

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 24 -	Ascension of the Lord Parishioners of St Luke's
Thurs. May 28 -	Parishioners of St Luke's
Sunday May 31	Pentecost Parishioners of St Luke's

ADORATION: Monday 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:

Contact Father Amir at 715-598-4877

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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

May 15, 2020

Envelopes \$1935.00 Loose \$100.00

Thanks so much for your faithfulness

NO ADORATION ON MEMORIAL DAY. Adoration resumes on June 1st.

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. Amen.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

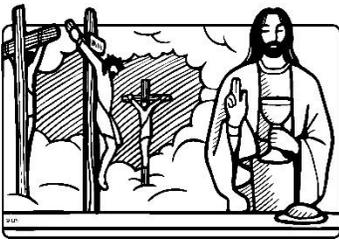
Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Last week we received guidelines from the Diocese of La Crosse for beginning the public celebration of Masses. The Pastoral Councils met this past week to go over these guidelines and set up a plan for each parish. There are 53 directives from the Diocese that the parishes should follow for the safe celebration of Mass which the councils are in the process of implementing. **The faithful should be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice even after public Mass begins again. More information will be given out as we get closer to determining a start date.** In the meantime, continue use the resources available to you until we can again worship together.

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.

Father Amir is celebrating Mass on Facebook, Tuesday – Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch live or at your convenience: <https://www.facebook.com/springvalley.elmwood.5>

Thanks so much!! The spring housecleaning is nearly complete and St Luke's is looking spectacular. All your efforts are greatly appreciated. Our parishioners are the absolute best!



“I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out
World. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me
And they have kept your word” John 17:6

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension. It is an important solemnity that marks the return of Jesus to the Father. Together with the Resurrection, it is a manifestation of the victory of Christ.

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: “...*Jesus Christ the head of the Church precedes us into His Father’s glorious kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.*” (665-667).

Our first reading from Acts of the Apostles recounts the events of the last moments and meeting of Christ with his apostles before his ascension into heaven. Here, Christ gives a very important instruction to his Apostles: “*Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for what the Father has promised.*” Christ encourages his disciple to remain faithful. Most importantly, he reminds them that their success will depend on their ability to walk with the Holy Spirit. These instructions are also meant for us too. It equally reminds us that before we set out for any business or project we must commend ourselves to the guidance and counsel of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Paul prays asking God to send us the Holy Spirit: “*May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you the Spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you the full knowledge of him.*” This must be our prayer and wish every day of our life. We must invite the Holy Spirit to take control of our entire mission. We must invite him to lighten the dark spots of our lives as Paul prays: “*May he enlighten the eyes of your minds so that you can see the hope his call holds for you...*” We must ask him to lead the way so that we follow him. This is because, his ways and counsels are right.

In today’s gospel, Jesus knew that his apostles needed help in order to succeed. So he instructed them: “*...Stay in the city, until you are clothed with the power from on high.*” We must seek this power if we must make any positive impact on our world. Therefore, we must pay attention to what Jesus is telling us in today’s gospel. As an experienced master, He knows the terrain we are about to walk. He knows how delicate the hearts of men of our age are. He knows how tough our task is and what it takes to be successful. He knows that only the Holy Spirit can help us.

Therefore, Ascension marks the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ’s promise to us. So, as we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension today, Jesus reminds us that irrespective of our knowledge and human capabilities we need a divine help in order to succeed. This divine help will come from the Holy Spirit to whom we must pay attention to all the time.

So, as we celebrate the Ascension of Christ today and expect the fulfilment of His promise on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray: “*Sent forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.*”

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

For all the faithful who have died and for the sick, we pray: Jim Smith – recovery from cancer surgery, David Buck - Cancer, Repose of the soul of Shawn Berg, son-in-law of Terry Mohn, Bruce – Cancer, Debbie McNamara – Cancer, Betty Jean Smith – continued recovery, Repose of the souls of Lynn Zimmerman and Doris Squillace. Tom McAndrew – recovery from a stroke, Betty Garside – recovery from stroke. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center.



May 23-24, 2020