

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs Apr 29 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday May 2 11 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Easter  
+pat & Richard Dean  
Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

**Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



*"I am the good shepherd and I know mine and mine know Me."*

*John 10:14*

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is celebrated as the Good Shepherd Sunday. We think of the 'pastoral' love of God, as we also pray for vocations to priesthood; priests are the 'pastors' of the church. Today, Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11).

Jesus was not the first to use the image of the shepherd. Even in the civil society the concept of the shepherd was used among kings and rulers, prior to the time of Jesus. In the statues and images of ancient Egyptian pharaohs, they are often depicted holding a shepherd's staff. We could even say that the concept of a leader being a shepherd is as old as the concept of monarchy itself.

In the Old Testament, the image of the shepherd is used to refer to the leaders of the people of Israel. God calls Moses not only when he is tending the flock of his father-in-law (Ex 3:1), but Moses is given a shepherd's staff (Ex 4:2) that he was already holding, now as a symbol of leadership, authority and the power of God.

Again, David was not just a shepherd boy, but when the people of all the tribes of Israel went to David at Hebron to anoint him as their king, they said, "Yahweh promised, "You are to shepherd my people Israel and be leader of Israel" (2 Sam 5:1-3). We have the prophets again and again referring to the leaders of Israel's shepherds; they also refer to God as the true shepherd of the people.

So the image of the shepherd has been there in the long tradition of Israel. And Jesus just takes on this image. But what makes Jesus' image of the shepherd unique and special? It is the following scripture verse makes unique and special. "The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep" (Jn 10:11). Shepherd is ready to lay down his life for his sheep. God is ready to lay down his life for the sake of mere humans like us!

Imagine that someone of you loves cockroaches, those wretched creatures that are a nuisance in the kitchen. You really pity how wretched they are and you want to help them out. And let's say, you have the power to become a cockroach. So you become a cockroach and you live among them. You eat like them, you talk like them, you walk like them... and you start guiding them. You start showing them how they can live their lives fully. But alas, one day these cockroaches get tired of you, they turn against you, and they kill you!

This is exactly what happened to God in the person of Jesus: He became one of us, and he was killed! So when Jesus tells us, I am ready to lay down my life for the sheep, it is so consoling to know that God loves us so passionately. May the experience of the love of the God become a reality for us, especially during this Eastertide!

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	Envelope Collection	Special Collections
\$	\$	\$

*Web address: [www.saintlukebv.org](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

### For the faithful departed we pray:

Carol Olson, Frances Knopps, Wes Tuttle, Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton

### 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

### Parish Rosary

Parish Rosary will take place on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Elmwood

### Father Amir's Vacation

Father Amir has been approved to go home to see his family in India from May 3- June 3. In his absence, Father Paul Hoffman will be saying Masses on Sundays at our three parishes.

**There will be NO WEEKDAY Masses while Father Amir is gone.**

### BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

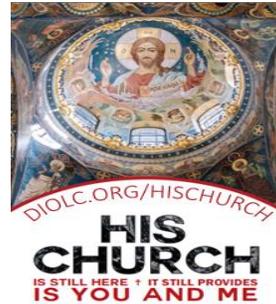
**Joining Our Parish:** If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@svecatholic.org).



### Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

21 families participating  
**THANK YOU**

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

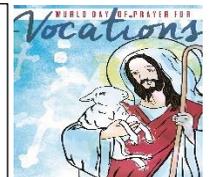


**Congratulations** to Peter Hughes and George and Edward Kyser who will receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at Mass today. May these children always hold Jesus in their hearts and may their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily.



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](http://optionsmenomonie.com/volunteer)

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



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.

*April 24-25, 2021*