

SAINT LUKE - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Intentions This Week:

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

Thurs. Sept 10 10 a.m. +Bernice Gatz
Requested by Ken & Karen Hansen

Sunday Sept 6 11 a.m. Twenty Fourth Sunday-Ordinary Time
+Peter Johnson
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

Web address: 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

No Adoration on Monday, September 7th due to the Labor Day Holiday. Adoration will resume on September 14th.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Pregnancy Loss Remembrance Walk

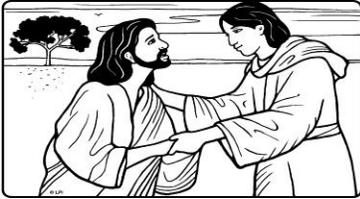
2nd Annual /9-26-20 / 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Options for Women – Menomonie is holding a Pregnancy Loss Remembrance Walk at the Menomonie Public Library (600 Wolske Bay Rd) 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

**“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 where two or three are gathered
Together in my name, there am I in
Midst of them.”

Matt 18:20

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners of Boyceville,

It is never an easy job to be a speaker of inconvenient truths. Yet the readings today make this very demand on us as a matter of necessity and as part and parcel of being a believer. So, there is no avoidance of doing one of our most difficult duties, if we are to be faithful to our mission.

In the first reading, Ezekiel was called to be a sentry to the House of Israel and to be God's mouthpiece. He was to watch for danger and sound a warning when it appeared. Ezekiel lived during one of the most tumultuous times in Israel before the exile. The Jewish monarchy had declined and the nation had fractured. The ruling elite had no concern for the poor, but instead manipulated the political chaos to their advantage. It was in this abysmal situation that Ezekiel was commissioned to speak God's Word.

Ezekiel's message reveals the uncomfortable truths; it does not challenge only the rulers, kings and high priests. It also challenges us to look at ourselves and discover those uncomfortable truths that we hide behind our appearances. Like a sentinel, Ezekiel sounds a warning; he blows a whistle to awake our consciences. He questions the status quo; he challenges the system; he calls us individually to remove the obstacles and barriers that stand in the way of God's plan for humanity.

Matthew picks up from the Ezekiel warning and enlarges it so that the responsibility of calling to repentance falls on more than one person, eventually on the community. In Jesus' time, people lived in small and closely knitted communities and not in megacities like we do today. Thus, the idea of fraternal or communal correction was quite familiar to them. In early Christian community, it would have been crucial to resolve internal disputes and ensure harmony of a common life for all. Today's Gospel addresses difficult circumstances that confront the life of a community. When a brother or a sister strays, it is the duty of the whole community to restore him/her. In effect, we are called to be our brother's/sister's keepers. In our increasingly litigious society, Jesus provides us with the alternative Christian model of fraternal correction, care, and accompaniment.

Let us keep our community growing in Faith by guiding and correcting one another.

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. 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.

September 5-6, 2020