

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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<b>TODAY:</b> Sunday May 12	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8:30 a.m. +Diane Schmidt Requested by Dennis & Joyce Hill
	<b>DAILY MASS</b> Thurs May 16 8:30 a.m. No Daily Mass
<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> Sunday May 19	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's  + Rest in Peace * Holy Mass of the Living

## CONFESSIONS:

Sunday 7:45 p.m. – 8:15 a.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 May 5, 2019**

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 1,355.00      Loose Collection \$ 47.00

## Ministries:

**Ushers for May:** Vince Kujawa & Paul Zimmerman

**Lector:** May 12 – Dennis Hill    May 19 – Joe Adams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** May 12 – G. Williams, K. Hansen, BJ Smith  
May 19 – S. Anderson, K. Adams, J. Fisher

## ST LUKE NEWS:

### Happy Mother's Day

Father, Bless all the women in our lives who model for us the love of a mother. Protect them and encourage them to love as you have loved us. Amen

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

**Father Amir** is on vacation during the month of May. He will be gone through June 6<sup>th</sup>. During his absence, May 6 – June 6, there will be NO daily Mass.

**St Jessica Circle** would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Lenten health and beauty aids collection. We were thrilled to be able to deliver 18 pounds of valuable items to Stepping Stones. God Bless all of you!

**Annual Appeal Update:** We have reached our target amount of \$6,990. Thank you to all who donated toward this collection. Any monies donated above the target amount will be returned to the parish.

## OTHER NEWS:

*Congratulations to Levi Schmitt's* who was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday May 4, 2019. You may mail a card of congratulations to Levi at: Levi Schmitt, W1465 890<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spring Valley, WI 54767

The Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Options for Women has, to date, collected in excess of \$700 from the generous parishioners of St Luke's. Thank you for your generosity.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish".

~Jn 27 - 28b

### PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

This week we celebrate Mother's Day. This is one of the most beautiful days of the year. Let us consider for a moment the thoughts of two great men about the role their mothers played in their lives.

George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her."

Abraham Lincoln spoke similar words when he said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

Motherhood is a very high calling. What relationship can ever replace the love of a mother and a grandmother? It is essential for women to realize that the love, guidance and influence they provide to their children are distinct and invaluable.

There is no doubt that motherhood is a very high calling. But, to whom can mothers look as the real model of motherhood? Today's modern culture offers many role models through television, movies and women's magazines. However, often these role models are either all together wrong or they offer a very limited and unrealistic view of true motherhood.

All mothers who wish to be true to their high calling need only look to the woman who became the greatest mother of all. Born into humble surroundings, she was called by God to be the mother of the Son of God. She affirmed her obedience to the call of God and lived out her vocation throughout her entire life. Mary, the mother of Jesus, our Blessed Mother, is the true model of motherhood.

One aspect of Mary's life that has particular meaning and inspiration for many mothers today is the profound suffering that she endured during the passion of Our Lord. Mary stood at the foot of the cross.

Divorce, separation, single moms, widows, mothers forced to work out of necessity, grandmothers raising grandchildren, prodigal children and prodigal grandchildren, are realities that cause deep, daily suffering for many women. Added to all of these sufferings, is the pain endured by many married women who would like to be mothers.

All mothers and grandmothers need to find in Mary, our Blessed Mother, the faith, hope, love and fortitude to stand firm at the foot of the cross. All suffering has power when we unite our suffering to the cross of Jesus. Take your suffering, united to the suffering of Jesus, and offer that suffering for your children and grandchildren.

To be a true mother today is certainly very challenging indeed. However, our yearly celebration of Mother's Day should motivate all mothers to understand the importance of their call by God to motherhood.

My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will renew the hearts of all mothers so that they can live out their calling to motherhood with a deeper and more generous love within the daily circumstances of their lives.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

Please pray for: [For healing of body, mind and soul of Jayme Closs](#), Kaylani Smith – recovery from surgery, Shanna Krueger - cancer, Gloria Pieters – health issues, Karen Mc Andrew - health, Shirley Humpal - health, Marge Sykora – eye issues [The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center, Menomonie and the Baby Bottle Campaign](#)

May 11 - 12, 2019