

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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<b>OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:</b>				
Tuesday	February 13	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Lloyd Ellefson (Fran Ellefson)
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	February 14	3:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Paul Howard (by Family)
		7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Tom Mountin (Don & Mary Schmitz)
Thursday	February 15	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	Kathy Sableko (Jerry Sabelko)
Friday	February 16	1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Assisted Living	+Adeline Crownhart (Ray & Bing Asher)
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>				
Saturday	February 17	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Susan Geraets (Steve & Virginia Geraets)
Sunday	February 18	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Kathy Feuker (John & Barb Schneider)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Elwood Burke (Paul Burke Family)

**CONFESSIONS:**

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

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

**Stewardship for February 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)*

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 745.00	\$ 172.00
Spring Valley	\$ 1965.00	\$ 292.50

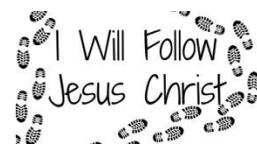
**'LORD, IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN.'**

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**  
**“Of course I want to! Be cured” (Mk 1:40-45):**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The gospel text of today describes the encounter between Jesus and a person with ‘leprosy’. Though there are still some societies where people with leprosy are stigmatized, generally we have a better understanding of the disease today. This Sunday’s first reading from the Book of Leviticus gives just a few of the horrible rules established by the Mosaic community to protect itself from leprosy. In the ancient times leprosy was believed to be deforming, incurable and contagious. Lepers were ostracized by their families and neighbors, and forced to live outside the villages and towns. They were referred to as the Living Dead.

And Jesus, moved with pity, stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, “Be made clean.” Jesus did not see the unclean leper, or his disease. He was not concerned with the strict prohibitions of Jewish society. Jesus did not see a leper at all; he saw a human soul in desperate need. The action and instructions of Jesus demonstrate how Jesus deals with this man as a whole person: at the personal, social and spiritual levels.

We possess the wonderful capacity to be instruments of the healing power of Christ. Therefore, we have the duty not only to pray for the sick and to help them get effective medical help, but also to pray over them and extend the touch of Christ to them. In the second reading for today Paul challenges us to imitate Christ. We are to be ministers of healing. We are to touch not just the physically sick, but all those whose lives are hurting and need healing in any way possible.



**Rev. Prince Raja**

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## Elmwood News

**STATIONS of the CROSS:** will be prayed on Friday's at 7:30 pm during Lent.

**In this Lenten season,** join with other parishioners in praying the thirty day novena to St. Joseph. As we pray for our own private intentions, we also will be praying for the requests of all those participating in the novena. The novena prayer pamphlets are found at the entrances and in the back of the church. March is St. Joseph's special month, so begin the novena on Ash Wednesday or anytime during Lent, but no later than March first, so that Good Friday is the final day for this novena.

**Altar and Rosary** is making a change in their yearly calendar of events, the new calendar will now be May to April. We are in desperate need of a new treasure, this position does require a home computer. It is a 2 year term and all information is on a flash drive. Also needed is a secretary and group chairs. (Home computer not required) Please contact Sharon Weber, Mary Ann Jensen or Sharon Sinz for more information. The Altar and Rosary needs you to help keep the organization do all the wonderful things we do for Elmwood Parish.

**Our Prayer Circle** is in need of more people. When prayers are requested, we call the next person on the Circle. If we get a recording, we call the next name and leave a message until we actually talk to a person. If anyone is interested in joining the Circle, or is presently on the Prayer Circle and would like to be removed, call Anna 715-639-4311

## Spring Valley News

**STATIONS of the CROSS:** will be prayed on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm following 6:30 evening mass during Lent.

**Spring Valley Community Food Shelf:** Sacred Heart Parish is responsible for donating items in the months of February and July. Please leave non perishable food items in the back of church. Monetary donations should be made out to the "Spring Valley Food Shelf". We will deliver the monies and items to the food shelf on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in February. Thank you.

**Ministry Schedule for Spring Valley:** The schedule for March - May will come out Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. If you don't want to be scheduled for certain Sunday Masses in March, April or May, please notify the central office by email or leave a voice message.

**Thank you** to all of those who helped make the Sacred Heart Youth poinsettia sale and the Social Concerns Committee's Right to Life Breakfast so successful!

**We need your help reaching our DAA goal.** The amount paid to the Diocese remains at \$18636.01 leaving an unpaid balance of \$1738.99. Pledge cards are available in the church entrance.

**St. Patrick's Dinner Canceled for 2018:** It has been decided by those who were present at the PCCW meeting that we will not be holding the St. Patrick's dinner. We have lots of help but no leadership. If someone is interested in being chairperson please contact the parish office by Feb 12.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** We are looking for two or more people to permanently take over the noon - 1:00 hour and the 1:00 - 2:00 hour of Eucharistic adoration on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Laura Buchal at 715-772-4452 for more information.

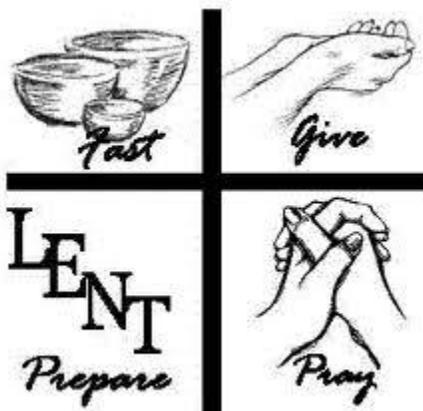


## ASH WEDNESDAY

"All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return."  
-Ecclesiastes 3:20

### Lenten Regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



## News for All



**Baptism:** Congratulations to **Savanna Rose Chamberlin**, foster child of **Matt and Jenny Holcomb**, reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism in Elmwood today. "Remember, Lord, Savanna, who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that she may follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (Roman Missal 974).

**Celebrate National Marriage Week February 7-14:** This Sunday, February 11, is World Marriage Day. Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who "is love" (no. 8).

**This Week in FORMED:** What are you going to do this Lent to grow closer to Christ? Join us for a 4-week, video-based study on [formed.org](http://formed.org) featuring content from the programs *Symbolon and Forgiveness*. A Lent to Remember is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. No matter what you've done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms this Lent! This week, begin Lent right by logging in to [formed.org](http://formed.org) to watch Session 1, then use the accompanying study guide to have a discussion with family or friends. Find all of this content and so much more on [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) -and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

**The Sesquicentennial Anniversary** The Diocesan 150th Anniversary Books - Feed My Lambs - The cost is \$30. Please make checks payable to the parish. Contact the parish office if you would like to purchase a copy.

**40 Days for Life Campaign** : From February 14 - March 25, you are invited to join others for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign, part of a world-wide initiative of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion (visit [www.40daysforlife.com/stevens-point](http://www.40daysforlife.com/stevens-point)). There will be a kick-off rally with a speaker & potluck (main dish provided) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13th at Saint Bronislava Parish in Stevens Point.