

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-14).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood

Private Intention

Tuesday (9-15).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Marie Demuth (Yvonne Degross)

Wednesday (9-16)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Joseph Jensen (Dale and Mary Jensen)

Thursday (9-17).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Rosalie and Brendan Moran (Barry Moran)

Friday (9-18).....Communion Service at Spring Valley

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Virginia Fischer (Dick and Jean Zeithaml)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (9-19).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

Missa pro Populo

Sunday (9-20).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+Dave Smith (James Smith)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Don Miller (Fran Ellefson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Adult Choir Sacred Heart Spring Valley: Open to any and all (18+) who like to sing! The Adult Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Wednesday, October 7 from 7-8pm. Their first Mass will be October 11. Charlotte Nellesen is our new Choir Director and welcomes old and new members. The choir will sing in the choir loft, have a few rehearsals throughout the year and, will be scheduled to sing once or twice a month, with a focus on special music for Easter. Join us Wednesday, October 7 for more information – we would love to see you there!

St. Luke's Council of Catholic Women Durand Deanery Fall Meeting: will be Tuesday, September 22, at 7 pm. The host PCCW is Holy Rosary, Lima. If you can attend, please contact Betty Jean Smith 715-265-7157.

Confirmation Students Important Dates:

Sunday, September 27 - Confirmation Retreat - starting with 10:30 am Mass and going until about 4:00PM. SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you. Sign up for Confirmation liturgy.

Sunday, October 4 - Spring Valley Students Confirmation interviews: schedule handed out at retreat. Sign up when you hand in your materials.

Wednesday, October 14 @ 7:00 - 8:00 - Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Joes Menomonie SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you. **Saturday, October 17 @ 6:30 - CONFIRMATION @** St. Joes Menomonie, reception follows in church basement.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM

Elmwood

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Boyceville

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Boyceville

Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM

Spring Valley

Eucharistic Adoration: Beginning September 10, the hours for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley will change. Adoration will begin following the 8AM Mass on Thursday and continue until Friday morning when the Communion service starts at 8AM. Anyone interested in signing up for an hour should contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452.

St Luke's: Today is Potluck Sunday, Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the good food and fellowship!

Men of the Cross Men's Conference: Join Bishop Callahan and hundreds of other men for inspirational speakers, sacraments and fellowship on October 24, 2015 in the Fine Arts Center at Viterbo University in La Crosse. For details and registration please visit: www.menofthecross.org.

St Luke's: Thank you to all those who have worked so hard on the replacement of concrete and all the re-landscaping. We are blessed to have so many parishioners who are willing to give of their time and talent!

St. Luke's Rosary Makers: meet September 17th at 6:30PM in the church dining hall. Everyone is welcome to join us.

St. Luke's Altar Society Meeting: is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, at 9:30AM in the dining hall. All women of the parish should try to attend. Thank you.

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United with our fellow Catholics in the Diocese of La Crosse we have begun the 2015-2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Appeal is the major source of funding for the ministries, programs, and services of our Diocese. Thanks to the generosity of people in our own parishes and parishes throughout the La Crosse Diocese, the Appeal has proven successful in meeting the financial needs of the Diocese, in raising additional funds for parishes, and in fulfilling our Christian responsibility to assist those in need. **Why should we take part in this Appeal?** Our participation in this Appeal affords us the opportunity to **give assistance to our needy brothers and sisters** in our area, our Diocese, and around the globe. Our donations, for example, support our diocesan mission and orphanage in Peru. In other words, our involvement is a matter of **charity**. In addition, our contribution to the Appeal is a privileged way in which we **take responsibility for our portion of the expenses involved in the activities of our Diocese of La Crosse**. So our monetary support for the Appeal, for example, helps pay for the education of our future priests like Elmwood’s very own Levi Schmitt as well as our seminarian-intern Daniel Sedlacek who will be ordained a transitional deacon in October! In other words, our participation is a matter of **justice**.

Each parish family will receive a brochure detailing the programs, ministries, and services supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. I invite you to **pray for Bishop Callahan and for the success of this year’s Appeal**. Moreover, I encourage you to **give prayerful consideration to your own financial gift**. Each family also received a pledge card that you may return in the self-addressed envelope via mail or the offertory plate at Mass. Thanks to you, the Appeal was a success last year with the majority of our parishioners participating. **With your continued generosity, we can once again meet and even surpass our target**. As always, **one hundred percent of any funds beyond our goal are returned to us for our own needs right here**. **Thanks to our parishioners spearheading our efforts again this year:** Chair Gene Bauer and Secretary Marie Cebulla of Spring Valley; Chair and Secretary John Bates of Elmwood; and Chair and Secretary Karen Adams of Boyceville. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact them or Becky in our Central Office at admin@svecatholic.org or 715.778.5519. **May the Lord bless you for your generous sharing of your time, talents, and treasure**.

Each year every parish in our Diocese of La Crosse is obliged to submit to the Bishop a very detailed report covering the timeframe of July 1 to June 30. Because we are three distinct parishes that means we submit three separate reports. Any parishioner is welcome to examine the entirety of their parish’s Report by making an appointment with Becky in the Central Office. The largest portion of the **annual Report to the Bishop** is an **extensive accounting of parish income and expenses**. **Our bookkeepers – Anna Toutant (Spring Valley), Shelley Sand (Elmwood), and Karen Adams (Boyceville) – work diligently to complete this complicated section of the Report**. Every penny that comes in to each parish and every one that goes out must be accounted for! It is interesting to note that 113 of 194 families registered in Spring Valley **gave \$100.00 or more in stewardship to their parish** while in Elmwood 108 of 180 families gave sacrificially at that level and in Boyceville it was 30 of 85 households.

In another part of the Report to the Bishop we give some **statistics and information about the spiritual and sacramental life of our parishes**. So in Spring Valley we celebrated the **Sacrament of Baptism** for five infants, five in Elmwood, and two in Boyceville. Last year 11 young people from Spring Valley received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** while there were five from Elmwood and none from Boyceville. Eight children made their **First Holy Communion** in Spring Valley while there were four in Elmwood and one in Boyceville. Each week Spring Valley and Boyceville had **extended periods of adoration** and prayer before Jesus in the exposed **Blessed Sacrament** while Elmwood had none. Spring Valley also had **brief times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** during the Seasons of Advent and Lent as did Elmwood.

I witnessed **Sacrament of Matrimony** of four couples at Spring Valley (one with both spouses being Catholic, three with only one spouse being Catholic), two at Elmwood (with both spouses being Catholic), and none in Boyceville. Elmwood has its parishioner, Levi Schmitt, studying for the **priesthood** while Spring Valley and Boyceville have no one. None of our three parishes had any young woman preparing to be received into an institute of **consecrated life** (as a religious sister or nun). Barb Schneider of Elmwood was the only one from our three parishes who was in the two-year diocesan-sponsored faith formation program called the **Lay Formation Institute** (formerly known as the Lay “Ministry” Program).

We celebrated the **Funeral Mass or Funeral Liturgy** for eleven parishioners from Spring Valley, eleven from Elmwood, and three from Boyceville. With regard to our **Religious Education (CCD) Programs**, Spring Valley had 73, Elmwood 46, and Boyceville 15. Faith formation in the context of **homeschooling** involved three children from Spring Valley, four from Elmwood, and one from Boyceville.

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us! St. Luke pray for us! *Father Kevin Louis, STL*

Stewardship for September 5-6		
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>		
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1800	\$109.25
Elmwood	\$1454	\$87
Boyceville	\$1452	\$14

