

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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TODAY: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Sunday May 19 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

DAILY MASS
Thurs May 23 8:30 a.m. No Daily Mass

NEXT WEEK: **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Sunday May 26 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

STEWARDSHIP for May 12, 2019

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 726.00 Loose Collection \$ 154.00

Ministries:

Ushers for May: Vince Kujawa & Paul Zimmerman

Lector: May 19 – Joe Adams May 26 – Joe Pieters

Eucharistic Ministers: May 19 – S. Anderson, K. Adams, J. Fisher
May 26 – J. Smith, BJ Smith, B. Laluya

ST LUKE NEWS:

May Potluck: On Sunday, May 26th there will be a potluck after 8:30 a.m. Mass. At that time we will also honor all high school graduates. Please plan to attend

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

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.

The Weekend Meal Program will pack backpacks on Wednesday, May 22 at 1 p.m. at the West Cap building on Main Street. Parking is available on side streets during road construction.

OTHER NEWS:

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.

Summer Retreat for Single Catholics: Join like-minded single Catholics, from all over the country, at an upcoming retreat near Chicago, IL, July 26-28th. Fr. Thomas Loya and Jim Martini will be presenting "Remaining Relational in an Unrelational World" For details and to register visit www.JPIIevents.com or call 512-766-5798

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you should also love one another".

~Jn 13:34

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

. Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

One Sunday in a Mass specially celebrated for married couples a priest preached about marriage. At the end of the Mass, he was giving out small wooden crosses to each married couple. He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you quarrel the most and you will be reminded of Jesus' new commandment "love one another" and you won't argue much." One woman came up and said: "Father, you had better give me ten crosses."

No number of crosses on the walls of our homes or around our necks will make us Christians unless we practice Jesus' commandment of love which is of course so very hard to follow. All of us struggle to put into practice this great teaching of Jesus. Today's readings remind us that as suffering and death on the cross was the necessary prelude to Jesus' exaltation and enthronement in heaven and so are our hardships to inherit true peace and joy in life here on earth and in heaven. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that two of the apostles, Paul and Barnabas, returned to Antioch to strengthen the believers and to encourage them to persevere in faith. In his letter to the Romans (8:35) Saint Paul emphasizes the apostles' commitment and faithfulness to Christ. He says, "Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ - hardships, distress, persecution, lack of food and clothing, threats or violence; as scripture says: For your sake we are being massacred all day long, treated as sheep to be slaughtered?" The exhortation is a reminder to all Christians. Can you and I, courageously and willingly, go back to the palace where we have been shamed, rejected, humiliated, defamed and beaten? Can we love someone who has offended us? Can we bear the suffering for the sake of Christ? Each of us, at some time or other, experience and will experience suffering and hardships for our belief in the Lord Jesus but we are called upon not be cowed by them.

In today's gospel we hear Jesus's commandment. He commands us, first, "*to love one another as He loves us*", and second "*to love in such a way that others are able to identify or recognize that we are his disciples.*" How can we love others as Jesus loves? There are several things which Jesus has given us as example, things that apply to our own everyday lives. Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, our Savior, the sinless, truly divine but he is also truly human. He shows compassion for the sick. He cares for the poor. He feeds the hungry. He is kind to sinners. He comforts the afflicted. He forgives those who are cruel to him. These are a few examples from scripture which we all can follow and obey, so we can love others really like Jesus loves. But we may not be able to love perfectly as Jesus does. To love like Jesus loves, we must place others above ourselves and to daily empty ourselves and emulate the one who did so unconditionally, wholesomely and successfully and it is not easy. Even though we strive to be like Jesus, sometimes we fail. However, we can always rededicate our life to Christ by truly repenting for our sins and by honestly making sacrifices in reparation for them.

As Saint Paul says in Galatians (5:22-23) we will reap the benefits of stronger "*faith, peace, joy, love, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control and eternal life.*" The more we sow in the Spirit, the more we will reap spiritual things.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,
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](#), [Amber McDonald Carlsrud – colon cancer](#)
[The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center, Menomonie](#)

May 18 - 19, 2019