

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday May 2 11 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Easter
+Pat & Richard Dean
Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

Thurs May 6 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday May 9 11 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Easter
+Shawn Berg
Requested by Terry Mohn

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



*"I am the vine, and my Father
Is the grower."*

John 15:1a

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, the church reminds us that Christ is the true vine, and we are his branches. As branches crafted on the true vine, we are expected to bear positive and good fruits in Christ.

In today's first reading, one remarkable thing we see about Paul is that after his dramatic conversion his life changed completely. Immediately, he was transformed from Saul the persecutor, to Paul the preacher of the good news. He wasted no time in bearing fruit in Christ. This is because, his conversion was true and genuine.

The consequence of his true conversion and believe in Jesus Christ was a great harvest of souls which continues till today. He bore good fruits because he was a *"deeply crafted and rooted branch"* in Christ, the true vine. Paul bore abundant and lasting fruit through his works and charitable deeds.

In the Second reading, John reminds us that: *"...our love is not to be just word or mere talk, but something real and active. Only through this can we can be certain that we are the children of truth..."* John seems to remind us of the saying that: "Action speaks louder than words."

He also reminds us that: *Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.*" This simply means first, that the only way we can bear such fruit is by taking God's commandment seriously. Second, what proves that we are really in Christ is our ability to keep his commandments. It is also our concrete expression of love for him and for others.

Today's gospel is a call to strengthen our relationship with Christ in order to continue to live in Him. The type of relationship that should exist between us and Christ is illustrated using what is natural to us. That is, the relationship between a vine and its branches.

No branch can have life or bear fruit on its own, unless it is firmly attached to a tree. Likewise, in our spiritual life and journey as Christians, we cannot do without being firmly attached to Christ the vine, in whose name we were baptized. We are created, and called to remain in Christ for a purpose, and this purpose is, to bear durable fruits in him.

So, instead of a passive life, to be in Christ means to live an active and positive life characterized by charity, peace, holiness, pure reverence and love for God, and for our neighbors. In other words, it is possible to bear good fruits in Christ through a good and virtuous life.

Finally, when like Paul, we believe in the name of Jesus Christ, God lives in us, and we live in him. We become branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ. Then with the psalmist, we can confidently sing: *"You, Lord are my praise in the great assembly."* Alleluia!

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	Envelope Collection	Special Collections
\$	\$	\$

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
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



BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

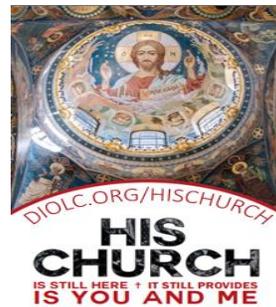
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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	\$5,275
Unpledged	\$1,545

21 families participating
THANK YOU



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

Father Amir's visit back home has been postponed, because India is currently fighting a devastating second wave of Covid-19. We pray that he will be able to travel and see his family very soon.



God is growing Option for Women Menomonie, our local pregnancy resource center and with that is a growing need for additional workers. Presently needed are board members, client advocates, and volunteers to do administrative tasks. Prayerfully consider and then apply at optionsmenomonie.com/volunteer

May is the Month of the Rosary. This May, the St Michael the Archangel Organization is encouraging a "One Million Rosaries Event" for unborn babies the weekend of May 7 - May 9. We are asked to say one Rosary each day.

Have you heard of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program for seniors?

If you are 60 or older and have a gross household income of \$1396 for one person or \$1888 for two person you may qualify. Contact Randy Dean at 715-977-1167 for more information.

May 1-2, 2021