

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

- Sunday July 5 11 a.m. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 +Virgil Hill
 Requested by Karen Hansen

- Thurs. July 9 - 10 a.m. +Rick & Robert La Crosse
 Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

- Sunday July 12 11 a.m. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 +Joseph Zimmerman
 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

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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

HAPPY 4TH OF July 4

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE Diocesan Annual Appeal –

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the 2019-2020 annual appeal. The Diocesan Annual Appeal for 2019 officially ended on June 30th, 2020. For the fourth straight year, the Lacrosse Diocese parishes have raised more than \$6 million. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is how we, as a diocesan community, fund our commitment to do our part of fulfilling Christ’s mission for the Church. The good works continue; how we live out the Gospel is in part through the appeal. As Henri Nouwen said, “Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about.” Thank you to all parish leaders who continue to promote this vital ministry. Remember to keep developing this ministry, as it is our community’s largest source of funding for our charitable works and ministries.

Reminder: Faithful Citizenship – Election 2020 We are in an election year, making it that much more important to form our consciences in light of Catholic teaching and principles. For abundant resources on this topic, visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.

Year of St Joseph

Let us pray, that through the intercession of St Joseph, love and justice will prevail in our time and he will protect our families and communities

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 your 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

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
 I believe that you are present
 In the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
 And desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
 Receive you sacramentally,
 Please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
 As if you were already there
 And I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



REST

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Humility is the foundation of the spiritual life. In today's Gospel Reading Jesus teaches us how to lay this foundation. Jesus shows us that humility is at the heart of all progress in the spiritual life. Note that this is more than just saying that humility is the first lesson learned by spiritual beginners. Jesus is going further, insisting that humility is at the heart of the progress made each day by the most spiritually advanced saints.

In the portraits of Jesus painted by the four evangelists, Jesus rarely speaks out loud to God the Father. Yet in today's Gospel Reading, Jesus not only speaks to the Father, but exclaims, saying: *“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.”*

No matter how old you are, no matter how far you have already progressed in the spiritual life, humility is the soil needed for further growth. If you are a farmer, or even if you garden, you know that when it comes to growing things from the earth, there's good soil and there's bad soil. There's soil that's rich in nutrients and moisture, and then there's soil that's dry and depleted of nutrients.

If we want to say, then, that the soil of humility is meant to be rich in spiritual nutrients and moisture, what are we saying? Why does humility make for rich spiritual soil? Saint Teresa of Avila, a Carmelite reformer who lived in the sixteenth century, stated:

“While we are on this earth nothing is more important to us than humility. ... In my opinion we shall never completely know ourselves if we don't strive to know God. By gazing at His grandeur, we get in touch with our own lowliness... by pondering His humility, we shall see how far we are from being humble” [*The Interior Castle* 1,2,9].

St. Teresa makes plain that focusing upon God rather than upon oneself is key to fostering humility. Yet St. Paul in today's Second Reading speaks about another key way of shifting one's attention in the spiritual life from what is less important to what is greater. St. Paul explains the importance of focusing upon the human spirit rather than upon human flesh.

Throughout the Church's history, this contrast between the flesh and the spirit has led to many heresies. But we need to understand that **“in the beginning”**, God created the heavens and the earth and everything within them, both visible and invisible. Within the first chapter of *Genesis*, we hear that God **“looked at everything He had made, and found it very good”** [Gn 1:31]. Material things cannot be made evil. Only persons and their actions can be evil, by putting last things first. Material things are among the last that matter in life, because they will not last. Knowing this truth and ordering one's choices according to it foster humility, disposing oneself to abiding more fully in God.

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

DIocese of La Crosse GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.

July 4-5, 2020