

SACRED HEART –ST. LUKE’S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

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| Tuesday | September 18 | 6:30 PM | Mass in Spring Valley | +Greg Gramer (Greg & Laura Buchal) |
| Wednesday | September 19 | 7:30 PM | Mass in Elmwood | +Lily Lecheler (Steve & Carol Lecheler) |
| Thursday | September 20 | 8:30 AM | Mass in Boyceville | Misso Pro Populo |
| Friday | September 21 | 1:30 PM | Mass At Elmwood Asst. Living | +George Ibach (Mark & Mary Sponsler) |

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | September 22 | 8:00 PM | Vigil Mass in Elmwood | +Bill Crownhart (Ken & Barb Cepek) |
| Sunday | September 23 | 8:30 AM | Mass in Boyceville | |
| | | 10:30 AM | Mass in Spring Valley | +Billy Anderson (Harriet Anderson family) |

Stewardship for September 8-9th, 2018
 “How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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

CONFESSIONS:

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

| | Adult Envelopes | Offertory |
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| Elmwood | \$ 925.00 | \$ 115.00 |
| Spring Valley | \$ 1085.00 | \$ 128.00 |



PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear loving parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

The Gospel of this Sunday is really important for us to hear Jesus speaking to us. Who do you say that I am? This is a question that should come to us every day of our lives. Many of us are convinced that Jesus is God, that He is Son of God, that He is Redeemer and Savior. But our intellectual convictions must be translated into our daily lives.

The second reading, the Letter of James, wants to push us to act out our faith in our lives, to live completely the faith that we may have only in our hearts and in our minds. The author of this letter is convinced that our actions really are important—more important than our words. The author is concerned about social actions, about not proclaiming the Gospel to someone who has nothing without offering them something.

But it is the same at the level of sharing ideas with others. So often we can speak about God and about our faith without having any sense of a personal relationship with Jesus in our daily lives. The second reading today should challenge us to have such a personal relationship with God and with Jesus Christ. It is not so very difficult: we only have to ask Jesus for that relationship and then begin to act with Him in mind.

There are times when we will feel like the author of the first reading, ‘I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.’ When we begin to take the time to think about Jesus and about God and to use time to ask them to be present in our lives and in our decisions, we can easily be thought to be overly pious or perhaps just crazy.

There are so many opportunities each day to ask God to be present, to ask Jesus to be part of our decisions and our thoughts. Perhaps we will understand more what it means to give up our lives once we begin to work strongly at putting Jesus first in our decisions. Putting Jesus first can be most helpful, especially when we are feeling strong emotions about situations.

Today we can ask for the gift of faith, we can ask that our faith will be active in the way we live and finally we can ask for a deep and abiding sense of God’s personal presence in our lives.

With Love and Prayers,

Fr. Arockia Stanislaus

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News for All

Update for the Diocese of Sivagangai: Thank you to all who contributed to these special collection!! A total of \$3451.00 was collected at the mass on September 6th. We are thankful for the Diocese of Sivagangai for providing the LaCrosse Diocese with three priests to serve parishes in Wisconsin. And happy to have one of them, Father Amir, as our pastor.

Missa pro populo: (Latin: "Mass for the people") Refers to the requirement of all ordained pastors to say Mass for the people of their parish. In October, we will start with having this mass said on the weekends, rotating between the three parishes. So please bear in mind that will limit the mass intention requests on the weekends.

Pro-Life: "But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." ~ *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Parish Festivals: There are many local parish festivals coming up in the next two months. Please see the church bulletin boards for informational flyers on them. Hope you can attend one of them.

God has given us the gift of faith
that we can take what's unseen
and make it part of who we are.

Spring Valley News

Catechetical Sunday: Thank you to the following individuals who are so important to reinforcing our Catholic teachings and values to the youth in our parish. The foundation of instilling faith of those young minds starts at home. Thank you to- Anne Helmer, Cindy Schlegel, Laura Buchal, Lisa Bigaouette, Kelly Johnson, Jessica Shafer, Cheryl Thoms, Tara Huebel, Peggy Larson, Mike Langer, Teresa Nilssen, Mike Graham, Aarynn & Tyler Bosshart, Amy Peabody, Amy Shafer, and Pam Burke. "Send down your Spirit upon these catechists. Inspire them to be not only teachers of your truth, but witnesses of your love."

Elmwood News

Needed --- CCD teachers for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. CCD letters should have arrived or will arrive soon.

First CCD class will be tomorrow, Sunday, Sept 16th at 9:15 am

Lifetouch drawing for \$200 winners were Cyril and Esther Bauer. Congratulations!!

Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts. Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Did you know that our Tri-Parishes have a rosary-making ministry? We send the rosaries we make all over the world!! We have been meeting for just over 3 years and have sent out **21,391 rosaries!!!**

All are welcome to come and learn to make rosaries. We meet in Spring Valley at the Brother Michael Center the first Wednesday of the month and in Boyceville the second and fourth Thursdays May-October and only second Thursdays November-April.

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry but are unable to come make them, donations are always accepted. The cost of making a rosary & getting it out the door is \$.16-\$.25 for beaded rosaries and about \$.75 for cord rosaries.

Contact Cindy Schlegel--715-684-3324 or Pam Burke--715-307-8312