

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Mass Intentions This Week:

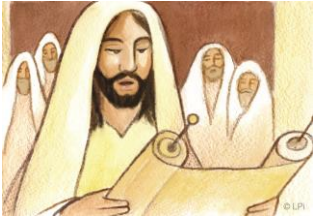
### HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

Sunday July 4 11 a.m. Fourteenth Sunday-Ordinary Time  
+Quinn Miano  
Requested by Jerry & Betty Jean Smith

Thurs July 8 10 a.m. +Robert & Rick La Crosse  
Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

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

Adoration: NO Adoration on Monday July 5th



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." *Mk 6:4*

Dear Parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

As we celebrate fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time, we reflect and rejoice in the spirit of prophecy and faithful witness to Christ. Even though, the exercise of this mission does not bring us honor, comfort, and recognition, we must continue to exercise it. This is because, even in our weakness, the grace of God is sufficient for us, and makes us strong.

Like Ezekiel, each one of us as a Christian has a mission from God. The question could be: Where is this mission? Quite simple! There is mission everywhere right now. There is mission in our decaying and rebellious generation, in our brothers and sisters, in our families, in our communities, and in our world at large. There is much rebellion in our time against God, against nature, against divine institutions, and against the fabrics of our moral and cultural heritage. So, God speaks to us today as he spoke to Ezekiel in our first reading: "*Son of man, I am sending you... to the rebels who have turned against me.*"

In the second reading of today, what Paul is describing is the burden placed upon him by the gospel he preached. This burden was like a thorn in his flesh. Unfortunately, the only condition for this burden to leave him was that he must continue like Ezekiel to speak out against evil and, to bear faithful witness to Christ. For us too, unless we have this burden garnished with zeal, we cannot achieve anything and, it will remain ever heavy upon us. Paul identified these burdens as: "*insult, hardships, persecutions and agonies.*"

Unfortunately, again, these are things we do not want because, we want to remain comfortable. These are burdens we must bear as Christians if our society must be safe. We must not be afraid because the grace of God is sufficient for us. So, if we are willing, God will fill us with this grace always.

In the gospel, Jesus was filled with this grace and spoke fearlessly. Of course, he got his own share of insults. They ridiculed him, called him names like: "the son of a mere carpenter and a wretched woman. They called him an illiterate, and a rebel. In spite of all these, he was not discouraged. Instead, he continued to preach and heal his generation.

My dear, if you have not got your own "trade mark" on behalf of the gospel you have not started. You are still in your comfort zone. Come out boldly and receive it like Ezekiel, Paul, and Christ, for the good of your generation. We must not be afraid to take up our ministries in spite of these burdens. We have to bear them patiently so that good might triumph over evil and, truth over lie and, peace over war. The truth is that, until every rebellion against the Lord is crushed, our world will not be safe. Let us humbly pray: "Our eyes are on the lord, till he shows us mercy!"

## HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

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:

Charlie Odness -  
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:

Marie Regnier, from Options for Women, will be in our three parishes next 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.

### 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).



**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.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

**Target Amount \$6,820**

**Amount collected \$5,715**

**Balance due \$1,105**

**Thank you for participating in the 2020-2021 Annual Appeal**



### *Mark your calendar!!*

Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



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. The Pastoral Council meets four times a year for about one hour. 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](mailto:stlukebv@yahoo.com) **Elections will be held on Sunday, July 11th during Mass.**

## July 3-4, 2021

*We are in need of readers and Eucharistic Ministers...If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office. Thanks so much!!*