

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## TODAY:

Sunday June 2

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

## DAILY MASS

Thurs June 6 8:30 a.m. No Daily Mass

## NEXT WEEK:

Sunday June 9

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. +Richard Laluya  
Requested by Tom & Karen McAndrew

+ 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 May 26, 2019**

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

Adult Envelopes \$ 356.00      Loose Collection \$ 33.00

## **Ministries:**

**Ushers for June:** Mike & Paul Boesl

**Lector:** June 2 – Rita Zimmerman    June 9 – Margaret Erickson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** June 2 – J. Humpal, S. Anderson, G. Williams  
June 9 – B. Laluya, K. Adams, K. Hansen

## **ST LUKE NEWS:**

The family of Shirley Humpal would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone at St Luke's that were able to be a part of her funeral – Diane Buck as the organist, the choir for leading us with their beautiful voices, Jordan for being the server, the ladies for all their work in the dining hall and kitchen, Barb, Betty Jean and Jerry for being Eucharistic ministers, and for all the hugs, kind words and prayers we received during this time. Shirley would be so pleased and honored. We are truly blessed to have such kind and caring people in our parish.

Rosary begins at 8:10 a.m. each Sunday before Mass. "There is no surer means of calling down God's blessing upon the family...than the recitation of the Rosary." – Pope Pius XII.

**Father Amir** will return from India on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Daily Mass will resume on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Appeal Update:** We have reached our target amount of \$6,990. Any monies donated above the target amount will be returned to the parish.

## **OTHER NEWS:**

**Summer Retreat for Single Catholics:** Join like-minded single Catholics, from all over the country, at an upcoming retreat near Chicago, IL, July 26-28<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Thomas Loya and Jim Martini will be presenting "Remaining Relational in an Unrelational World" For details and to register visit [www.JPIIevents.com](http://www.JPIIevents.com) or call 512-766-5798

Summer Day Camp for Catholic Youth at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glenwood City, June 23 – June 28 for grades 1 – 12. For more information or to register 715-265-7331 or [ffpnewsgc@gmail.com](mailto:ffpnewsgc@gmail.com)

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was  
taken up to heaven. ~Lk 24:51

### **PASTORAL REFLECTION.....UP, UP, AND AWAY**

It is common thinking to believe that Christ's Ascension into heaven somehow removes him from earth and that the Holy Spirit becomes some kind of substitution for his presence here. The Holy Trinity can never be divided and always exists in relationship with each other, whole and intact. How, then, are we to think of this event we celebrate? If Christ is now fully glorified and ascended into heaven, how can he still be here?

St Augustine says: "Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him we can be there by love." God, in all of the fullness of the Holy Trinity, transcends heaven and earth and time and space. He is present to the past and the future as much as he is to the present. We touch the undivided, intimate presence of God when we live the virtues of faith, hope, and love. These virtues flow from the essence of His being and connect us intimately with Him.

As important as it is to "look up" to God, it is even more important to look within and look without. Our world, and even our Church, finds itself out of focus and losing touch with their compass and true north. While there is a lot of good happening around us and sacrifices are made every moment, there is also a great deal of dysfunction and evil. Our true "reason for being" is distorted and conflicting, and often harmful voices are competing for our attention and allegiance. The tyranny of the politically correct is reigning supreme, and less regard is given to what is true and essential.

This is why, at its core, this celebration of Christ's Ascension into heaven propels us to look within to the virtues of faith, hope, and love that God has given us and look without and get about the business of preaching the Good News. What, essentially, is this Good News? It's quite simple: we are hardwired to be in relationship with God eternally in heaven, and we can share in God's heavenly glory while we journey on earth. Humanity needs to learn to connect the dots and realize that the very things it relies upon so often each day (faith, hope, and love) are not there because of its own doing or simply because it comes with the package. Faith, hope and love exist because of God's generous self-gift.

It is our task to help people come to true repentance by adjusting the focus of their lives, reorienting their compass, and discovering the heavenly presence of Christ by following the virtues of faith, hope and love. Then, humanity will no longer be wallowing in the darkness of destruction but living the ascended life that God has promised.

Reverend Mark Suslenko

Please pray for: **For healing of body, mind and soul of Jayme Closs, Kaylani Smith – recovery from surgery, Shanna Krueger - cancer, Gloria Pieters – health issues, Karen Mc Andrew - health, Repose of the soul of Shirley Humpal, Amber McDonald Carlsrud – colon cancer**  
**The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center, Menomonie**

June 1 -2, 2019