

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:

Saturday April 4 - +John Knops
Requested by Judy Knops

Thurs. April 9 - Holy Thursday
Parishioners of the Tri-Parish

Sunday April 12 Easter Sunday
Parishioners of the Tri-Parish

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday: Before Mass

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

St Luke News:

Prayer is our protection: In Isaiah 55:11 it states, “So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” To that end, let us all pray Psalm 91 daily to end the pestilence that stalks through our land, confident that God's word is powerful and can accomplish what is sent out to do.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord, “My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

God will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague, will shelter you with pinions, spread wings that you may take refuge; God's faithfulness is a protecting shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come.

You need simply watch; the punishment of the wicked you will see.

You have the Lord for your refuge; you have made the Most High your stronghold.

No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent.

For God commands angels to guard you in all your ways.

With their hands they shall bear you up lest your strike your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the asp and the viper, trample the lion and the dragon.

Whoever clings to me I will deliver; whoever knows my name I will set on high.

All who call upon me I will answer; I will be with them in distress; I will deliver them and give them honor.

With length of days I will satisfy them and show them my saving power.

Televised Mass Broadcast Schedule:

Eau Claire Channel 18 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday

La Crosse Channel 19 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Holy Week: Due to COVID-19 there will be NO Holy Week Services for parishioners to attend. Father Amir will be celebrating these Masses and you can watch them LIVE on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/springvalley.elmwood.5> Holy Thursday – 7 p.m. Good Friday – 1:30 p.m. Holy Saturday – 7 p.m. Easter Sunday – 10 a.m. Daily Masses can also be watched on Facebook Tuesday – Sunday at 10 a.m.

The Holy Triduum services can also be watched on **Cathedral Live Stream Schedule** available on diolc.org/live

PALM SUNDAY

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Matt 21:9

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

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We celebrate the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, the climactic point of his earthly ministry on Palm Sunday. Why this entry into Jerusalem? In the whole of the scripture, Jerusalem is pictured as a paradoxical center stage of Jewish life. This is because Jerusalem is regarded as the city of God (literally, city of righteousness). Jewish worship and religious rituals revolve around Jerusalem. It was not a place of favor for prophets of Israel because majority of them met their martyrdom in therein. Jesus' case was not different. He knew that Jerusalem was a point of no return for prophets yet he was determined to go there in order to fulfill his mission as the scripture has foretold and as he has predicted: "Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem." (Luke 13:33).

Jesus' determination to enter Jerusalem and face death without resistance was foretold in the first reading in the prophecy of Isaiah which reads, "I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting" (Is 50:6). The passage also described the Messiah as one who did not turn back or relented. It reads: "Therefore I have set my face like flint" (Is 50:7). St. Luke in the passion narrative refers Jesus as setting his face towards Jerusalem to complete his primary assignment—the salvation of man—in spite of distractions from the crowd, the authorities (Caiaphas, Pilate, Herod), and his own close friends—the apostles.

We all have our goals set by God for us to accomplish on earth which are strongly connected with our final goal, the heavenly Jerusalem. However, there are so many distractions, trials and tribulations, painful roads, true enemies and false friends that we have to battle with before we could reach our goals.

1. We are challenged by our different personal problems that might be hidden to the public. 2. The society that offers no hope for the future generation due to ineptitude of leaders (like Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod). 3. On the other side, we see media that is supposed to be vanguards of truth but now spreading false rumors and inciting violence. 4. The economy that is wobbling; poverty that is looming and diseases that threaten the world. 5. The legal systems that promote "the culture of death". 6. Sinful lifestyle that reduces the probability of reaching our spiritual destination. All this put together are great obstacles to the realization of our immediate/ earthly and remote/final goal.

Without being strong and firm like Jesus Christ we may fall on the roadside. But there is no one who claims to have successfully arrived who has not fallen severally. Jesus fell three times on the rocky road to Calvary but never remained on the ground. To fall is heroic, but to remain on the ground is cowardice. So, do not be afraid of falling, and do not be afraid of rising for our Lord's hands are ready to lift us up again if we are ready to continue the journey.

Christ did not die to remain in the grave forever. He died to rise again in glory. May God help us to overcome the distractions on our way so that we one day we shall meet him in the heavenly Jerusalem.

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

Blessed Palms are available in the church beginning Saturday April 4th.

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.

The Knights are still collecting non-perishable and canned goods for the West Cap food shelter during Lent. There is a collection basket at the back of church. Cash donations are also accepted.

April 4-5, 2020