

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Sept 13 11 a.m. Twenty Fourth Sunday-Ordinary Time
 +Peter Johnson
 Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

Thurs. Sept 17 10 a.m. Parishioners of St Luke's

Sunday Sept 20 11 a.m. Twenty Fifth Sunday-Ordinary Time
 +David Hill
 Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

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 if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship- everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't owners of anything, we are stewards (caretakers) of the gifts that God has given us. Pray daily that God show you how to live the life he intended for you

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

2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection will be taken up on September 13th. Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection you become an instrument of peace. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday. Place donations in the collection basket marked “GOOD FRIDAY” and make checks payable to St Luke’s

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

Family Rosary: “The Rosary is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family rosary.” Pope Saint Pius X
 Father Amir is interested in praying the rosary with your family. Please call and schedule a time for family rosary.

Parish Rosary – Saturday October 3 at St Luke’s. This will be a rotating event held on the First Saturday of every month.

Pregnancy Loss Remembrance Walk

2nd Annual /9-26-20 / 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Options for Women – Menomonie is holding a Pregnancy Loss Remembrance Walk at the **Options for Women Center (544 Broadway)** Saturday Sept 26th. Join the walk to remember and honor pregnancy loss through miscarriage, still born, abortion or ectopic pregnancy. Connect your heart with other who grieve.

Register at:
remembrance-walk-2020.evenbrite.com.

For the faithful departed we pray:

Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman
 Kathy Santanni, Virgil Hill, Corrine-sister of Dennis Hill, Rita Bodine-sister of Georgia Williams.

For the sick we pray:

David Buck & Bruce – Cancer
 Tom McAndrew & Betty Garside – Stroke recovery
 Judi Uthall – recovery from car accident
 Becky Rogers – Recovery brain aneurysm surgery
 Judy Knops – Recovery broken ankle
 Mark Nelson – Infection in knee replacement joint
 Option for Women



“Peter approached Jesus and asked him, Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?” as many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

~Matt 18:21-22

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners of Boyceville,

We celebrate twenty fourth Sunday in ordinary time. Today the Scripture invites us to reflect on forgiveness. It is a very important element of reconciliation, and our Christian belief.

The first reading of today focuses on forgiveness. First, it reminds us that for our prayer to be answered, we must forgive others. Second, it presupposes that we are all sinners, in need of God’s forgiveness. So, for us to be forgiven, first, we must forgive others. Therefore, Sirach urges us: *“Forgive your neighbor the hurt he does to you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.”*

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of something very important. *“The life and death of each of us has its influence on the other.”* Also, our ability to forgive has a great influence on the other, as well as, on ourselves. Hence, it is important to note that, forgiveness has a double effect. It is a single dose medicine that cures one or many persons at the same time. It liberates the one who is forgiven, as well as, heals the one who forgives.

In the gospel, Christ takes forgiveness to a different and practical level. This unfolds in the dialogue between Peter and Christ. Peter asked a theoretical question: *“How many times must I forgive my brother?”* Jesus answered him in the most practical way: *“seventy-seven times.”* Christ’s response, simply reminds us that Christian forgiveness does not have limits.

Hence, to demonstrate this, Jesus tells a parable about the kingdom of heaven. Let us reflect on how many times we have acted like the wicked servant. He was forgiven a great debt, but he could not forgive his neighbor a little debt. He was set free, but he jailed his neighbor. The message of this parable is that we must treat others mercifully. We must forgive, because God forgives us every day. We must not always hold our neighbors to contempt. Rather, we must consider their situations as God considers our situation always.

“Forgive us our offences, as we forgive those who offend us,” let us ask God to help us to be true to these words, by living them practically.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

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.

Sept 12-13, 2020