

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs May 13 10 a.m. +Jim Hooyman
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

Sunday May 16 11 a.m. The Ascension of the Lord
+Frances Knopps
Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." John 15:16a

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Mother's Day is one of the most beautiful days of the year. Let us consider for a moment the thoughts of two great men about the role their mothers played in their lives.

George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." Abraham Lincoln spoke similar words when he said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

There is no doubt that motherhood is a very high calling. But, to whom can mothers look as the real model of motherhood? Today's modern culture offers many role models through television, movies and women's magazines. However, often these role models are either all together wrong or they offer a very limited and unrealistic view of true motherhood.

All mothers who wish to be true to their high calling need only look to the woman who became the greatest mother of all. Born into humble surroundings, she was called by God to be the mother of the Son of God. She affirmed her obedience to the call of God and lived out her vocation throughout her entire life. Mary, the mother of Jesus, our Blessed Mother, is the true model of motherhood.

One aspect of Mary's life that has particular meaning and inspiration for many mothers today is the profound suffering that she endured during the passion of Our Lord. Mary stood at the foot of the cross.

Divorce, separation, single moms, widows, mothers forced to work out of necessity, grandmothers raising grandchildren, prodigal children and prodigal grandchildren, are realities that cause deep, daily suffering for many women. Added to all of these sufferings, is the pain endured by many married women who would like to be mothers.

All mothers and grandmothers need to find in Mary, our Blessed Mother, the faith, hope, love and fortitude to stand firm at the foot of the cross. All suffering has power when we unite our suffering to the cross of Jesus. Take your suffering, united to the suffering of Jesus, and offer that suffering for your children and grandchildren.

To be a true mother today is certainly very challenging indeed. However, our yearly celebration of Mother's Day should motivate all mothers to understand the importance of their call by God to motherhood.

I am very grateful for the hard work and dedication of the women in any parish that I have been assigned to. No matter where I have ever been as a seminarian or as a priest, I have always seen the promise of Jesus fulfilled: "And everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children or land for the sake of my name will be repaid a hundred times over, and also inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19: 29).

Women who truly live out their femininity are living icons of the tenderness of God. The celibate priest reminds women that love is eternal. Women remind priests that love is not only paternal, but maternal as well.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS

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
\$ 465.00

Envelope Collection
\$ 1260.00

Special Collections
\$ 8.00 Casa Hogar

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

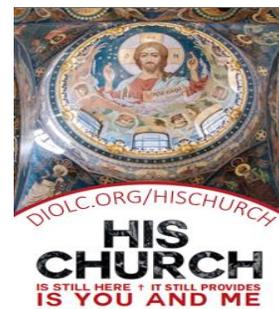
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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 \$5,415
Unpledged \$1,405

22 families participating
THANK YOU

The Annual Appeal ends June 30, 2021. Donations must be received by the Diocese by that date for our church to receive credit. Thanks to all who have contributed to this worthy cause



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.

Question: What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer: The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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HAPPY
Mother's Day



May 8-9, 2021