

# 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 19 - Divine Mercy Sunday

+Lynn Zimmerman

Requested by Paul & Rita

Thurs. April 23 -

+Dean & Alice Adams

Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Sunday April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

+Doris Squillace

Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

**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](http://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>

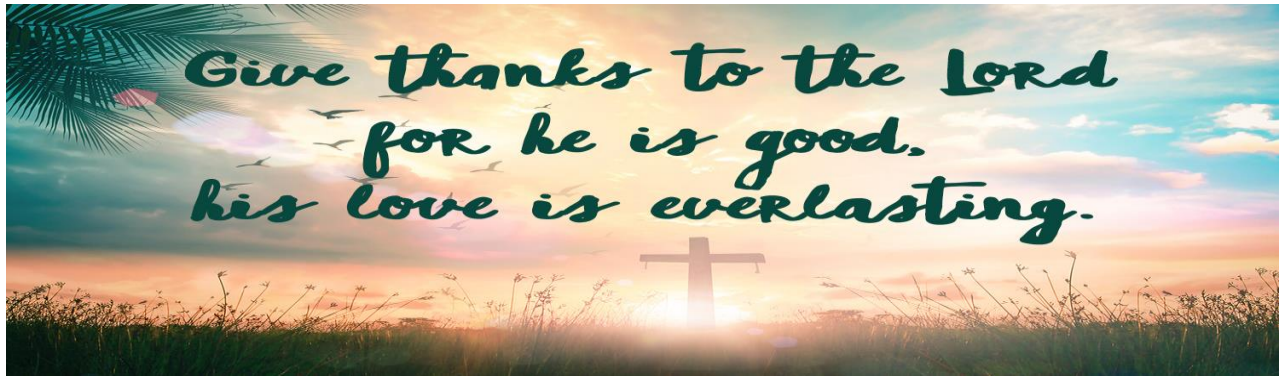
**The Church will be open** during the hours of 1 – 5 p.m. on Thursday afternoons and any parishioner is welcome to come and pray at this time. Adoration will also continue on Mondays from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the main body of the church. You are asked to enter at the side door by the chapel.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS "Give Yourself Completely"

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



"Then he said to Thomas, "Put your fingers here and see my hands, and bring you hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."  
~Jn 20:27

## **PASTORAL REFLECTION**

**Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,**

Today the Church celebrates "Divine Mercy Sunday" commemorating Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul II granted this Feast to the Universal Church on the occasion of his raising Sr. Faustina, a young Polish woman to Sainthood on April 30, 2000 and was decreed to be celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of Easter.

On a Divine Mercy Sunday, I would think that Our Lord encourages us to be merciful to one another, in our homes, families and communities, and to continue to appreciate the gift of the sacrament of reconciliation in the Church.

Divine Mercy is sufficient unto each of us, all the disciples- mom, dad, children, clergy, priests, Seminarians, as it was for all men, and women we hear in Scriptures.

Besides encouraging us to be "masters of divine mercy", in today's Gospel, Christ invites us like Thomas to touch his wounds (John 20:19-31); wounds that would heal Thomas' wounds of disbelief and faithlessness; wounds that replaces lack of peace with Peace of Christ; wounds that replaces the spirit of darkness with God's Spirit of Light. Christ's wounds, a catalyst for testimony of the healing truth, courage, unlimited mercy and inexhaustible love of Christ. Thomas touches wounds of love, unity; wounds that would empower communion, the sharing (*konoinia*) and the preaching of the early Christian Community.

Like Thomas, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Cleopas, and the Eleven Disciples we all do have moments of doubt, uncertainties, confusions, disbelief, hopelessness, selfishness and frustrations. Conscious also of those moments we might have acted uncharitably or mercilessly towards our neighbors, we are invited today to deep our hands into those wounds of Christ! And be filled with faith and strengthen by Christ, our wounded healer!

The Eucharist provides us a fitting opportunity to deep our fingers into these wounds of Christ. May we be strengthen with mercy, love (1 John 5:1-6), hope (1 Pet 1:3-9), faith and unity to say with Thomas "my Lord and My God."

And may our families, streets, neighborhood, churches and workplaces continue to be true channels and conduits for the transmission of Divine Mercy and faith in the Risen Christ.

Also may our society and the Church be blessed with fruitful Evangelization, Spirit of Sharing, Peace, Love (1 John 5:1-6), hope (1 Pet 1:3-9), faith and unity.

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

**Faithful Citizenship** – Election 2020 - We are in an election year, making it that much more important to form our consciences in light of Catholic teaching and principles. For resources on this topic, visit [diolc.org/faithfulcitizenship](http://diolc.org/faithfulcitizenship).

April 18-19, 2020