

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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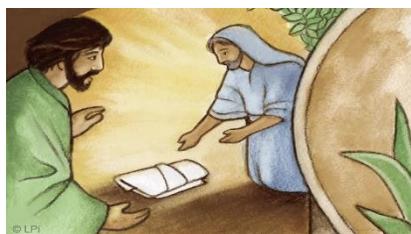
Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Apr 4 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday
 Parishioners of St Luke's

 Thurs Apr 8 10 a.m. +Loren Quam
 Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

 Sunday Apr 11 11 a.m. Divine Mercy Sunday
 +Steve Weitzel
 Requested by Frank Kowalczyk

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



“This is the day that the Lord
 has made; let us rejoice and be
 GLAD!”

Psalm 118

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Christians haste you vows to pay Alleluia! Today is the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar because of the newness of life that it brings. Today a new epoch has completely began. This is because the historical Jesus, who suffered, was crucified, died and was buried has now been glorified.

The short story is that Christ has risen in fulfillment of his promise: *“I will rise on the third day.”* The battle is over. There is no controversy because Jesus is Lord! Today, we celebrate the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness, and of peace over chaos. We celebrate hope, patience and the fulfillment of God’s Promise to his people. We also celebrate the uniqueness of our religion, the resurrection of our Lord. Through his resurrection, Jesus affirms that he is the Lord of the living and the dead.

One question that we must ask ourselves this Easter Sunday is: *Did I resurrect with Christ this Easter?* Today’s gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen cloths in the grave. In order words he did not cling to any “worldly” thing or allowed them to pull him down. If we must rise with Christ, we must equally be ready to detach ourselves from all unnecessary things that that pull us down spiritually. Through our Lenten observances we died with Christ. So let us rise with him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Like Paul, today our song should be that of thanksgiving to God: *“We bless God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who in his great mercy has given us a new birth...by raising Jesus Christ from the dead”*. This is because, Christ’s death was our death and his resurrection is ours too. Therefore, his joy, glory and triumph are equally ours.

As Christ’s disciples, our testimony from today shall be: *“I saw Christ’s glory as he rose...Christ my hope has risen...!”* Like the apostles, our duty is to spread the good news of the Lord’s resurrection to the entire world.

Having been raised with Christ, we must act like the living and not the dead. We must seek the things of light, things that are noble and things that glorify God. We must seek heavenly things by living like citizens of heaven rather than “earth bound spirits.” This is what Paul calls us to do today when he says: *“Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is...”*

In order words, we must live the type of life that is worthy of one who has risen and reigns with Christ. Let us therefore sing with the Psalmist on this glorious day of Easter: *“This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.” Alleluia!*

MAY THE RISEN LORD BLESS YOU ALL!

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

For the faithful departed we pray:

Frances Knopps, Wes Tuttle, Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton, Corrine Janicki, Rita Bodine

For the sick we pray:

Kaleb Humpal – Recovery from injury – carotid artery damage

Scott Anderson - Cancer

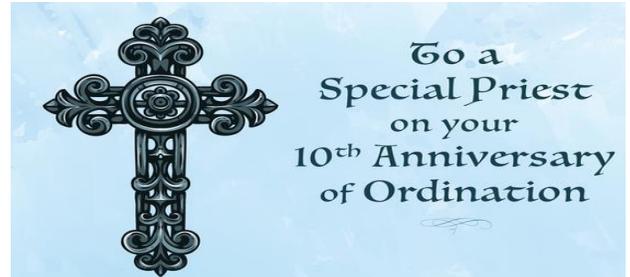
David Buck – Cancer

Options for Women

Quinn Miano – brother of Betty Jean Smith

Betty Jean Smith

Mason Mrdutt - Seizures



Congratulations to Father Amir on the 10th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, April 11th. May the Lord bless you as you continue your most holy ministry in our parishes.

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

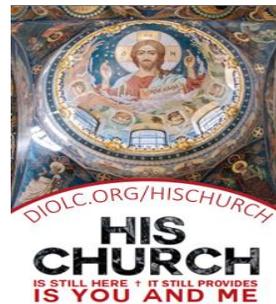
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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 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.

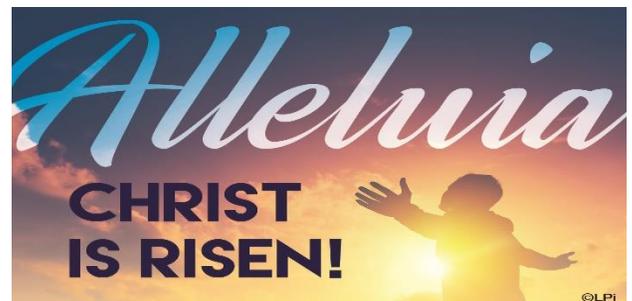
Becoming Catholic: If you are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to become Catholic, or are interested in becoming a Christian through baptism, contact Father Amir at pastor@svecatholic.org.



Diocesan Annual Appeal

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

21 families participating
THANK YOU



The Knight of Columbus will hold a bake sale TODAY, Easter Sunday, after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Please return your Casa Hogar Lenten Mission boxes back to church by next Sunday, April 11th. Thank you.

Wisconsin Bishops Speak Out Against "Equality Act" Wisconsin's Catholic bishops join with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in opposing the Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5). While all people must be treated with dignity and respect, efforts to prevent discrimination cannot foster inequality and intolerance of religion and people of faith. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution specifically protects free speech and the free exercise of faith, as both are essential for a free and open society.... To read more and to find out how you can make your voice heard against this dangerous legislation, visit votertvoice.net/USCCB/home.

PRO-LIFE "The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." *Dr. Mildred Jefferson*

Bishop Callahan is now allowing parishes to increase capacity to 50%. Keep in mind that the guidelines do recommend wearing a mask, maintain a safe social distance and continue sanitation procedures. With this change, we can allow up to 100 people in church. **Bishop Callahan still has in effect that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed.**

The ladies of the Altar Society will take up their annual collection next Sunday, please be generous.

THANK YOU to the sacristans who are so dedicated in their weekly duties. We especially thank Georgia, who goes the extra mile during the Easter season to help make our worship so much more beautiful.

April 3-4, 2021