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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 May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Parishioners of St Luke's

Thurs. May 14 - Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Parishioners of St Luke's

ADORATION: Monday 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:

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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

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Envelopes \$1,260.00 Loose \$260.00

Thanks so much!

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.

Spring Housecleaning Time! Now is the perfect time for the spring housecleaning to be accomplished here at St Luke's. There is a list of jobs which need to be tackled on the back table. Please help us get ready for the time when we can worship together again in a nice clean space. We ask that cleaning be done Tuesday – Saturdays since Monday is reserved for Adoration. Thanks so much!!

Options for Women of Menomonie, is hosting “Virtual Walk 4 Life 2020 – The Big Move” to raise awareness of their new downtown location and support for their life saving ministry. For more information about the event which will be held May 15 – 31, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-walk-4-life2020-the-big-move-tickets-103236033756>

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -

Readings for the week of May 10, 2020

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

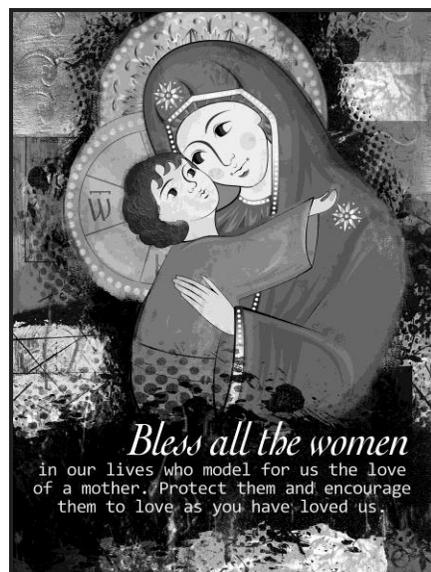
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21

Rural Life Blessings: As we come to the time of planting And the feast of St Isidore, patron of farmers (May15), The Diocese of La Crosse would like to share some prayers And blessings. Visit diolc.org/rural-life.



Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

~John 14:6

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Today we celebrate 5th Sunday of Easter. Today, in a special way, we are reminded of who we are: *“The chosen race and the royal priesthood, who would be and reign with Christ.*

In today’s first reading, the drama that unfolded led to the election of seven deacons in order to take care of the social needs of the believers. We can learn the following lessons from this reading. First, we must not neglect or take the social or material needs of our communities for granted. If left unattended, they could undermine the work of God.

Second, we must balance both our spiritual and material needs because both are important. Third, we must not forget who we are or neglect our primary calling. The mundane should not distract us from our mission and vocation as Peter rightly noted: *“It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food...we will hand over this duty and devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word of God.”*

If we pay too much attention to material needs, the spiritual will certainly suffer. We cannot do everything by ourselves. We must let others to play their role by helping us. Finally, we must be wise and prayerful in selecting ministers for God’s mission. They must be *“men of good reputation, filled with the Holy Spirit and with wisdom.”*

In the second reading, Peter reminds us of who we truly are: *“A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises if God...”* Here, Peter highlights our participation in the priesthood of Christ through the *“common or general priesthood.”* This is certainly by virtue of our baptism (CCC1268). Baptism configures us to become “priests.”

Thus, in this pastoral letter, Peter highlights the efficacy of the “Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) on us as believers. Through this, he reminds us of our priestly and royal heritage. He equally calls us to live it out in a manner that is proper. In other words, if we set ourselves close to Christ our chief priest, we shall live up to his expectation.

In today’s gospel, Jesus assures us of a place in his kingdom: *“Let not your hearts be troubled...there are many rooms in my father’s house...so that where I am you may be too.”* This is a clear indication that by virtue of baptism we are truly children of God. This is why he considers us worthy of being where he is going to be.

Unfortunately, many of us do not know who we are, or believe that there is a beautiful place being prepared for us by Christ. This is also the reason many of us cannot maximize our priestly and royal potentials. As priests and people of royal decent, we must assert ourselves positively. It takes faith to do this.

Therefore, let us ask God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to help us live as members of the royal priesthood. Also, during this this glorious and gracious season of Easter, let us: *“Rejoice in the Lord” for what God has done for us. Alleluia, alleluia!*

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, 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. Tom McAndrew – recovery from a stroke. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

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