

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday June 28 - 11 a.m. Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 +Jane Squillace
 Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Thurs. July 2 - 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday July 5 11 a.m. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 +Dee & Jim Baudhuin
 Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

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

June 14, 2020

Loose Collections: \$145.00 Envelope Collections: \$1,480.00

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

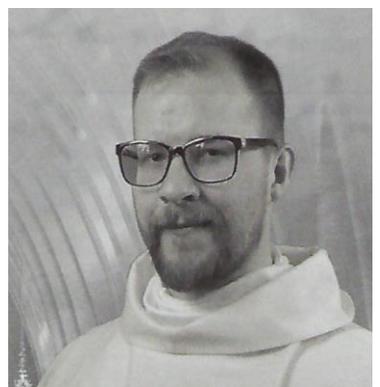
Thank you to the parish families that have given toward the Annual Appeal. We remain \$2,269 short of the goal set by the Diocese. Donations must be postmarked by June 30 to be applied to the current appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to helping us meet our target amount.

Please remember that Bishop Callahan has 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 at 11 am on Sundays, 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 Missalettes or prayer cards in the pews.
- Father Amir will come to your pew to distribute Communion.



At 10 am, on Saturday, June 27, at St Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, Levi Schmitt was ordained a Catholic priest for the Diocese of La Crosse.



With blessings and prayers from the parishioners of St Luke's as you begin your priestly ministry in His service



FOLLOW

“And whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” ~Matt 10:38

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

As we celebrate thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time, the church exhorts us to welcome Christ in others and encourages us to be sensitive to the need of one another in order to make a positive difference in their lives.

In the first reading of this Sunday, the generosity of the Shunem couple towards Elisha brought them the blessing and joy of their life. There is much to be learnt from this reading. They were sensitive to the plight and immediate need of the man of God. Little did they know that this was the beginning of their blessing. Hence, through this act of generosity, hospitality and sensitivity, everything turned around for their good. Their desire of the ages was fulfilled.

On the other hand, Elisha was equally concerned and sensitive to the needs of this Shunem couple. So, rather than over burden them with more request or exploit their generosity, he prayed for them, and blessed them through his prophetic ministry. Thus, his presence was indeed a blessing to this house, rather than a burden. It suffices to note that the name of Elisa means: “*God saves.*” This is exactly, what his action affirmed.

In the second reading, Paul recounts how Christ offered us new life through our baptism. He came and offered himself as a ransom, not for his own sake. Rather, for the sake of our salvation. By accepting him through our baptism, we have become one with him in death and in life. Also, by welcoming Christ, we have received a share in his glorious life and are no longer slaves to sin and death. This same Christ lives in others. So, we must equally welcome him in others, including, in the least of our brethren.

In today’s gospel, Christ spoke clearly to us on the need to welcome others for His sake. This is especially, those who bear the good news of salvation. Through generosity and hospitality, like the Shunem family in our first reading, we could attract God’s blessings to our home and family. Through these, our lives and fortunes could be transformed as well.

Unfortunately, these days, we take a lot of things for granted. Some of us are so indifferent to others and their needs. This includes, indifference to the presence of the “genuine messengers” of God among us. This could be due to the fact that, our society is flooded with many self-proclaimed and false men of God. That is, to the extent that one could hardly differentiate between “*the mad man and the mechanic*” because they are vested alike.

It could also be that, we have become so used to one another, and of course, to men of God, that they have become so ordinary to us. Most importantly and sadly, it could be that, both “the so-called men of God,” as well as the people of God, have lost the sense of the sacred.

Finally, it is important to ask ourselves these important questions. Do we still value the presence of others? Are we sensitive to their needs? Is our presence a source of blessing to the people we meet or that meet us? Does it really make any difference, or is it an added burden to their life? What good do I bring to the life of others?

Let us try to answer these questions to ourselves and realize that God resides in each one of us.

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 – recovering at home, Judi Utphall – car accident, Ken Hansen – recovery from knee replacement surgery. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center

Year of St Joseph – May 1, 2020 – May 1, 2021 – The Diocese of La Crosse is celebrating the Year of St Joseph. St Joseph was a “just man” who always did what was right, no matter the cost. Let us pray to him that love and justice will prevail in our time, and he will protect our families and our communities, using the prayer below:

MEMORARE TO ST JOSEPH

Remember, O most pure Spouse of the Virgin Mary, my noble protector St. Joseph, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I come to you, my spiritual father, and fervently commend myself to you. Despise not my petitions, O Guardian of the Redeemer, but in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen

Food For Thought: “Time is priceless, yet it costs us nothing. You can do anything you want with it, but you can’t own it. You can spend it, but you can’t keep it. And once you’ve lost it, there is no getting it back. It is just gone.”

June 27-28, 2020