

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Mass Intentions This Week:

### HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

Sunday July 11 11 a.m. Fifteenth Sunday-Ordinary Time  
Parishioners of St Luke's

Thurs July 15 10 a.m. +Max Wolf  
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

Sunday July 18 11 a.m. Sixteenth Sunday – Ordinary Time  
+Quinn Miano  
Requested by Jerry & Betty Jean Smith

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Jesus summoned the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. Mk 6:7

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

We celebrate fifteenth Sunday of ordinary time today. The central theme common to all the readings of this Sunday is: *“God’s Choice.”* This simply points to both the missionary nature of the church and of our calling as God’s messengers.

In our first reading, God chose Amos – a poor farmer, to go and prophesy in the northern kingdom of Israel. God had a purpose for this. He knew very well that there were prophets there. However, they were not his choice because they had compromised their calling by becoming corrupt and distracted by materialism. Instead of speaking for the poor, weak and the oppressed, they spoke for their pockets, bank accounts, and stomachs. Hence, God felt that the only one who was suitable for his work was an innocent poor farmer who was detached from the materialism of the time and the northern kingdom. Of course, in spite of the oppositions and challenges he faced from the *“professional and paid prophets”* of the northern kingdom, Amos fulfilled God’s purpose of choosing him without being corrupted by the materialism of his time.

In our second reading, Paul did not just stop by telling us that God chose us in Christ. Instead, he went further to tell us remind us of the reason God chose us: *“To be holy, and spotless, and to live through love in his presence...”* Simply put, this is the primary will and purpose of God for choosing us. However, as one does not live for oneself, the secondary purpose why God chose us is to reach out to others. That is, to develop a missionary spirit. These two goals and purposes put together form the ultimate goal and purpose of God for us.

Today’s gospel highlights this secondary purpose. Christ took time to prepare his disciples in order to help them achieve the primary purpose of God in their own lives. Afterwards, He sent them out to achieve the secondary purpose and will. That is, mission to their community and world. This is what growth in Christ means. It means striving to achieve the primary purpose of being *holy, impeccable and loving* and also, *going out to help others achieve it.* This is what it means to be a missionary and to develop a missionary spirit. For this to be possible, we must not be selfish and love must move us to invite others to share our experience. Hence, we must behave like an ant that finds a piece of food and, invites others to share the food with it.

Finally, in order to make sure that his disciples did not lose focus of this purpose, Christ instructed them on how to go about their mission. Jesus knew the influence of materialism and that any soul taken captive by it will definitely lose focus of his mission. That was why he instructed his disciple against it. So, to succeed in the mission of Christ, we must be careful about materialism, extreme capitalism and, anything that could distract us from fulfilling God’s purpose and will for choosing us. Therefore, abiding by the instructions of Jesus is a sure means of fulfilling God’s purpose. Whereas, neglecting them is the easiest way of losing focus and falling. So, we must constantly remind ourselves that God chose us for a purpose and, must strive to achieve it.

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](http://www.saintlukebv.org)*

### For the faithful departed we pray:

Kent Adams, Quinn Miano, Carol Olson, Frances Knopps, Wes Tuttle

### For the sick we pray:

Helen Hedlund – Recovery broken elbow  
Tom Humpal- Recovery from knee replacement  
John Miano – heart attack  
Shirley Miano – Respiratory issues  
Scott Anderson – Cancer  
David Buck – Cancer  
Options for Women

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@svecatholic.org).

### *Did You Know?*

**Question:** What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

**Answer:** Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives. If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

### Baby Bottle Campaign to Support Options for Women:

Marie Regnier, from Options for Women, will be in our three parishes this weekend, July 11th, giving a short talk about their Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby bottles will be distributed after each Mass – please return them filled with coins, currency, or check. Whatever you give will make a difference! These bottles will be taken to Options for Women to help women, men and families facing an unexpected pregnancy.



### 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.



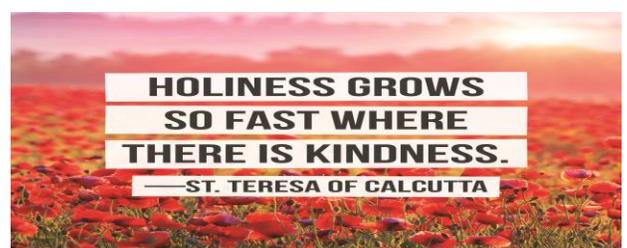
### **Elections will be held TODAY Sunday, July 11th during Mass.**

Use the printed ballot to choose candidates for Parish Council. Place your voted ballot in the collection basket located on the back table, or mail it to the Parish Office, or email it to: [stlukebv@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukebv@yahoo.com) Results will be announced next week.

### *Coffee and Donuts!!*

TODAY St Luke's will honor our HS graduate, Jensine Boesl, with Coffee, Milk and Donuts after Mass.

Please plan to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.



*July 10-11, 2021*