

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday June 20 11 a.m. Twelfth Sunday-Ordinary Time
 Parishioners of St Luke's

Thurs June 24 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday June 27 11 a.m. Thirteenth Sunday – Ordinary Time
 +Jane Squillace
 Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Adoration: Mondays 6:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.



He woke up, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet, Be Still!" The wind ceased and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Mk 4:39-40

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today we celebrate the twelfth Sunday in ordinary time. The holy mother church reminds and encourages us her children that, Christ is with us even in the midst of all the storms of this life.

Both the first reading from Job and the Gospel of Mark today, reminds us that God is the creator of the world. Hence, he has the power to control and regulate all the natural, physical and spiritual forces or activities going on in this world. He has the whole world in his hands and so, directs the course of our lives and the history of this world. He knows when best to intervene both in our personal life and in the history of our entire world. This is evident in his timely response to Job and, intervention in the situation of his disciples. According to our second reading, when God intervenes, he does so out of love for us his children and world. This was what he did when he allowed his only son Jesus Christ to die at the appropriate time in order to save and renew us.

Life is full of storms. At times, they can become so strong and strange that our human strength can no longer support us. At such moments fear and complains might take over the central stage of our life. Even in some cases, we might lose our faith in God, thinking that he has abandoned us or that he does not exist. These storms come in different forms. They could be: problems in our marriage, our children who are not responding well, lack of good job, poor finance, inability to procreate, or a prolonged sickness that has defiled all treatments. They could also be the inability to find or maintain a good and stable relationship or, falling out with people all the time. They could also be poor results in our academics or business. The list is unending, but these represent the realities we face every day. The truth is that, there is no assurance that our lives would be completely free of storms. However, the good news is that, there is an assurance that Christ is with us to help us succeed.

There are two basic truths that the gospel reveals to us about these problems. The First is that, Christ is with you in that boat and, is aware of the storm you are battling with. So, you cannot be with Him and yet sink. It is not possible! The second is that, no matter how experienced you think you are in navigating your own boat, you cannot overcome your storms alone. Hence, Christ tells us: "Apart from me, you can do nothing." There is no doubt that before inviting Christ, his disciples made much effort to control their own boat. However, when they failed, they cried out: "Lord, do you not care if we perish?" Of course, Christ intervened because he assured us: "Call upon me in times of trouble and I will help you" (Ps 50: 15).

Finally, there are three things we must continue to do. First, rather than live in fear like Job, or give up completely, let us cry out and invite the Lord to help us in times of trouble. Second, we must continue to show profound faith in God, his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. Third, we must continue to be thankful to God in all circumstances of our life.

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

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.

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, May the Lord give you peace. The Spirit of the Lord is upon us! As we recall Jesus' words in Holy Scripture, "Behold, I make all things new," I am pleased to announce the lifting of the general dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, and I **welcome all of you back** to your faithful Catholic family beginning the weekend **of June 26-27, 2021**. Only those who have reasonable cause for a continued absence from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation shall continue to be dispensed. It is with open arms and a grateful heart that you are welcomed back to your Catholic family! God always wins! We are saved! It will be good to have you back!

In the heart of Jesus and Mary, I am,
+Bishop William Patrick Callahan
Bishop of La Crosse



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



June 19-20, 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 members whose terms are expiring and will not be seeking 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!!