

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs July 22 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday July 25 11 a.m. Seventeenth Sunday – Ordinary Time
+Dean & Alice Adams
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Adoration: Mondays 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Today, we celebrate the sixteenth Sunday of ordinary time. The central theme of this Sunday is redemption, reunification and the restoration of God's people.

Our first reading is a Messianic prophesy about the coming of Christ, the messiah. The scattering of a people is a sign that something has gone wrong. It is a sign of bad leadership and system failure. So like sheep without a shepherd the poor masses have to scatter in search of survival. This is the image we see all over the world today.

Hence, this first reading bears a serious warning against all rulers, priest or pastors, parents, directors, governors, presidents and indeed, anyone in leadership position who out of negligence and indifference has allow his people to go astray and suffer. The Lord says, *"I will take care of you for your deeds!"* This simply means that judgement is coming.

Second and most important news is a message of the hope of the redemption and restoration of God's people (the remnants of Israel). Christ is the *virtuous branch from the line of David*. He is the true Davidic king who has come to find and save the lost people of God. In other words, this prophesy has been fulfilled in Christ.

He has already begun this redemptive work through his self-immolation. He will continue it till the end of time, when he will finally restore all things to His Father. *Then, the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power (1 Cor 15: 24).*

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that: *"...You that used to be so far apart have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ."* This simply means that Christ is the fulfillment of the messianic prophecy. He is our peace and has broken down the barrier which used to keep us apart. Through his sacrifice, he has reunified us with God.

In the gospel, Christ also demonstrated that he is that promised Davidic king and good shepherd. He will not rest until our souls and our land is completely healed and restored to his Father.

As a compassionate and wise king, Jesus knows our situation. He is doing something about it and, will not rest until we are redeemed and restored to God. He does not keep quiet over our situations. He sees and knows that we have been abandoned by negligent shepherds.

This is a message of hope for all passing through all forms of political, social and economic crisis. We simply need obey the Christ's teachings and instructions in order to be redeemed and restored to his Father. Trusting Christ our king and shepherd, let us always proclaim without ceasing: *"The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want!"*

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
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Envelope Collection
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Special Collections
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Web address: 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

Baby Bottle Campaign to Support Options for Women: Baby bottles will be collected through August 1st. – please return them filled with coins, currency, or check.



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.



Congratulations to the newly elected pastoral Council members: Karen Hansen, Betty Garside and Joe Adams, we truly appreciate your willingness to serve.



SAVE THE DATE: In lieu of the Fall Turkey dinner, this year we will be having a TURKEY SOUP LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 24TH after Sunday Mass in the church hall. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

The Fall Dinner
Committee

Did You Know?

Question: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature – plant or animal – possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

Parish Council/Finance Council will meet – Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the church dining hall;

Daily Mass on Thursday July 22nd will be changed to 6 p.m.



July 17-18, 2021