

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs. Sept 3 10 a.m. +Virgil Hill
 Requested by Joe & Karen Adams

Sunday Sept 6 11 a.m. Twenty Third Sunday-Ordinary Time
 +Virgil Hill
 Requested by Barb Laluya

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

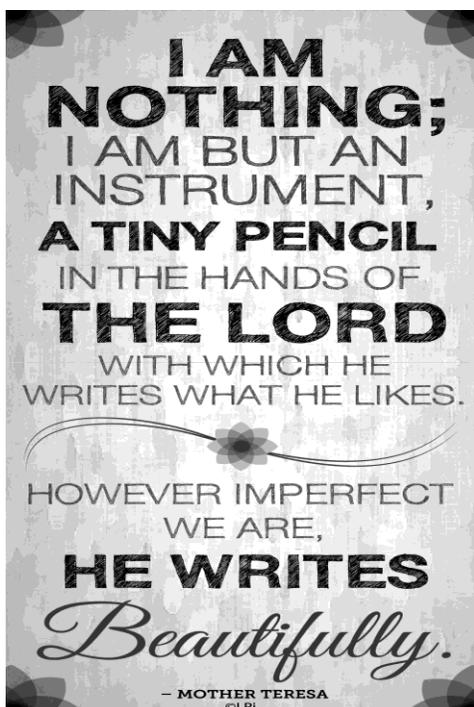
St Luke's Annual Financial Statement is complete and available for viewing. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact the parish office.

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.

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.



**“God is JOY, JOY is prayer.
 JOY is a sign of generosity.
 When you are full of JOY,
 You move faster and
 You want to go about doing
 good to everyone.
 JOY is a sign of union with God
 – of God's presence.”
 St Teresa of Calcutta**





“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according To his conduct.”

Matt 16:27

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

We celebrate 22nd Sunday in ordinary time. The readings today encourage us to overcome all reluctance and obstacles in order to offer ourselves completely to Christ.

In the first reading, Jeremiah lamented: *“Lord you have seduced me; you have overpowered me.”* He simply complained about the toughness of his mission. Lord God, but you did not tell me that it was going this difficult! Of course, at the beginning of his call, he resisted God, making excuses: *“Lord God, truly I do not know how to speak. I am only a boy.”* However, God insisted that He has chosen him even from his mother’s womb. (Jer 1:4-10).

Though Jeremiah resisted, he eventually submitted to God: *“...and I have let myself be seduced.”* After submitting to God, eventually, the Jeremiah who was very timid, and did not know how to speak, became transformed. There is much mystery in God! Faithfulness to God at times brings us trials, disappointments and even sufferings. At times, he allows us to experience horrific pains. However, in spite of all these, He shields and blesses us.

In the second reading, Paul employed the language of grace, rather than that of law to implore us: *“Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.”* Here, Paul calls us to submit completely to God without resistance and reservation. To present our bodies is to submit our faculties, and the totality of our being. It is, total surrender to God.

Paul insists that we must conform to Christ, rather than to this world. It is only when we have offered ourselves completely to God that we can conform to Christ. Conformity to Christ means, living like Christ.

In today’s gospel, we see the irony of life. The same Peter who proclaimed that Christ is the messiah last week, is today rebuked as “Satan.” Christ simply rebuked him for being an obstacle to his mission. This shows that though, Peter professed that Christ is the Messiah (as God revealed it to him), yet, he has not fully understood the nature of Christ’s mission.

He still sees it only from the perspective of royalty and glory. Of course, he was eager to participate in these. This also teaches us that, we are all vulnerable to making mistakes and falling, no matter how spiritual we are. So, this calls for taking seriously, the admonition of Paul: *“Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he falls”* (1Cor 10:12).

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 Uphall – accident recovery. 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.

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 29-30, 2020