

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

Sunday Sept 27 11 a.m. Twenty Sixth Sunday-Ordinary Time
 +Richard Laluya
 Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

Thurs. Oct 1 10 a.m. Anne Burt in honor of her birthday
 Requested by Paul & Rita Zimmerman

Sunday Oct 4 11 a.m. Twenty Seventh Sunday-Ordinary Time
 +Richard Laluya
 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

Web address: www.saintlukebv.org

STEWARDSHIP

“For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart” Luke 12:34

Everything is a gift from God.

September 13, 2020

Loose Collections \$184.00 Envelope Collections \$ 1,320.00

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

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

“Our family had Fr. Amir over to bless our home. After having a nice lunch together, and getting to know Father outside of church, we blessed each room of our house and continued to bless our land and prayed the rosary together while we strolled the property. With each decade we chose an intention to pray for as a family. When we had finished the blessing and the rosary we felt a great sense of peace knowing our land was in the Lord’s hands. We encourage all families to take advantage of this great opportunity and have Father Amir over for Family Rosary” ~The Sam Hughes Family~ Please contact Father Amir if you would like him to come and pray the rosary with you and your family.

Parish Rosary – Saturday October 3 at 3 p.m. at St Luke’s. This will be a rotating event held on the First Saturday of every month. Parish social after Parish Rosary on October 3rd, please plan to attend.

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.

All Women of St Luke’s – Altar Society Nominations

Judy Humpal has completed her term as President. Joyce Hill will succeed her. The Altar Society needs nominations To fill the vice-president position. Altar Society meets three times per year, so the time commitment is small. If you would be interested please fill out a nomination form and place it in the marked basket on the back table by Sunday October 11. If needed, an election will be held October 18th. Please consider serving our Parish.

For the faithful departed we pray:

Debbie McNamara, Joseph Zimmerman
 Kathy Santanni, Virgil Hill, Corrine Janicki, 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
 Options for Women



“Which of the two did his Father’s will?” They answered “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.”

~Matt 21:31

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners of Boyceville,

Many do not act upon the faith they profess with their mouth tongues with real, personal responsibility.

Today’s readings are about conversion; that is, metanoia, changing one’s mind and heart. We are sometimes inclined to avoid taking responsibility for what we say we will do. Ezekiel in the first reading insists that the Jewish people take responsibility.

The Gospel parable - a tale of two brothers, a parable found only in Matthew - relates one of the last encounters Jesus had with the Jewish leaders. It occurred just the week before he was killed.

The chief priests and the elders worked very closely with the roman officials to maintain peace and the status quo. This status quo mentality worked against their accepting the words of John the Baptist and Jesus. Both the chief priests and the elders prided themselves on their commitment - words - but they did not follow through with action and do what the commitment demanded. They did not change their minds; there was no metanoia.

In the parable, the son who spoke the words of disobedience was wrong, but he did repent. He changed his mind and became the darling of the parable. The tax collectors and prostitutes who enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the chief priests and elders enter because they repent; they changed their minds, their hearts as this first son did.

Jesus proposed this question to the chief priests and elders. They picked the first son as the one who did repent and did the will of the father, but in so doing they condemned themselves for they lived as the second son who said: he would “do,” but he did not. Both John the Baptist and Jesus called the Jewish leadership to a change of mind and heart, a “metanoia,” but they were stuck in their ways, “thinking only in their box.”

Do we make claims, make promises, pledges - but not follow through? Do we talk a better life than we live? What we do is important. Listening, accepting responsibility may be our greatest burden, but it is also our greatest gift. It is what is making us grow up mature as human beings and as fully human Christians. God takes us seriously and calls us to take ourselves seriously.

It is no small thing to be co-responsible with our God in the building of the kingdom - and ourselves - in the process. Our readings call us to look at how we accept our responsibilities, to do, not simply talk.

Let us act upon the faith we profess with our mouth tongues with real, personal responsibility.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other in the hands of the holy Virgin...The Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty. Mary responds at once like a beneficial dew, bringing new life to human hearts ~St Therese of Lisieux



Sept 26-27, 2020

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.