

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (6-30).....NO MASS
5:00PM Holy Hour for Fortnight for Freedom at Boyceville
Tuesday (7-1).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Leo & Frances Huebel (Julie and Dave Ducklow)
Evening Prayers and Litany for Liberty
Wednesday (7-2).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood
+John Feuker (Larry & Shirley Reitz)
Evening Prayers and Litany for Liberty
Thursday (7-3).....8:00 AM MASS at Spring Valley
+Dee Shafer (Dean and Sandra Madson)
Morning Prayer and Litany for Liberty
10:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center
+Viola Krings (Romanus & Eileen Hagel)
Friday (7-4).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood
+Arlene Geraets (Greg Fesenmaier)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (7-5).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa pro populo
Sunday (7-6).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Peter Johnson (Judy Knops)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Rosalie Moran (Moran Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Centennial Reminder: The deadline to buy meal tickets for the Centennial is **July 1st**. Tickets and Centennial books will be on sale after mass in the church basement. If you cannot purchase them at that time please call Bob Geraets 715-639-4372 to reserve them. If you are planning to donate items to the Silent Auction or Chinese raffle or would like to volunteer please contact Lois Freiermuth 715-639-3307 or Tim Bates 715-639-2402.

Elmwood Centennial Choir Practice: There will be choir practices for our Centennial Mass at **6:30 pm** on **Wednesday, July 2nd, 9th, and 16th**. Everyone is welcome to come and take part in our 100th anniversary celebration. We need singers and would appreciate anyone who can come!

Elmwood Centennial Planning Committee: meets on **Tuesday, July 1** after the **7:00 PM** in the Elmwood Church Basement. All are invited to come and share their ideas for the celebration of our parish's centennial!

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 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

Eucharistic Adoration:

There are many hours in need of immediate prayer partners for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Contact Laura Buchal for information at 715-772-4452.

Elmwood Centennial Fact:

Father J. Kelly Cosgrove served Elmwood parish from 1977-1979. He was born in Hudson, WI on February 23, 1919 and was ordained November 17, 1943. He retired in October 1989 and died on November 19 2001. He was buried in St. Patrick Cemetery, Eau Claire, WI.

Spring Valley Home Bound

Eucharistic Ministers Needed: If you are interested or available to offer your time and service to bringing Holy Communion to the home bound on Thursday mornings please contact Gene Bauer (772-4430) or Rita Johnson (778-4295).

OUR KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus
Council 6599
Grand Knight Mark Alfuth
Meets first Thursday
8:00 PM at Elmwood

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)

For the third year the Bishops of our nation have invited us to observe a **Fortnight for Freedom (June 21-July 4)**. These are meant to be two weeks of prayer and education regarding our **first American freedom, namely, religious liberty**. Religious freedom is a founding principle of our country protected by the **First Amendment in the Bill of Rights**. Before that, though, religious liberty is a **fundamental human right, rooted in the dignity of every human person**—people of any faith or no faith at all. Religious freedom is not a Catholic, Jewish, Orthodox, Mormon or Muslim issue—**it’s an American issue, a civil rights issue**. **It is about allowing people the freedom to serve God and their neighbor**. **At 5:00 PM on Monday, June 30, Deacon Ray will lead a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament at Boyceville. Following the Spring Valley and Elmwood Masses of Tuesday through Thursday (July 1-3) we will pray Morning (or Evening) Prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction.**

The Pope’s representative to our country, Archbishop Carlo Vigano, has served in various posts around the world in the Vatican’s diplomatic corp. From the perspective of his international experience and in light of developments in the United States, the Archbishop spoke at Notre Dame University about religious freedom and the persecution of the Church: “There are those who question whether religion or religious belief should have a role in public life and civic affairs . . . **Persecution begins with this reluctance to accept the public role of religion in these affairs, especially . . . when the protection of religious freedom involves beliefs that the powerful of the political society do not share . . . The intention . . . of the persecutor is . . . to eradicate the public witness to Jesus Christ and His Church. An accompanying objective can be the incapacitation of the faith by enticing people to renounce their beliefs, or at least their public manifestations, rather than undergo great hardships . . . if believers persist in their resistance to apostasy. The plan is straightforward: if the faith persists, so will the hardships**. In more recent times, martyrdom may not necessitate torture and death; . . . those who desire to harm the faith may choose the path of ridiculing the believers so that they become outcasts from mainstream society and are marginalized from meaningful participation in public life . . . While . . . persecution can mirror . . . martyrdom, other elements can be directed to sustaining difficulty, annoyance, and harassment that are designed to frustrate the beliefs of the targeted person or persons rather than eliminate these persons . . . **The objective of persecution is to remove from the public square the beliefs themselves and the public manifestations without necessarily eliminating the persons who hold the beliefs. The victimization may not be designed to destroy the believer but only the belief and its open manifestations. From the public viewpoint, the believer remains but the faith eventually disappears.**” Archbishop Vigano noted that, in the United States, we witness in an unprecedented way a platform being assumed by a major political party, having intrinsic evils among its basic principles, and Catholic faithful publicly supporting it. **There is a divisive strategy at work here, an intentional dividing of the Church, through this strategy, the body of the Church is weakened, and thus the Church can be more easily persecuted.”**

I myself cannot shake the impression that many of our fellow citizens – and many within the Church – are sleepwalking through life. In a sobering analysis, Cardinal Francis George, the Archbishop of Chicago, commented on media reports about what he had said to a gathering of priests: “Speaking . . . to . . . priests . . . I was trying to express in overly dramatic fashion what the complete secularization of our society could bring . . . I am (correctly) quoted as saying that **I expected to die in my bed, my successor will die in prison, and his successor will die a martyr in the public square. What is omitted from the reports is a final phrase I added about the bishop who follows a possibly martyred bishop: ‘His successor will pick up the shards of a ruined society and slowly help rebuild civilization, as the Church has done so often in human history.’**”

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Father Kevin Louis, STL*

Stewardship for June 22-23				
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles	DAA Rebate
Spring Valley	\$811	\$117	\$115	
Elmwood	data unavailable and will be printed next week			
Boyceville	\$725	\$ 161		\$20

BRIEFLY NOTED

Witnesses for Christ Conference: Anyone who is called to hand on the Faith, including teachers, catechists, parents and anyone who has been baptized, are invited to attend the “Witnesses for Christ Conference”, **August 8-9 at the La Crosse Convention Center**. Friday afternoon will feature three tracks: 1) Evangelization 2) Parents as Partners with the Parish 3) Confirmation Program “Chosen” as well as “Acts One Eight” with guidance on how to implement. **Dr. Scott Hahn**, a noted speaker will be the keynote on Saturday. Contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org or call 608-791-2658. Brochures are available at entrances of Church.

Fortnight for Freedom Keynote Event – Tuesday, July 1, 7:00 - 8:45 pm – Participate in Live Simulcast at **Immaculate Conception Parish in Eau Claire**. Keynote talk by Jordan Lorence, Senior Counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom. After opening remarks by Bishop Callahan, Mr. Lorence will bring us up to date on the challenges facing religious freedom. He will discuss what he and others have been doing to defend religious liberty all the way to the Supreme Court. Discussion to follow after with Bishop Callahan and Deacon Richard Sage, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, addressing questions from the audience (including the live simulcast audience).

