

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday May 16 11 a.m. The Ascension of the Lord
+Frances Knopps
Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Thurs May 20 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday May 23 11 a.m. Pentecost
Parishioners of St Luke's

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



“Consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth.”

John 17:17

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is one of the great solemnities. It occurs on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which always falls on a Thursday, and often passes unnoticed by the majority of Christians. So, many churches move the Ascension Day to the following Sunday to ensure more people participate in the celebration.

The Ascension is not a farewell feast; it does not lament the absence of Jesus. Rather it celebrates the new way Christ became present to his people through the gift of his Spirit. For sure, Christ went away from us so that we no longer experience his physical presence but he is closer to us now than he ever was before. When Jesus was on earth he was limited like us in space and time. This is no longer true of him. He is, so to speak, out and about. He is present to us in an equally powerful but different manner. We can turn to him in any place, in any situation knowing he is there for us. It is important to realize that the apostles and disciples never regretted the departure of Jesus after his Resurrection and Ascension.

In first reading today, we heard: ‘you will be my witnesses ...even to the ends of the earth’. And Jesus also warned his disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high, the promise of the Father. It is as if Jesus were saying to the disciples: ‘please don’t claim to be working on my behalf as my witnesses unless you wait for, receive and live out of the power of the Spirit. If not, you will fail’.

We must not look up to heaven lamenting the absence of the Lord like the disciples did in the first reading today. We must face here on earth what God asks us to do and keep our feet firmly on the ground. We must set out to bring his gospel, his Good News to the ends of the earth. This is why any attempt to keep Christians in an attitude of dependency and immaturity without real responsibilities and voice in the Church is contrary to the meaning of the feast we are celebrating today. The Second Vatican Council strongly emphasized this.

St. Paul tells us there is a variety of gifts that is a variety of ways of being Church, be it as laity, priests or religious. No one group is called to dominate the others since we are all brothers and sisters of our one heavenly Father who uses each of us in different ways. If we want to compete with each other let it be in the area of service to the poor, forgiveness of our enemies, love of all.

“Lord Jesus, we believe that you have ascended to be with your Father and that the real meaning of today’s feast is that each of us has been given adult status in your Church to be your witnesses throughout the world. Give us your powerful Holy Spirit to enable us to be effective witnesses of your loving concern for all”.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

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
\$ 315.00

Envelope Collection
\$ 960.00

Special Collections
\$ 182.00 Rose Sale for RTL

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

For the faithful departed we pray:

Carol Olson, Frances Knopps, Wes Tuttle, Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton

For the sick we pray:

Kaleb Humpal – Recovery- carotid artery damage
Marge Sykora – Recovery from pneumonia
Nate Pieters – Covid related pneumonia
Scott Anderson - Cancer
David Buck – Cancer
Options for Women
Quinn Miano – brother of Betty Jean Smith
Betty Jean Smith
Mason Mrdutt - Seizures



May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother during May is to pray a decade of the Rosary each day as a family.

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

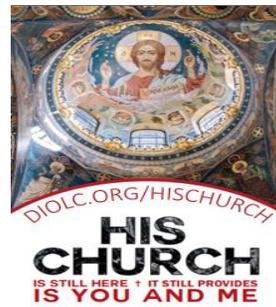
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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 \$5,415
Unpledged \$1,405

22 families participating
THANK YOU

The Annual Appeal ends June 30, 2021. Donations must be received by the Diocese by that date for our church to receive credit. Thanks to all who have contributed to this worthy cause.



NEEDED: Adoration partner for the NOON to 1 p.m. hour on Mondays. Contact Paul or Rita for more details 715-643-2211



Congratulations Graduates! We at St Luke's would like to congratulate Jensine Boesl on her accomplishment. May your life continue to be a reflection of God's love, joy and peace shining brightly through you!

Mother's Day Rose Sale Thank you to all who participated! \$182 was collected for Right to Life. What a great statement of faith for the unborn!!



Question: What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

May 15-16, 2021