

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## **TODAY:**

Sunday May 5

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30 a.m. +Jack Lampman  
Requested by Tom & Judy Humpal

## DAILY MASS

Thurs May 9 8:30 a.m. No Daily Mass

## **NEXT WEEK:**

Sunday May 12

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30 a.m. +Diane Schmidt  
Requested by Dennis & Joyce  
+ 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](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

## **STEWARDSHIP for April 28, 2019**

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 680.00      Loose Collection \$ 69.00

## Ministries:

**Ushers for May:** Vince Kujawa & Paul Zimmerman

**Lector:** May 5 – Karen Hansen    May 12 – Dennis Hill

**Eucharistic Ministers:** May 5 – J. Fisher, K. Adams, J. Humpal

May 12 – G. Williams, K. Hansen, BJ Smith

## ST LUKE NEWS:

**First Communion Sunday:** Please pray for Jillian Boesl, daughter of Joey & Jess Boesl and Owen Williams son of Charles & Michele Williams as they receive the Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist today. May these children always hold Jesus close to their hearts.

**Father Amir** leaves, Sunday May 5, on his vacation to visit his family in India. He will be gone through June 6<sup>th</sup>. During his absence, May 6 – June 6, there will be no daily Mass.

**Knights of Columbus News:** The annual Knights Tootsie Roll sale continues TODAY!

**St Jessica Circle** would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Lenten health and beauty aids collection. We were thrilled to be able to deliver 18 pounds of valuable items to Stepping Stones. God Bless all of you!

Thanks to all who donated toward the beautiful flowers which adorn our Altar during this Easter season.

On the back table, there are two books available for any parishioner who wants one, "Welcome to Our Church" and "Your Guide for the Mass". These books are designed for a visiting non-Catholic, but would be appropriate for anyone seeking greater understanding about the church.

**Mother's Day Roses** will be sold after Mass on Sunday, May 12. All proceeds go to Right to Life

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Follow Me". ~Jn 21:19b

### PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

When we see a job advertised we are asked to submit our CV or résumé. We try to submit an impressive CV or résumé because we know that some of those who submit impressive CVs or résumés will be called for an interview. If we are called for the interview we try to impress during the interview.

What kind of CV would you need to have in order to be asked to be the first Pope? What type of questions would you be asked during the interview? Peter was interviewed by Jesus in the Gospel (John 21:1-19), and asked three questions, "Do you love me?" His CV wasn't good; he had denied Jesus three times by a charcoal fire on Holy Thursday night. Peter did not find it easy to accept himself after that. When the cock crew later that evening, Peter wept. He realized his failure. He could not cope with it, could not accept it and he wept. He hit rock bottom.

You would not expect Jesus to even consider him for the position of looking after the flock. But Jesus could see his heart and knew he was the man for the job. Why? Because Peter was different to Judas. Peter grew through his mistake whereas Judas allowed his mistake to conquer him. Peter reformed himself after his mistake but Judas was not man enough to reform himself. Peter knew what it was to be human, so too did Judas, but whereas Peter moved on from his sinfulness Judas did not. Three times Peter had denied Jesus by a charcoal fire on Holy Thursday evening but now three times by a different charcoal fire on this Easter day Jesus asks Peter to look after the sheep. Jesus forgave Peter and had confidence in him to make him Pope.

Despite our sinfulness Jesus forgives us and has confidence in us. Jesus does not lock us in by mistakes of the past or present. We are given room to outgrow the mistakes of the past. Paul wrote, "For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here." (1 Cor 5:17)

What happened to Peter can happen to us also if we have the faith to accept God's love and forgiveness. Jesus forgives us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and loves us after we have denied him. It takes an act of faith to believe in God. Sometimes faith is the courage to accept God's love, the courage to accept God's forgiveness and acceptance of ourselves. Peter recovered his faith after his despair; he was able to say "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." We do not allow the past to overcome us like Judas. Instead Peter is our model for repentance and reforming ourselves and allowing the Lord to put us to work for him again.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

### **OTHER NEWS:**

*Congratulations to Levi Schmitt's* who was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday May 4, 2019. You may mail a card of congratulations to Levi at: Levi Schmitt, W1465 890<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spring Valley, WI 54767

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.

**Thanks to all the parishioners** who participated in the bailing of aluminum cans last summer; 1860 pounds of cans were hauled to the recycling plant in Eau Claire which produced \$874.00 for Our Lady of Fatima School in India. Thank you for all the donated aluminum cans and the work! If you didn't attend last summer's work crew, please plan to join us this year. God Bless!

Please pray for: **For healing of body, mind and soul of Jayme Closs, Debbie McNamara – Cancer, Kaylani Smith – surgery recovery, Shanna Krueger - cancer, Gloria Pieters – health issues**  
**The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center, Menomonie and the Baby Bottle Campaign**

May 4-5, 2019