

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Tuesday	August 22	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Barry Anderson (Anderson Family & Friends)
Wednesday	August 23	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Frank & Gloria Hince (LeRoy & Jo Keenlyne)
Thursday	August 24	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Mass of Thanksgiving in Honor of the Poor Souls (Brother Michael)
Friday	August 25	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Olivia Pelzel (Altar & Rosary Society)

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday	August 26	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Adeline Crownhart (Altar & Rosary Society)
Sunday	August 27	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	+Dorothy & Lyell Gleason (Joe & Karen Adams)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Samantha Reese (Schlegel Family)
		4:00 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Tom Mountin (Sheila & Roger Pelzel)

**CONFESSIONS:**

Tuesday	5:45-6:15PM	Spring Valley
Wednesday	6:30-7:15 PM	Elmwood
Saturday	7:00-7:45 PM	Elmwood
Sunday	7:45-8:15 AM	Boyceville

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Monday	6:00 AM-6:00 PM	Boyceville
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 PM	Elmwood
Thursday to Friday	8:00 AM to 8:00 AM	Spring Valley

**Stewardship for August 12-13, 2017**  
*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)*

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Boyceville	\$610.00	\$78.00
Elmwood	\$625.00	\$32.00
Spring Valley	\$1727.00	\$106.03

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

**The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

The theme of today’s liturgy deals with the place of the Gentiles in the salvation won by Christ. All the readings of today deal with this topic. In the 1st reading, the Lord’s house is called a house of prayer for all peoples (Isa 56:7).

Although Paul’s ministry primarily concerns itself with the salvation of the Gentiles, he insists that there is a deeper motivation in his mission which is the salvation of Israel. He hastens to emphasize that “all Israel shall be saved,” because in God’s plan mercy is to be shown to all, including Israel itself. In the gospel, the reason of his willingness to heal the daughter stems from his recognition of the mother’s great faith.

The conversation between Jesus and the Canaanite woman would have functioned as a model or at least a causal explanation why Jews and Gentiles could exist together in the same Christian community. The appearance of the word “dog” in his address to the woman is a contentious issue. The assumption is that the “children” represents Israel and “dogs” represents Gentiles. But the harshness of the saying is softened because Jesus uses the diminutive kynarion (puppy) which means “house-dogs” or puppy. The choice of kynarion shows that Jesus has in mind little dogs who could be tolerated in the house. The implication of the woman’s clever reply is that the dogs indeed are fed and satisfied. Behind her saying is the idea that Gentiles as well as Jews are fed by God. This incident would naturally have been important in the Matthean community, given its emphasis on the Jewish roots of Jesus and the mission to the Gentiles. The answer of the Gentile woman shows that in obedience to the will of God she recognizes the prerogative of Israel. She simply appeals to the readiness of Jesus to help, which knows no frontiers. The faith of the Gentile woman sets itself unconditionally under the Messianic Lordship of Christ and hopes that her faith be rewarded.

*Rev. Prince Raja*

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## Spring Valley News

**Coordinator of Religious Education:** We are in need of a CRE for the upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

**Ministry Schedule:** The September-October-November Ministry schedule will come out August 27th. If you are unable to serve certain Sunday Masses during those months, please notify the central office immediately by email or voice message.

**Spring Valley Community Cancer Fund:** The 6th annual walk to raise funds for the Spring Valley Community Cancer Fund (SVCCF) will be on the Saturday of Dam Days, September 16th. If you enjoy a beautiful walk and would like to help support members of the SV community that are currently on a journey through cancer treatments, please join us! Registration forms with details are in the entry of the Church. Registration forms need to be submitted by August 25th if you want to ensure t-shirt size availability. If you would like more information about the SVCCF, talk with Darlene Vanasse or Eric and Kelly Johnson. Thank you!

## Boyceville News

**Farewell Potluck:** There will be a farewell potluck in honor of Father Prince on **Sunday August 27, 2017** immediately following Mass. Everyone is welcome!

## Elmwood News

**Elmwood CCD Program:** Elmwood CCD classes begin on September 10th. Any new families interested in registering their children in our program; please contact Marilyn Bowell DRE 715-664-8975.

**Volunteers Needed:** Please see announcement below about change in Elmwood Mass times. With this change, we are in need of Rosary Leaders, Ushers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors for the 8:30 AM Mass. Please contact Mary Sailer or the Central Office if you can help.

## News for All

**Welcome Father Victor Inbam:** This weekend we welcome Father Victor Inbam, from India, to celebrate the Holy Masses in our parishes. He will be sharing information about the children, kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, who are educated in "Our Lady of Fatima School" in India, in the remote and rural village of Adhichanur. This school was built eight years ago and now serves 350 children, from 15 different villages, where their parents have no access to send them to school to learn English, because they don't have financial support or any transportation facilities. Father Victor is at our parishes on their behalf, with the permission of the Diocese of La Crosse and Fr. Prince, to request our blessings and financial support to continue to educate the children of the Our Lady of Fatima School.

**Change to Mass Times in Elmwood:** As was previously announced by the Diocese, effective September 1, 2017, St. Luke Parish will be joining with St. Joseph's in Menomonie. Coinciding with that change, Elmwood will have Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM and there will no longer be a 4:00 PM Sunday Mass. **This change takes effect September 1, 2017.** There will be NO changes to the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass, the weekday Masses, or the times for Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sunday Mass in Spring Valley will remain at 10:30 AM.

**Marlee Erlandson Benefit:** Marlee is the niece of a Spring Valley parishioner, and was diagnosed with Stage 4 Rhabdomyosarcoma in April. She is a vibrant and courageous 1 1/2-year-old from Ellsworth. Her family is putting on a benefit on August 20 at the Gas-Lite Bar and Grill, W8945 Hwy 10, in Ellsworth from 12-4 pm to help support costs involved with treatment. Her treatment involves daily and/or weekly trips to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, which many times requires the family to stay there overnight. The benefit will include pork dinner, bake sale, bingo (1-3), a live DJ, gun raffle and live/silent auctions. Please join us in helping Marlee and her family while having fun with your family and friends. Your support is appreciated!

**Men of the Cross Conference:** The 2017 Men of the Cross conference will be held in Chippewa Falls at McDonell High School on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Speakers include John Pridmore, Fr. Richard Heilman, Jesse Romero and David DeWolf. For more information about the conference and to register, please go to: [www.menofthecross.org](http://www.menofthecross.org)

**This Week in FORMED:** Next week-end are the feast days of two great saints in the Church, St. Monica and St. Augustine. St. Monica prayed for her son to become a Christian for many years and lived to see his conversion. St. Augustine is one of the greatest thinkers in the history of the Church and after his conversion one of her most ardent defenders. Search for Monica or Augustine on the search bar of **FORMED.ORG** to find lots of great material. Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

**Fall Festival at Holy Rosary Parish in Lima:** Sunday August 27, 2017 All are invited to attend the annual Fall Festival at Holy Rosary Parish in Lima. Located 6 miles East of Durand off Hwy 10, on County Road V. Polka Mass at 10:00 AM, booths and games open at 11:00 AM – fish pond, BINGO, bake and candy sale, pull tabs, dairy wagon, cake walk, and country store. Silent Auction of new and antique items from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Lima's famous poppy seed rolls will be on sale. More information can be found on the church bulletin boards.