

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 26 - Third Sunday of Easter
+Doris Squillace
Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Thurs. April 30 - +Dean & Alice Adams
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Sunday May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Parishioners of St Luke's

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

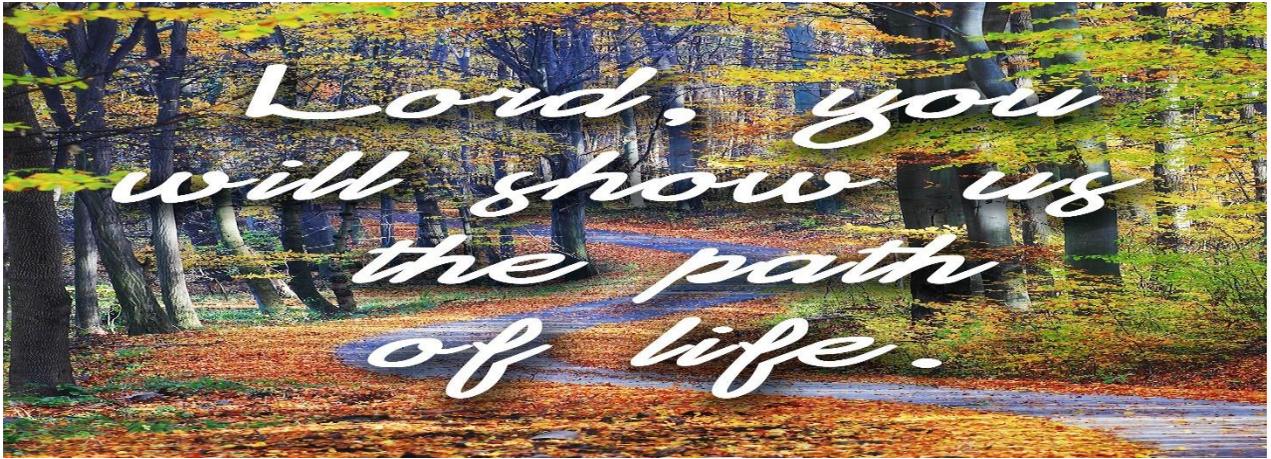
Sacred Heart-St Luke's is now on Facebook! Father Amir will be celebrating Masses, Tuesday – Sunday at 10 a.m., and you can watch them LIVE or at your convenience on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/springvalley.elmwood.5>

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.

New Mass Time: When things return to “normal” St Luke's will have a different Mass time. Our Mass time will move to 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Please mark your calendars with this upcoming change.

Options for Women of Menomonie, like every charity and religious organization, it experiencing difficulty in maintaining its operating budget. They are asking that you prayerfully consider making a donation at this time to enable them to serve their clients, both born and unborn. They have recently moved to a new facility and donations can be mailed to them at: 544 Broadway Street South, Suite 404, Menomonie, WI 54751

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



PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Church enjoins us to continue to be joyful. This is because, Christ has not only ransomed us with his precious blood. Also, he continues to be with us through the scriptures (liturgy of the word), and in the breaking of bread (liturgy of the Eucharist), the core of the Holy Mass.

In the first reading of this Sunday, after the Pentecostal experience, Peter continues to bear witness to the risen and glorified Christ. He argues that, since it was impossible for Christ to be held captive by death, so it is equally impossible for us, whom Christ has ransomed with his precious blood to remain captives. This is because, we share in Christ's new life.

In the second reading, Peter calls us to live a life that is worthy of our new state through the resurrection of Christ. In other words, if God is truly our father, we must try to live holy lives, because: *"Those who call upon the name of the Lord, must depart from iniquity"* (II Tim 2, 19). It is a life of witness, and one that shows that Christ truly alive in us.

Today's gospel draws our attention to very important aspects of our Christian life. That is, the liturgy of the Word, and that of the Body and Blood of Christ (The Holy Eucharist). It is important to note the sequence of activities on this journey to Emmaus. First, Christ illuminated the minds of his disciples with scriptures (liturgy of the Word): *"Then starting with Moses..., he explained to them the passages through the scriptures about himself."*

Second, Christ celebrated the liturgy of his own body and blood (the Eucharist) with them: *"While he was still with them at table, he took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke it, and gave it to them."* Afterwards, something very important happened: *"...Their eyes opened, and they recognized him..."* It is important to note that, it was only after these two important celebrations, that these disciples recognized Christ their master.

The celebration of the Eucharist with his disciples, underscores the importance of Christ's injunction: *"Do this in memory of me."* Indeed, he has ransomed and given us new life through his paschal mystery. Yet, in order to sustain and nourish this new life, He left us himself in these two important liturgies of the Holy Mass (Word and Eucharist). Hence, the saying: *"Liturgy is Life!"* This means that, if we forget these liturgies celebrated by Christ himself, we forget our new life in him.

Christ did this today to remind us that each time we celebrate these liturgies worthily, He opens our eyes, in order to recognize his divine presence with us. Through the breaking of bread in memory of Him, He nourishes our life, and makes it new every day.

Therefore, at Mass, we recognize Christ every day, and renew our life in Him. This is because, Christ at Mass, offers himself again, as a precious ransom for the renewal of our own life. Therefore, let us ask the Christ to always open the eyes of our minds, so that we may recognize Him during every Eucharistic celebration. *Alleluia, the risen Christ is with us!*

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

"With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight" ~Luke 24:31

April 25-26, 2020