

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday June 13 11 a.m. Eleventh Sunday-Ordinary Time
+ Loren Quam
Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Thurs June 17 10 a.m. +Bob & Jane Squillace
In memory of their anniversary
Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Sunday June 20 11 a.m. Twelfth Sunday – Ordinary Time
Parishioner of St Luke's

Adoration: Mondays 6:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.



To what shall we compare the kingdom of God?
It is like a mustard seed.....once it is sown, it
springs up and becomes the largest of plants.

Mk 30a, 31a, 32

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

It is natural that we, humans expect immediate or giant returns on investments or on impacts made in any area of lives endeavor. Parents expect change from their wayward children. Teachers may not be patient with slow learners; those in relationship also expect immediate transformation of their partner. These are all human expectations that often hurt and many get discouraged.

Today's word of God challenges our beliefs and assumptions, while teaching us how in the realm of divine operation the seed of faith grows slowly but steady until it blossoms. The Parable of the mustard seed is one of the didactic approaches Jesus uses to instruct his first disciples and us to help us not to feel discouraged when the expected outcome of our struggles is minimal or contrary to our expectation. It is a parable Jesus uses to describe the growth of God's kingdom or the growth of faith in our lives, which should also inspire our struggles in life.

In the First reading Ezekiel tells us how the Lord God of Israel will send a descendant of King David as His Messiah and the Savior of the world. In contrast with the parable of tiny mustard seed in today's Gospel, Ezekiel sees the Messiah originating in a royal family. In the second reading, St. Paul teaches the Corinthian Christians that they are to advance the growth of God's Kingdom and His rule in their lives by doing His will so that they may be amply rewarded in the final judgment. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to the germination of a wheat seed and that of a tiny mustard seed. Both have very small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual but steady growth, give the farmer a bumper crop. In the same way, the life principle in a tiny mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts and the growth of the Church in the world also have small beginnings. But the Source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady, persistent and gigantic growth, provided we cooperate with His grace.

My dear Friends, do not be shy to accept a lowly beginning. Do not be discouraged to start it small. God does not expect so much from you, He want your commitment in the little you have just begun with. A farmer does not give up on the tiny grain of corn he planted but continues to water and nurture it until it grows. God has planted His word in our lives so we need to nurture it while He grants the increase. Greatness is not achieved in a day, it is a product of life long struggle, commitment and persistence.

Therefore since the acceptance of God's rule by human beings is a very slow process, there is the danger of discouragement and hopelessness among preachers, evangelizers and believers. But we should continue sowing tiny seeds in the form of words of love, acts of encouragement, deeds of charity, mercy and forgiveness.

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:

Quinn Miano, Carol Olson, Frances Knopps, Wes Tuttle, Bruce Kahl, Aaron Upton

For the sick we pray:

John Miano – heart attack
Shirley Miano – pulmonary issues
Scott Anderson - Cancer
David Buck – Cancer
Options for Women
Betty Jean Smith
Mason Mrdutt - Seizures

Starting during the month of June, Liturgical duties (ie. readers, ushers, servers etc.) will resume. If you were a part of our team before the pandemic, we will be scheduling you as we did before. Please look for the monthly schedule in the weekly bulletin and/or on the bulletin board in the church entrances

Help Address Homelessness in Dunn County

West Cap and Stepping Stones are partnering with Dunn County to provide transitional housing for persons experiencing housing insecurity. The project is in need of all essentials to furnish two houses including furniture, linens, kitchen items, toiletries and cleaning supplies. Contact Kate Bechel at 715-607-0012 or kbechecl@wcap.org to donate.

BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL

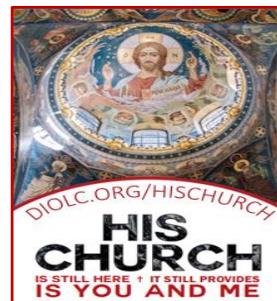
Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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 \$5,515

Unpledged \$1,305

Payments for the 2020-2021 Appeal must be postmarked by June 30th.

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

Do you want to help support women who choose life?

Pick up necessities such as diapers, baby wipes, diaper rash cream, pacifiers, and deposit them in the basket at the back of the church. They will be delivered to Options for Women on a monthly basis.

Dive Deeper in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI) Spend one weekend a month (Friday evening-Saturday afternoon) in an enthusiastic, faith filled community that prays, learns, discusses and dines together. Discover a renewed spirit that says: This is what life in Christ should be like! Visit diolc.org/lay-formation for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!



June 12-13, 2021



The Pastoral Council plays a very important role in making sure our parishes stay strong. PLEASE give prayerful consideration to nominating replacements for those whose terms are expiring. It is perfectly fine to nominate yourself!! The Pastoral Council meets four times a year for about one hour. Those council member who are up for re-election are: Joe Pieters, Tom Humpal, and Vince Kujawa. To nominate a parishioner (including yourself) simply submit the name (or names) of the nominee(s) in writing by placing it in the offertory collection basket, mailing it to the Parish Office, or emailing it to: stlukebv@yahoo.com
Elections will be held on Sunday, July 11th during Mass.

We are in need of readers and Eucharistic Ministers...If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office. Thanks so much!!