

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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## Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs. Aug 27 10 a.m. +Virgil Hill  
Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters

Sunday Aug 30 11 a.m. Twenty Second Sunday-Ordinary Time  
Parishioners of St Luke's

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

## **STEWARDSHIP**

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34)*

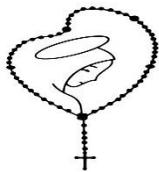
You may drop your envelopes in the offertory box which is on the back table in church, or you may mail your contribution to St Luke at: PO Box 316, Boyceville, WI 54725

August 17, 2020

Loose Collections \$130.00 Envelope Collections \$ 1,770.00 Mission Co-op \$210.00

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.



Father Amir is interested in Praying the Rosary with your Family. Call him to schedule a time For family Rosary.

**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.

**Catechetical Sunday 2020** Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13th. The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." (Corinthians) Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists – most importantly parents – will be commissioned for their ministry.

**Voting as a Christian:** As Christians, we do not leave our faith behind when we enter the voting booth. We understand that politics, like every other part of life, must be illuminated by God's light or we will stumble in the dark and lose our way.

**Always have HOPE** by having confidence in GOD. One of the greatest obstacles in life is spiritual discouragement or discouragement in general. "Do you easily fall into discouragement? If you give into it, this will cause further failures. It is here more than anywhere else that you must strengthen yourself by proposing always to desire to be invincible in hope – by having confidence in God – whatever may happen, and however weak you see yourself to be; because for our part, the basis of our hope is precisely our weakness, and on God's part, His mercy, which is nothing other than a heartfelt compassion for our weakness." These words are by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, who will be presenting at the Diocesan Virtual Conference on Saturday, August 29th. Father Gallagher's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. Cost is \$15 which includes Fr. Gallagher's book, "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement" shipped to your home. To register online go to [diolc.org/witness](http://diolc.org/witness)



He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"  
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the  
Son of the living God."

Matt 16:15-16

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

**Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,**

We celebrate 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time. It is obvious that keys are for doors or gates. But the keys and the gates we hear about in this Sunday's liturgy are special. These are not ordinary keys; and the doorways and gates they close and open are not your everyday ones. The keys and gates today have to do with heaven and earth, with life and death and what is between them.

In the story from Isaiah, we hear of a transfer of power from Shebna to Eliakim. The incident takes place around 700 BC when Hezekiah was the king of Judah. He is the heir to David. The position of holder of the keys means he has authority over the king's household. He holds access to the king in a very personal way. His position is like that of being a father to the city and the people. The authority in the handing over of the keys is not a raw power to do what he wants; it is an authority to be the king's agent to the people. He is to carry out the king's fatherhood by caring and providing for the people. He holds the keys to make the king's concern for all really happen. Note that the story makes it clear that the Lord God is the one who transfers the power of the kingdom of David from one person to another. The authority vested in the keys that pass from Shebna to Eliakim comes from the Lord. A human being is given authority in the kingdom and house of David by the one who set up the kingdom in the first place.

Today Jesus also gives keys. Peter is given keys of the Kingdom of heaven. He has recognized in Jesus the image of the living God, his very son, the deepest possible relationship there can be with God. This opens up the whole storehouse, so to speak, of what the Kingdom is. In Peter, Jesus can be confident that his own message and work will continue. The community that gathers around the new world of heaven and earth together has a future in time.

The keys Jesus gives are special keys. They are keys to open the gates of life. Life is the power and authority they serve. We stand in that authority each time we build up life in another, each time we offer hope, each time we say we are with you, each time we open our mouths and confess a word that lifts up another. When we do that, we are a rock in the community called Church.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

**For all the faithful who have died and for the sick, we pray:** , David Buck Bruce – Cancer. Repose of the souls of Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman, Kathey Santanni and Virgil Hill. Tom McAndrew & Betty Garside – continued recovery from stroke, Judi Utphall – accident recovery, Lynn Berg – surgery for broken neck vertebrae. Becky Rogers – recovery brain aneurysm. Judy Knops – broken ankle. 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](mailto: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 22-23, 2020**