revealing that Thomas was not alone in this boat. Jesus asked his disciples: *“Why are you agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?”* Of course, Jesus knew that most of his disciples doubted, even though they did not manifest it out publicly. So, he did everything humanly possible to convince them.

How many of us attend Sunday Masses and yet, do not believe in the Eucharist? How many are Christians, and yet do not believe in the resurrection of the dead. How many receive the sacrament of confession, and yet do not believe in the forgiveness of sin? How many are Christians, and yet do not believe that Jesus is true God and true man. How many of us are Christians, and yet do not believe that Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. These are different shades of doubt. We manifest them differently. May the risen Christ illuminate our minds that we may believe in him.

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
\$ 100.00

Envelope Collection
\$ 715.00

Special Collections
\$ 226.02

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

The **Word** is a seed planted into the ground that **Roots** deeply, which grows in **grace & beauty** and **bends** but does not **break...**

It stands tall with others, to enable the work of righteousness & justice like an **ever flowing** stream of **love** and will sow peace, **blossom** with **joy** and cultivate kindness.

So, let there be **light**. Let us plant seeds. Let us **nourish** our children and the world. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, **World** without **end**.

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

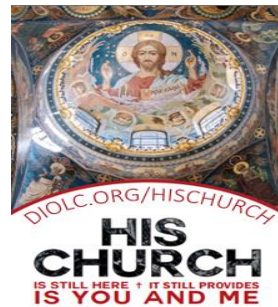
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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

"Trust me."

— GOD

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NEEDED: Adoration partner for the NOON to 1 p.m. hour on Monday. Contact Paul or Rita for details – 715-643-2211

Congratulations to Wesley John Boesl infant son of Paul & Catherine Boesl who is reborn in the **Sacrament of Baptism** today. "Remember, Lord, Wesley, who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that he may follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (Roman Missal 974)

Options
for Women
MENOMONIE

God is growing Option for Women Menomonie, our local pregnancy resource center and with that is a growing need for additional workers. Presently needed are board members, client advocates, and volunteers to do administrative tasks. Prayerfully consider and then apply at optionsmenomonie.com/volunteer

OPTIONS FOR WOMEN - WALK FOR BABIES - 40 WKS Walk 40 minutes of 40 miles, your choice! Register by May 4th by calling 715-309-4222 or stop in during office hours (Monday 1-5 or Tuesday 11-6) to pick up your registration and pledge forms or have them emailed to you. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

Have you heard of the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program for seniors?**

If you are 60 or older and have a gross household income of \$1396 for one person or \$1888 for two person you may qualify. Contact Randy Dean at 715-977-1167 for more information.

Please keep Father Kevin Louis and his family in your thoughts and prayers on the loss of his step-mother Marilyn A. Louis who died this past week.

April 17-18, 2021