

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## TODAY:

Sunday Apr 28

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. \*Tom & Judy Humpal  
In Honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## DAILY MASS

Thurs May 2

8:30 a.m. – +Jack Lampman  
Requested by Brenda Tousignant

## NEXT WEEK:

Sunday May 5

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 a.m. +Jack Lampman  
Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal  
+ Rest in Peace \* Holy Mass of the Living

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

## ADORATION

Monday 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 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 April 21, 2019**

*"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)*

Adult Envelopes \$ 1,645.00

Loose Collection \$ 156.06

## **Ministries:**

**Ushers for April:** Jerry Smith & Joe Pieters

**Lector:** April 28 – Joe Pieters May 5 – Karen Hansen

**Eucharistic Ministers:** April 28 – V. Kujawa, B. Laluya, G. Williams  
May 5 – J. Fisher, K. Adams, J. Humpal

## **ST LUKE NEWS:**

**Please return your "filled" baby bottle** within the next week or two. The money will be returned to Options for Women in Menomonie.

**Knights of Columbus News:** The annual Knights Tootsie Roll sale starts on TODAY!

There will be a second collection on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (Low Sunday) taken up by the Altar Society for the Annual La Crosse Council of Catholic Women. The funds are used to help our Parish, Deanery and Diocese. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

**St Joan of Arc Circle** will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Downing Café. The monthly bible study will be an overall review of the book "Understanding the Mass".

**St Joan of Arc Circle** would like to *thank* everyone for participating in the Lenten Soup Meal which followed Stations of the Cross during Lent. Also, on the back table, there are two books available for any parishioner to borrow, Welcome to Our Church and Your Guide for the Mass. These books are designed for a visiting non-Catholic, but would be appropriate for anyone seeking greater understanding about the church.

**First Communion is Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please pray for Jillian Boesl, daughter of Joey & Jess Boesl and Owen Williams son of Charles & Michele Williams as they prepare to receive the Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. May these children hold Jesus close in their hearts.

**Mother's Day Roses** will be sold after Mass on Sunday, May 12. All proceeds go to Right to Life

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side and do not be unbelieving, but believe". ~Jn20:27

### PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

On Easter Vigil Jason Afdahl received the Holy Communion. This week and the next week our children in Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville are going to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

You might have heard of Napoleon Bonaparte the French emperor who conquered most countries of Europe and wished to conquer the whole world. Somebody asked him a question, "What is the most important day in your life?" They expected answers like the day of his coronation as emperor, the day of his royal wedding, the day of his famous victories. But he said, "The most important and the most memorable day of my life is my First Communion Day." For each one of us this day should remain as the happiest and most memorable day of us life.

Over a hundred years ago, a little girl in northern France made her first communion. She had prepared for it; she had looked forward to it with excitement. And the day finally came. This is how she described the first time she received Jesus. "I felt that I was loved, and I said to Jesus, 'I love you and I give myself to you forever...'" "It was a fusion: Jesus and I were no longer two, I had vanished in him as a drop of water vanishes in the ocean. Jesus alone remained." She ended her description of her first communion by recalling the joy she felt that day – and the joy she experienced every time she received Christ in the Eucharist.

Today that little girl is one of the most famous saints in the Catholic Church – St Therese of Lisieux. She illustrates that joy flows from the certainty of being infinitely loved by God. And every time we receive the Eucharist we receive a living reminder of God's love for us. We too can say: "I know that I am loved. And that certainty brings a joy that nothing can take away, because I am safe in the hands of Jesus."

Jesus comes to our hearts in the form of consecrated bread and wine. Do you see Jesus in the bread and wine? No. Can you taste Jesus or touch Jesus or smell Jesus in the Holy Eucharist we receive? No. Then why do you believe that you are receiving Jesus in Holy Communion? It is because Jesus said that he would be there in the consecrated bread and wine. Nothing is impossible for God. So Jesus is really present in the consecrated host and wine. Ever since his resurrection on Easter Sunday Jesus has a glorified body. In Holy Communion we are receiving that glorified body of Jesus. That is why we cannot see or touch or taste Jesus' human body and blood when we receive Holy Communion.

I would like to thank everyone who prepared these boys and girls to receive their first Holy Communion and remind the parents of these children that it is how you live and how you practice your faith in the family that is going to influence your children. Hence continue to train them in Christian faith and its practice, not by advice but by exemplary Christian lives. God bless you.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

### **OTHER NEWS:**

**Tri-parish Pastoral council** will meet **on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7p.m. in Spring Valley. Please inform the Parish office if you are unable to attend.

*Levi Schmitt's Ordination* to the Diaconate (Transitional) for the Diocese of La Crosse is Saturday May 4, 2019. For more information about traveling to La Crosse to join in the celebration, please contact the Central Office at 715-778-5519

*Father Amir* leaves, Sunday May 5, on his vacation to visit his family in India. He will be gone through June 6<sup>th</sup>. During his absence, May 9 – June 6, there will be no daily Mass.

**Thanks to all the parishioners** who participated in the bailing of aluminum cans last summer; 1860 pounds of cans were hauled to the recycling plant in Eau Claire this past week producing \$874.00 for Our Lady of Fatima School in India. We know how appreciative Fr. Victor is of all our efforts. Thank you for all the donated aluminum cans and the work! If you didn't attend last summer's work crew, please plan to join us this year. God Bless!

Please pray for: **For healing of body, mind and soul of Jayme Closs, Debbie McNamara – Cancer, Kaylani Smith – surgery recovery, Shanna Krueger - cancer, Gloria Pieters – health issues**  
**The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center, Menomonie and the Baby Bottle Campaign**

April 27 – 28, 2019