

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (3-10).....NO MASS  
Tuesday (3-11).....6:30 PM at Spring Valley  
+Dee Shafer (Tom & Kathy Birkel)  
Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross following Mass  
Wednesday (3-12).....7:30 PM at Elmwood  
Private Intention  
Thursday (3-13).....8:00 AM at Spring Valley  
+Audrey Grant (Grant Family)  
Eucharistic Adoration and Morning Prayer following Mass  
Friday (3-14).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley  
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH  
+Harlan Radue (George & Shelly Ibach)  
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Elmwood

### Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday (3-15).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood  
+Darrel Weber (Weber Families)  
Sunday (3-16).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville  
*Missa pro populo*  
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Brendan Moran (Moran Family)

### BRIEFLY NOTED

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Bernard Grant** of Spring Valley who passed away this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Bernard from all sins, that he who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

**Tri-Parish Retreat: "Growing in Holiness in Your Every Day Life" for both men and women** will be held at St. Luke's in Boyceville on **March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00AM with a light breakfast and lunch served. Father Louis and Deacon Ray will be the speakers; Confession will be offered and the retreat will end with 2:30 PM Mass. Registration is required so that the ladies can know how much food to prepare. **There is NO registration fee as this is a FREE event.** Please contact Rita Zimmerman (715-643-2211) to register or sign-up on the sheets located at the main entrances of our Churches. **Please register by March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:30-6:15 PM  
Spring Valley  
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

**St. Luke's: Grow in Faith, Hope and Love** with our Lenten Tree. For a fruitful Lent feel free to choose one of the tasks from the basket. One basket is for adults and the other is for children. Once you have completed your Lenten task pick a flower and add it to the tree. We should have beautiful flowers to offer our Lord by Easter Sunday.

**Spring Valley St. Patrick's Dinner:** will be held on **Sunday, March 16 from 11-1:30 PM** at the CCD Center. It is a hardy ham dinner with all the fixings and homemade pies. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12 yrs. old.

**Elmwood Centennial Fact:** During Father Frisch 10 years here the parish continued and the \$6,500 of debt was cleared away. Windows costing \$2200 were bought, the Church was decorated and many other things were accomplished.

**St. Joe's, Arkansaw:** is hosting a Pfeiffer and Euchre playing game night on March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 23 at 7PM. The cost is \$5 per person. All are invited!

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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## “STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)

Although this Winter may have brought us almost to the point of despair at ever seeing green grass before the Fourth of July, yet the liturgical Season of Lent reminds us that Spring and new birth are on the way. The word “Lent” comes from the Old English name for “Spring.” Similar to the liturgical Season of Advent which prepares us to celebrate the Birth of the Savior, **Lent prepares us to celebrate the saving Death and Resurrection of the Lord.** The fathers of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) in their *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* (109) taught that “the Lenten Season has a two-fold character: (1) it **recalls Baptism or prepares for it**; (2) it stresses a **penitential spirit**. By these means especially, **Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the Paschal Mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer.**”

The recently-published *Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints* (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013) explains that during Lent “the faithful are called to focus on the **traditional penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. These practices help to purify the mind and heart and help us recognize our dependence on God and our solidarity with our brother and sisters who lack the basic necessities of life. In this way, these practices **call us to renew our baptismal commitment to be conformed to Christ as members of His Body**” (18). Besides being an aid to the baptized, “Lent is also the period of purification and enlightenment for those elected to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil” (*Essential Guide*, 18).

In the Church, a person preparing for Baptism is called a catechumen which literally means “one being catechized,” that is, being formed to understand the teachings of Christ and to live as His disciple. **Our parishes have the privilege this Lent of prayerfully accompanying catechumen Ben Blegen as he prepares to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil in April.** Ben, 22, is a graduate of Spring Valley High School currently residing in Elmwood. You may recognize Ben as he works at the Coop in Elmwood and at the Spring Valley Public Library. A member of our parishes – and coworker of Ben – fielded Ben’s many questions about God, faith, and the Catholic Church. Eventually this coworker invited Ben to come to Mass and also encouraged him to meet with me. Even though he is not even baptized, since Palm Sunday of last year Ben has missed Mass of Lord’s Day only once through no fault of his own. Indeed, Ben usually participates in Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as well. For months Ben has been meeting with me to explore more deeply the Catholic faith and discipleship in Christ. At the Vigil Mass this Saturday Ben is formally accepted as a catechumen and his godfather and our parish communities pledge their prayerful support of him in these last weeks of his preparation to be fully initiated into the Christian life. We also beg God’s choicest blessings on him as we send him to our Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman on Sunday for the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Callahan’s delegate, Monsignor Michael Gorman. Catechumens from all over our Diocese will participate in this liturgy during which Ben’s godfather and I present him to the Bishop’s representative testifying that Ben is ready to be baptized. Accepting our witness of Ben’s readiness, Monsignor Gorman declares Ben to no longer be a catechumen but a member of the elect – that is, called to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the Easter Vigil. Monsignor Gorman concludes saying to Ben: “God is always faithful to those He calls: now it is your duty, as it is ours, both to be faithful to Him in return and to strive courageously to reach the fullness of truth, which your election opens up before you.” May these rituals of this weekend and the coming weeks of Lent not only draw Ben toward the baptismal font and the Eucharistic altar “but rekindle in those already baptized a new commitment to their baptismal call” (*Essential Guide*, 19). Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us!

Father Kevin C. Louis, STL

### Stewardship for March 1-2

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1733.00	\$159.50
Elmwood	\$1468.00	\$139.00
Boyceville	\$650.00	\$122.00

### BRIEFLY NOTED

#### **Free Daily Lent Reflections with Fr. Robert Baron:**

Would you like a deeper, more powerful Lent this year? To start each day by drawing closer to Christ? Then sign up for Fr. Robert Baron’s free daily Lent Reflections list. Each day throughout Lent until Easter Sunday, Fr. Baron will send you a short reflection, straight to your email inbox. Sign up at [LentReflections.Com](http://LentReflections.Com) to begin receiving daily messages from Fr. Baron.

**Spring Valley Eucharistic Adoration:** There are many hours in need of immediate prayer partners for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Why not consider taking an hour now and holding it through Lent to see if it’s a good fit for you? Contact Laura Buchal for information at 715-772-4452.

**Natural Family Planning Classes:** Couple to Couple League is offering a series of classes for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at Hudson Physicians, 405 Stageline Rd., Hudson, WI. New streamlined

methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. Classes begin on **Saturday, March 22nd**; at 9:00 a.m. For information call 612.721.3791. Register at <http://twincities.ccli.org>.

**Elmwood Centennial Ornaments Sale:** Starting Saturday March 15th Altar & Rosary will be selling Sacred Heart Centennial Ornaments after mass in the back of church. They will be selling them after masses and various church events until they are gone. The ornament is \$15 and comes in a very nice gold box. Please feel free to contact Lois Freiermuth 715-639-3307, Sharon Weber 715-639-3322, Susan Pitman 715-235-2827.

**Catholic Charities:** Thanks the Spring Valley parishioners for raising \$217.52 for the Birthparent Counseling Program of Catholic Charities through the Right to Life Breakfast. Your gift enables us to provide services to individuals, changing a life forever by providing the help that creates hope. Thank you!  
- Deacon Richard Sage Executive Director.



