

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: Sunday Apr 7	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 a.m. +Richard Laluya Requested by St Jessica Circle	
Thurs Apr 11	DAILY MASS SCHEDULE 8:30 a.m. +Diane Schmidt Requested by Dennis & Joyce Hill	
NEXT WEEK: Sunday Apr 14	SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 a.m. +Julie Hansen Requested by Tom & Karen McAndrew + 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

STEWARDSHIP for March 23 & 30, 2019	
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>	
Adult Envelopes \$ 660.00	Loose Collection \$ 57.00
\$ 211.00	\$ 20.00

Ministries:

Ushers for April: Jerry Smith & Joe Pieters

Lector: April 7 – Rita Zimmerman April 14 – Palm Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers: April 7 – J. Fisher, B. Laluya, S. Anderson

April 14 – G. Williams, BJ Smith, K. Adams

ST LUKE NEWS:

COFFEE & DONUTS after Mass today hosted by the Knights of Columbus. There will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to the Baby Bottle Campaign

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a First Degree exemplification ceremony. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, contact Tom Humpal or Paul Zimmerman for more information.

EASTER Flower donations -If you wish to donate towards Easter flowers to decorate the altar, there are lavender colored envelopes available on the back table.

During the *Lenten season*, **St Jessica Circle** will be **collecting paper towels, zip-lock bags, toilet paper, Kleenex, and personal care items** for the needy. Please consider helping us to repeatedly fill the tote at the back of Church with these items. Direct any questions to Barb Hellmann or Gloria Pieters.

St Luke’s Altar Society will be hosting the Spring Durand Deanery meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. All women of St Luke’s are welcome to attend.

Have you heard of the **Commodity Supplemental Program for Seniors**? If you are 60 or older, have a gross household income of \$1354 for 1 person or \$1832 for 2 persons, you could qualify for a free box of commodity foods each month. For information please call Melissa J Larson, Food Access and Resources Coordinator – West CAP at 715-977-1191. Also check the bulletin board for more information about household income qualifications.

Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore' ~John 8:11b

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

The Gospel this week tells us the story of the mercy of Jesus toward the woman caught in the act of adultery.

In Our Lord's time, three crimes in Israel were punishable by death — idolatry, murder and adultery. The book of Deuteronomy states it unambiguously — the punishment for adultery was death by stoning. At this time however, Israel is occupied by the Roman Empire, and the Romans gave the Jews no power to carry out the death sentence on anyone. Remember Good Friday? Only the Roman procurator Pontius Pilate could sentence Jesus to death, not the Jewish high priests. No one in Israel had been condemned to death by stoning for more than 500 years.

The Pharisees didn't really care about justice toward this woman. If they did, then where was the man caught in adultery with her? What the Pharisees really want is to trap Jesus. And here's the trap — if Jesus says, "Stone her to death," then he is in trouble with the Roman government. If Jesus says, "Let her go free," he negates the law of Moses.

So, Jesus does the last thing they ever imagined. He writes in the ground. It's the only time in the Bible in which Jesus ever wrote anything, and regretfully, it was in that most impermanent of all media — sand. Writing in the ground is a highly symbolic action. St. John wants the reader to know that Jesus is no ordinary man, but God himself. The only other time in which the Bible says God wrote something with his own finger was the Ten Commandments. Jesus now writes a new law — a law of mercy — meant to be inscribed in our own hearts.

Here we see Jesus as fully compassionate, but absolutely unyielding in principle. First comes compassion. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And one by one, the crowd walks away in silence. Next comes the unyielding principle. Notice, he does not say to the woman, "Go on your way now, you've done nothing wrong. Adultery is just fine with me." He says rather, "Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

We say that some behavior is "inappropriate" or "unacceptable," but how often do we tell those we love the clear difference between right and wrong?

Everyone in authority has this responsibility. It falls heavily on the shoulders of priests. Pray that your priests tell you the truth about Christ's message. It falls heavily on the shoulders of parents of all ages. Parents, if you don't have the courage to teach your children what's sinful and what's not, they will probably never learn the difference. The unconditional love of Jesus takes many forms, and so it must be with us. We must always love the sinner, but we must never forget to hate the sin. May God give us the grace to recognize the difference, and the courage to correct those we love.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: [For healing of body, mind and soul of Jayme Closs, Debbie McNamara – Cancer, Repose of the soul of Richard Laluya, For the health of Gloria Pieters](#)
[The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center, Menomonie and the Baby Bottle Campaign](#)

UPCOMING LENTEN SCHEDULES:

Stations of the Cross - Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. with a light soup supper to follow

Lenten Reconciliation Service to be held in Elmwood on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m.

April 6 - 7, 2019