

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs May 27 10 a.m. +Jim Hooyman
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

Sunday May 30 11 a.m. The Most Holy Trinity
Parishioners of St Luke's

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



*“When the Advocate comes whom
I will send you from the Father...
He will testify to me.” John 15:26 ac*

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birthday of the Church – the universal church and also we celebrate the presence of the Spirit in this believing community. In some countries this day is celebrated as the feast of the laity. It is the feast of every believer. The liturgy of the Word on this day suggests the theme of unity of the Church.

One of the works of the Holy Spirit is to bring people together. In the final discourse of Jesus during the last supper, He prayed: “Father that they may be one” (Jn 17:21-22). That prayer of Jesus is realized today in our believing community by the presence of the Holy Spirit even through our own cooperation.

In the Acts of the Apostle, we hear that one of the first signs of the descent of the Holy Spirit was that the Christian message, the Gospel – the Good News – was proclaimed in different languages. The same message in different languages! And people of different backgrounds – Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea... heard the message in their own native language. They were brought together under the umbrella of the one experience of the Risen Lord. This is the miracle of the Holy Spirit!

Unity, however, does not mean uniformity. If we are Catholics it does not mean we need to become Romans and we need to pray in Latin. No far from it! We need to learn from history. The exaggeration of the role of Rome is what led to the Reformations in Europe! But how will we express unity in diversity? How will we celebrate our differences?

The Church in Corinth faced a similar question, hardly 25 years after the first Pentecost. Being a port city it was truly a metropolitan. The Church there had its difficulties and differences. Therefore, Paul would write to them (1Cor 12:3-6): “Nobody is able to say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit. There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all.”

Of course, he will also talk about ordering and discernment of the gifts of the Spirit (1Cor 12: 27-31). Later in Chapter 13, St Paul would speak of love as the highest and the best gift of the Holy Spirit. On this important day, then, we want to allow the Spirit to work in us. In His own way! That we may be one! Let the Eucharistic celebration mediate an experience of the Spirit of the Risen Lord for each one of us.

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

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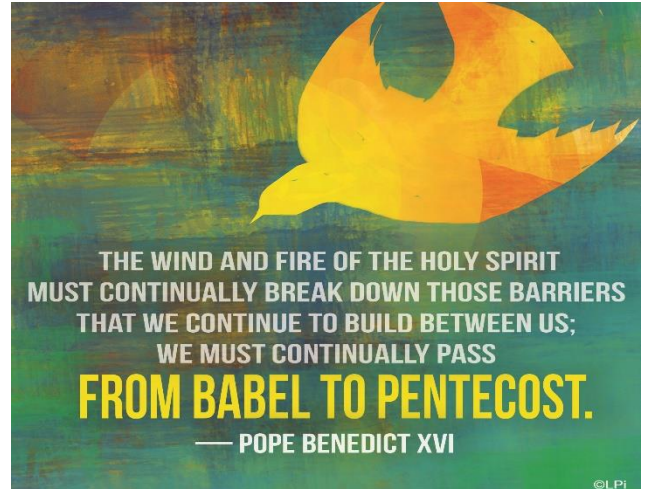
Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

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
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.

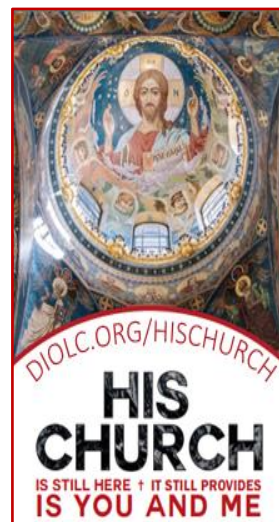
Caring for the Sick: If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call 715-598-4877 or email Father Amir at pastor@svecatholic.org to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

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.



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



Diocesan Annual Appeal

Target Amount \$6,820

Amount pledged \$5,415

Unpledged \$1,405

THANK YOU to the 22 families that have participated in this year's Appeal. Payments for the 2020-2021 Appeal must be postmarked by June 30th for St Luke's to receive credit in this Appeal cycle. We appreciate your support.

Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration

There will be a special Mass with Bishop Callahan held via live-stream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 11 from the Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 50th anniversary in 2021, please contact the Parish office, so that your names can be submitted to the Diocese.

Domestic Church Married Couples Retreat begins on Friday, June 4th at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 6th. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen a couple's spousal union and lead them to experience harmony and joy in their marriage through dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. The retreat will be held at Notre Dame Parish - Goldsmith Education Center 117 Allen St. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 To request scholarship assistance, please send email to heinzenalice@gmail.com or register at diolc.org/marriage/domestic-retreat-2021-registration/

THANKS TO ALL who offered prayers and those who sent cards during my recent illness and recovery

Marge Sykora

THE
Power OF
Pentecost

May 23-23, 2021