

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Our Mass Schedule for This Week

### Solemnity of All Souls

Monday (11-2).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood

+2015 Deceased of Sacred Heart Elmwood (Altar & Rosary Society)

4:00 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Living and deceased members of Catholic Financial Life Chapter 191

6:00 PM Mass at Boyceville

*Missa pro Populo*

Tuesday (11-3).....NO MASS

Wednesday (11-4) .....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Michael Mousel Family (Theresa Mousel Schwartz)

Thursday (11-5).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Marie Demuth (Yvonne Degross)

10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center

+Willis Harshman (June and Donald Wilcox)

Friday (11-6).....8:00 Communion Service at Spring Valley

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Frank Crownhart (Mike and Linda Rhiel)

### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (11-7).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Francis Kirby (Brian Kirby)

Sunday (11-8).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

*Missa pro Populo*

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Bernard Demuth (Una Kannel-Jenny)

## BRIEFLY NOTED

**Elmwood Altar and Rosary:** Commemorates all the 2015 deceased of Elmwood Sacred Heart parish from Nov 2014 to Nov 2015: Clarence Pittman, Frank Binkowski, Marian Radle, Tom Mountin, Olivia Pelzel, Adeline Crownhart, Joanne Schwebach, Evelyn Fischer, Carol Olson, Jeanne Mountin, Bill Crownhart, and Bob Weber. May they rest in eternal peace and perpetual light shine upon them!

**DAA Update:** *Saint Luke parish* is at 70% of their target amount of \$6,384. *Elmwood parish* is at 55% of their target amount of \$13,915. *Spring Valley parish* is at 56% of their target amount of \$19,910. If you haven't pledged toward the appeal, please return your card ASAP. Your pledge card offers five options to give toward the Appeal. Blank pledge cards are in the entrance of the church or contact the Central Office to receive a pledge card.

## 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. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

**Eucharistic Adoration:** We are looking for two prayer partners to hold an hour every other week on Thursday afternoons from 9-10 am. Contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 for more information.

### Elmwood CCD Assessment Tests:

4th, 8th and 10th grades will be tested on Nov. 8th. Please be sure your child is well rested and eats a hearty breakfast. Parents may be present to read and assist their child without giving answers. Any questions please call 715-664-8975 Marilyn Bowell DRE and Youth Minister.

### Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society:

All ladies of Elmwood Sacred Heart Parish, the annual dues are due Nov. 1st. The dues are \$10.00. If you haven't donated for the Father's Day pie sale, that is due Nov. 1st also and is \$8.00. Dues can be mailed to P.O. Box 54 or deposited in the A & R box in church basement. Thank You.

### St. Luke:

St Joan of Arc Circle will meet at the Downing Café at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 7th. We will be reviewing Lesson 2 of our Bible Study.

### Sacred Heart Rosary Group:

will meet November 4th 7-8pm in the Br. Michael Catholic Center in Spring Valley. All are welcome!

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 3:00 PM.**

## VISIT US ON THE WEB

[www.svecatholic.org](http://www.svecatholic.org)

**Solemnity of All Saints: Heroes**

The Feast of All Saints refers to all those baptized Christians who have died and are now with God in glory. It also certainly includes all human persons who lived a good life sincerely in accordance with the convictions of their conscience. This feast is celebrated on the first of November in the West, since 837 when Pope Gregory IV ordered its church-wide observance. All Saints’ Day has been observed by the Church as an occasion to celebrate in a special way all its saints, past and present, whatever be their country of origin, race, or denomination, and whether they are known to us personally or not. On this day we remember the saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honored. But they are holy persons whose examples we aim to imitate and their lives we admire while, at the same time, we ask for their prayers and intercessions.

We are looking for heroes in this world. Perhaps, we need to define what a hero is. In the ancient Greek myths a hero was a Ulysses or a Hercules, someone of extraordinary strength who completed a seemingly impossible mission. The operative word to define a Greek hero would be courage. Did they have the courage to complete their mission in life?

There are also heroes in the Old Testament. Abraham, Samson, David, Deborah and Ruth were all heroes because, against seemingly impossible odds, they still allowed God’s plan to work through them. They had the courage to stand by God’s plan and to bring that plan to completion. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ is the greatest of all heroes.

The saints whom we honor today give us an example of people emptying themselves to allow God’s plan to work in them, people who have the courage to be genuine heroes. They are not plaster or plastic statues of unreal people in pietistic poses. They are real people from every walk of life who met the challenge of Christianity and conquered. They are priests and nuns, like Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Sienna. They are married people and single people, like Thomas More and Rose of Lima. They are very old and very young, like Theresa of Avila and Theresa of Lisieux. They are the wealthy, like Thomas Beckett, the middle class, like Ignatius Loyola, and poor, like Martin de Porres. They were geniuses, like Thomas Aquinas, and people of simple intelligence but vast wisdom, like John Vianney. All of these and all whom I could not possibly name accepted the challenge of Christianity and had the courage to wash their baptismal robes in the Blood of the Lamb, as the Book of Revelation says in the First reading of this week. They had the courage to live the sacrifice of Christ in their lives. They had the courage to make the love of God real in the world.

Well, we are here today to pray for the courage to follow the Lord. We pray for the courage to put God first in our lives. May the Lord help us to stand for Him and with Him in our lives. Today we pray for the courage to be genuine heroes.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Rev. Prince A. Raja*

<b>Stewardship for September 17-18</b>				
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	DAA	World Mission Sunday
Spring Valley	\$1363	\$1137	\$2,575	
Elmwood	\$1290	\$129		\$25
Boyceville	\$1175	\$65	\$507	

**BRIEFLY NOTED**

**The Year of Mercy:** inaugurated by Pope Francis begins December 8 and in dioceses throughout the world on Sunday, December 13. The inauguration of the Jubilee in our diocese will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman at the 10:30am Mass and at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the Latin Mass at 9:00am. You are most welcome to attend one of these celebrations. **Another way to receive God’s mercy and be strengthened in our relationship with Jesus Christ during this Holy Year is to make a pilgrimage.** A pilgrimage involves setting aside time from our normal routine to focus more on the Person of Christ and His love for us. Bishop Callahan has named a Pilgrimage Church for each deanery. In most cases, these Churches were chosen because they are dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Our parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Spring Valley has been selected as a Pilgrimage Church.** The list of Pilgrimage Churches and many other resources can be found at the diocesan website: <http://www.dioc.org/mercy/>.

**Elmwood CCD Families:** A Day Trip to La Crosse, Offered to 8th - 12th grades. Friday Nov. 6th. There is no school in Elmwood that day, looking to have a good turnout. We will be touring the Cathedral, the Diocesan Center, Christ the King Chapel and visit with Bishop Callahan. Then onto tour St Rose Convent-Chapel of the Angels and lastly tour the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Information will be sent home with students on Sunday. Please call 715-664-8975 Marilyn Bowell DRE and Youth Minister.

**World Mission Sunday:** In his *Message for World Mission Sunday*, Pope Francis wrote: “World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission lands.” May we joyfully show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world by our spiritual and financial support of the missions. **Envelopes for your contribution are available at the entrances of church.**



