

# SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**Mass Intentions This Week:**

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| Sunday Aug 9 11 a.m.  | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>+Mary Dolney<br>Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman |
| Thurs. Aug 13 10 a.m. | +Dean & Alice Adams<br>Requested by Joe & Karen Adams                                    |
| Sunday Aug 16 11 a.m. | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>+Virgil Hill<br>Requested by Joe & Gloria Pieters   |

**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

**PARISH PASTORAL:**

We have had 2 persons volunteer to serve on the Parish Council: Sam Hughes and Frank Kowalczak. We appreciated your willingness to serve. We are still looking for one more volunteer to fill one additional position. THANK YOU to Dennis Hill and Lori Boesl for their service on the Council.

**Daily Mass Time Change:** It was decided at the Parish Council meeting to change the daily Mass time to **10 a.m. on Thursdays** as requested by those who attend regularly. **Confessions will be available at 9:30 a.m. before daily Mass.**

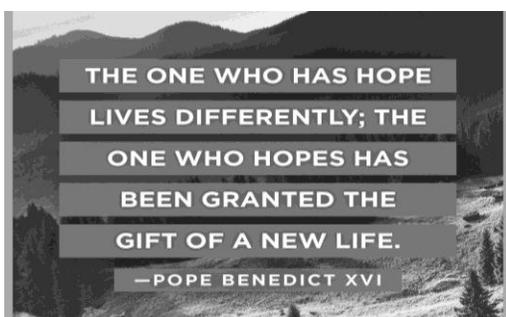


**Happy 39<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Father Amir – August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please send him cards well wishes for his birthday this week!**

**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.

**OTHER NEWS:**

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



**“Grant me, O Lord my God,  
 A mind to know you,  
 A heart to seek you,  
 Faithful perseverance in waiting for you,  
 And of hope of finally embracing you.”**  
 St Thomas Aquinas



Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did You doubt?"

Matt 14:31

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

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

As we celebrate nineteenth Sunday of ordinary time, the Church joyfully reminds us that Jesus our Savior is always close to us. He calms the storms of our life. He lifts us from the depths, and restores our peace. The presence of the storm and all that it represents definitely make us confused, and afraid in life. Thus, it equally deprives us of our peace.

All the three great figures and personalities (Elijah, Paul, and Peter) were in one way or the other embattled. As such, their peace was threatened.

In the first reading, the embattled prophet Elijah encountered God, and his peace was restored. A very significant lesson for us in this reading is that, when we are internally calm and away from the distractions of life, we hear God speak to us. To say that God spoke to Elijah after the gentle breeze, is simply to say that Elijah experienced peace of mind.

In the second reading, Paul expresses his grief for his people (fellow Jews). This was because, they rejected the good news. His sadness and grief was so great that he lamented: *"I will willingly be condemned, if it could help my brothers."* In other words, he was not at peace because of their situation.

Therefore, Paul teaches us that we must not always think about ourselves alone. Rather, we should equally be concerned about the welfare, salvation and peace of others. It is through this, that we derive our own inner peace. When others are not saved, our peace is guaranteed.

In today's gospel, the disciples of Jesus experienced the storm of their life, and Jesus was available to calm it, and equally, restore their peace.

As Christ said to Peter, so he also says to us today: *"Courage! Do not be afraid, it is I."* So, all we need to do is to trust Him, and keep walking without the fear of sinking. Like Peter, we must step out with faith and courage against the storms of our life.

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 Utphall – 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 8-9, 2020

