

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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WELCOME BACK

Mass Intentions This Week:

- Sunday June 21 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 +Shawn Berg requested by Terry Mohn

- Thurs. June 25 - Parishioners of St Luke's

- Sunday June 28 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 +Jane Squillace
 Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

ADORATION: Monday 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & EMERGENCIES:

Contact Father Amir at 715-598-4877

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34)

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

Thanks so much for your faithfulness

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL – THE CURRENT APPEAL WILL END JUNE 30

TARGET	\$7,580.00
TOTAL PLEDGED/PAID	<u>\$5,311.00</u>
REMAINING BALANCE	\$2,269.00

Thank you to the parish families that have given toward the Annual Appeal. We remain \$2,269 short of the goal set by the Diocese. Donations must be postmarked by June 30 to be applied to the current appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to helping us meet our target amount.

Please remember that Bishop Callahan has not lifted the obligation to attend Mass. The dispensation remains in place until further notice. For those defined as more vulnerable and for those who are anxious about being in a large group, you are encouraged to stay at home. Father Amir will continue to stream Mass on Facebook. Choosing to attend Mass in person or continuing to watch at home does not determine your faithfulness!

- **If you plan to attend Mass on Sunday, email your reservation to stlukebv@yahoo.com or call 715-643-3081 and leave a message.**
- **Bring your own mask. We do have a small supply available. Hand sanitizer will be available.**
- Pews are marked for social distancing.
- Ushers will seat you – families may sit together, others will be spaced 6 feet apart.
- There will be NO Sign of Peace.
- There will be NO collection. Place your envelopes and donations in the basket or wooden box located at the exits.
- There are NO Missalette or prayer cards in the pews.
- Father Amir will come to your pew to distribute Communion.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son, Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

St. Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers. Amen.

*When you
pass through
waters, I will
be with you.*

ISAIAH 43:2

“Everyone who acknowledges Me before others I will acknowledge before My heavenly Father. But whoever denies Me before others, I will deny before My Heavenly Father.” Matt 10:32-33

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

A little boy was asked by his mother to go to the stockroom and get the broom for her. The boy complained: “But Mom, it’s too dark in there! I’m afraid!” The mother insisted: “Don’t be afraid, my son. You know Jesus is there.” With much trepidation, the boy opened the door of the stockroom. And in a very sweet voice, called out: “Jesus, can you hand me the broom, please?”

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid.” He had to say it three times. Perhaps he may have seen the terror in the eyes of his disciples when he warned them: “Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves.” (Mt 10:16).

The first reading this Sunday gives us the same message. Jeremiah was constantly threatened by his enemies. Not that he was a bad person. On the contrary, as prophet, he was God’s instrument in proclaiming the truth to the people. But for some people, the truth hurts. So they could not accept God’s message. And the most logical thing to do would be to silence the messenger. Hence, all prophets suffered the same fate: they were killed by their own people. After the prophets, God spoke to His people through His Son, Jesus Christ. He, too, suffered the same fate.

The first law of nature is self-preservation. Instinctively, we avoid pain and sufferings. But in the face of such a grave duty to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, we have to “bite the bullet”, and move on despite all odds. After all, Jesus laid down this indispensable condition of discipleship: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mt 16:24). We are following a crucified Lord. We cannot expect an easy way ahead. We ought not to avoid the cross, despite this first law of nature. Avoiding the inevitable is pointless.

This Sunday, let us try to honestly examine ourselves. Why do we tell lies? Perhaps it is because the truth may not be to our own advantage, or it may offend somebody we deeply regard. Why are we reluctant to speak about the Lord and the hard truths of his teachings? It could be that we are afraid to be ridiculed or ostracized by society, to be branded as being judgmental and intolerant. Why do we avoid suffering and self-sacrifice? Because we are too full of ourselves. The list can go on and on. In all these, one conclusion is clear: selfishness is the root cause of all our fears.

If out of fear, we are tempted to shy away from fulfilling our Christian duty, let the words of the heroic St. Ignatius of Antioch console and inspire us: “Our task is not one of producing persuasive propaganda; Christianity shows its greatness when it is hated by the world”.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

For all the faithful who have died and for the sick, we pray: , David Buck - Cancer, Repose of the soul of Virgil Hill, Father of Dennis Hill, Bruce – Cancer, Debbie McNamara – Cancer, Betty Jean Smith – continued recovery, Repose of the souls of Lynn Zimmerman and Doris Squillace. Tom McAndrew – recovery from a stroke, Betty Garside – recovery from stroke. Rita Traxler – hospitalized. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

ORDINATION OF LEVI SCHMITT

On Saturday, June 27 at the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, Levi Schmitt will be ordained a Catholic priest for the Diocese of La Crosse at 10:00 AM. The ordination liturgy may be viewed LIVE at: <https://diolc.org/live>.

THANK YOU to all those who sent cards, thoughts and prayers in remembrance of my birthday. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

~Marge Sykora

June 20-21, 2020