

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Aug 16 11 a.m. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Virgil Hill
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

Thurs. Aug 20 10 a.m. +Craig Mohn
Requested by Terry Mohn

Sunday Aug 23 11 a.m. Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
+Craig Mohn
Requested by Terry Mohn

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)

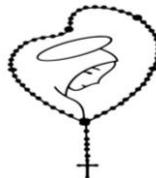
You may drop your envelopes in the offertory box which is on the back table in church, or you may mail your contribution to St Luke at: PO Box 316, Boyceville, WI 54725

PARISH PASTORAL:

Ballots have been sent out through email and regular mail to all parishioners. Please take time to vote your ballot and return it to church by August 24th. THANK YOU to Dennis Hill and Lori Boesl for their service on the Council.



Happy 39th Birthday
Father Amir
August 15th



Father Amir is interested in praying the rosary with your family. Call him to schedule a time for Family Rosary.

St Luke's Annual Financial Statement is complete and available for viewing. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact the parish office.

Father Amir will bless religious articles, after Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

SACRISTAN NEEDED: We will need to find a person to volunteer for learning the position of Sacristan beginning in 2021. Marge Sykora has decided to retire from this position. We thank her for her many years of service. The position requires being available to set up for Mass twice a week during the months of March, July and November.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated annually on August 15th, is not a holy day this year. Recorded Masses can be found at diolc.org and also on the Spring Valley facebook page.

OTHER NEWS:

St Joseph – Menomonie will be holding their Fall Festival on Sunday September 20th. Activities include: Cash + Quilt Raffles, Chicken dinners to go, and an Online Auction. More information can be found online at menomoniecatholic.org or by calling the Parish Office.



He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of The house of Israel." But the woman came and did Him homage, saying Lord help me.

Matt 15:24-25

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

As we celebrate the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church draws our attention to God's invitation and mercy to entire humanity, which is definitely without borders.

There was an old TV commercial. In it, people were walking along a busy and broad street with different sizes and shapes of umbrella in anticipation of imminent rain. Eventually, there came a powerful wind and down pour, too powerful for small and weak umbrellas. But only one man had a very big umbrella, the size of a room. With a wave of hand he invited all others whose umbrellas had succumbed to the power of the wind and down pour. In a fraction of minute, many threw away their umbrellas and took shelter in the man's. "Our Umbrella is big enough to contain all of us, there is room for you in here, come in right away!"

Indeed, the invitation and mercy of God is large and strong enough to restore all of us, but it is for only those who are ready to throw away their, small and weak umbrellas (that is their pride, shame, and disobedience), in order to come to Him.

In the first reading, Isaiah makes the mind of God known. In addition to the "faithful Israelites", "*foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name...these will I bring to my holy mountain.*" *I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.*" In this, God is fostering the "ecumenical spirit" which has to begin with praying together.

In the second reading, Paul also strikes on the same note as did Isaiah "*Mercy to all.*" He is not saying that God will save everyone, rather, that His mercy is available to all those who will respond accordingly to his invitation.

Today's gospel goes further to illustrate the universality of God's mercy. However, that Jesus was initially hesitant to listen to the woman perhaps must have been a tactical way of testing her faith. In other words, in spite of the fact that God is ready to show us mercy unequivocally, he requires something from us. Something Jesus himself described as: "a faith as small as the mustard seed" (Mtt 17, 20). I am sure the faith demonstrated by this woman surpassed the expectation of Jesus. For this, Jesus commended her faith in a way that no Jew was ever commended. The lesson this woman teaches us is simple! Though God may test us in seemingly strange and unpredictable ways, he will not turn away from his promises to help those who call on him in their time of need. And he will never turn his back on true faith.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

For all the faithful who have died and for the sick, we pray: , David Buck - Cancer, Bruce – Cancer. Repose of the souls of Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman, Kathey Santanni and Virgil Hill. Tom McAndrew – recovery from a stroke, Betty Garside – recovery from stroke, Judi Uthall – recovery, Sue Anderson- Hip replacement, Lynn Berg – surgery for broken neck vertebrae. The work of: Options for Women, pregnancy care center.

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 or email Father Amir 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.

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.

August 15-16, 2020