

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

Thurs. May 21 - Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday May 24 Ascension of the Lord  
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

*Thanks so much for your faithfulness*

**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>

**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!!

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS *Calculating Love*

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -

### Readings for the week of May 17, 2020

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28



*"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth"  
~John 14:16-17a*

## **PASTORAL REFLECTION**

**Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,**

We celebrate the sixth Sunday of Easter. As we approach the feast of Pentecost, the Church invites us to celebrate the coming of Holy Spirit, the Advocate. She calls us to celebrate the Spirit of truth who strengthens us in the proclamation of the good news.

Our first reading is a continuation of the frantic efforts the disciples of Christ are making in order to bear testimony to the risen Lord. Through their efforts, the Samaritans received their Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. On this day, Peter performed his episcopal function by laying hands upon the new converts.

Since Philip baptized these new converts, why did he not confirm them? Why was it necessary for Peter and John to travel that long distance, in order to lay hands on, (or confirm) the new converts already baptized by Philip? An understanding of our Catholic Catechism is very important here.

What Philip did by inviting Peter (the chief Shepherd of the Apostles), was absolutely in line with the Church's teaching on Confirmation: *"The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the bishop. If the need arises, He may grant the faculty to priests, although, it is fitting that he confers it himself mindful that the celebration of Confirmation has been temporarily separated from baptism for this reason. Bishops are the successors of the apostles"* (CCC 1313).

The Samaritans needed the Holy Spirit as much as we do today because, it is the Holy Spirit that strengthens and makes one a true soldier of Christ (CCC1303-4). He helps us to bear witness to the truth without fear: *"You have not received the Spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of sonship. The Spirit bears witness that we are God's Children"* (Rom 8, 15-16). It is this same Spirit that resurrected Christ, which gives life to our mortal body (Rom 8: 11). As the principal agent of evangelization, He confirms the truth we preach.

In the second reading, Peter encouraged us to have reverence for Christ. Also, he admonished us to treat with respect even those who despise the gospel we preach. Hence, he reminds us of the animating power of the Holy Spirit even in the life of Christ: *"In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life."* It is the same spirit that raised Jesus that sustains us in the truth. This means that once the Spirit of God comes upon us, we become active for Christ, because: *"What gives life is the spirit of God"* (John 6, 63).

In today's gospel, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. However, He gives a condition for receiving the Advocate: *"If you love me you will keep my commandments."* When we do this, he adds: *"I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that spirit of truth...I will not leave you orphans."*

What is this commandment that we must keep in order to receive the Spirit of truth? It is: *"Go into the whole world and preach the good news to all creation"* (Mk 16: 15). It is also, a command to love both God, and our neighbor (Luke 10, 25-27). When we do these, we are certainly preaching the good news of truth. So, let us pray: Come, O Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth, 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

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother during May is pray a decade of the Rosary each day as a family. A downloadable prayer card is available at [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper).



*May 16-17, 2020*