

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (1-19).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood  
+Florence Beyer Sweeney (Ralph Raethke and Tami Lecheler)  
Tuesday (1-20).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Leo and Frances Huebel (Julie and Dave Ducklow)  
Wednesday (1-21).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood  
+Leo and Eloise Schmidt (Bob and Kathy Geraets)  
Thursday (1-22).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*  
5:00 PM Holy Hour for Life at Spring Valley  
Friday (1-23).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday (1-24).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood  
*Missa pro populo*  
Sunday (1-25).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville  
+Ellen Smith (James Smith)  
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Percy and Rochelle Lansing (John and Nancy Ellingson)

### BRIEFLY NOTED

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

**Holy Hour for Life:** The bishops of the United States have established January 22<sup>nd</sup> "as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life" (Roman Missal no. 373). **Deacon Ray will be leading a Holy Hour for Life at 5pm on Thursday, January 22 at Spring Valley in observance of the vigil of the National Day of Prayer and Penance.** All are invited.

**Elmwood Parishioner Help:** Members of our Elmwood church are being asked to help the Gary and Laurie Brunner family over the next 6-8 weeks. Laurie recently had major back surgery and the family is requesting prepared meals to warm up or bake in the oven. Please add baking directions. Meals can be left in the church kitchen either on the counter or in the fridge labeled "Brunner Family." Dishes will be returned. For additional information please contact Marilyn Bowell 715-664-8975.

**St. Luke's:** Sacristan Needed. Please see Georgia or Karen. Thank you.

## CONFESSIONS

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

**Elmwood Parishioners:** Please note that individual parishioner tax statements have been mailed this week and a separate statement for your annual appeal donation will be coming from the Diocese.

**Elmwood Altar and Rosary:** Officers and Chairmen will be meeting on Friday, January 23 from 3:30-4:30pm in the Church basement.

**Right to Life Breakfast:** will be held on **Sunday, January 26 from 9am-12:30pm at the Spring Valley CCD Center.** Free will donations will be accepted with the proceeds going to the financial, emotional and spiritual support of area women in need of pregnancy assistance. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and help a good cause!

**St. Luke's:** USHERS NEEDED  
There is a signup sheet on the back table for those persons who are interested in ushering. There will be a short meeting after Mass on January 25th to complete the sign up process.

**Centennial Ornaments Sale:**  
Elmwood's Sacred Heart of Jesus, centennial year has come to an end and there are 21 church ornaments remaining. If you didn't get a chance to buy one please call Sharon Weber 715-639-3322 or Lois Freiermuth 715-639-3307. They will bring them to Saturday night mass if you call and make that request. Please help Altar & Rosary meet their goal of selling the remaining ornaments. The cost per ornament is \$15.

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With our climate, the months of December and January tend to be very hard on those who have grown infirm because of age or illness. Requests for the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** increase at this time of year. In recent weeks I have been called celebrate this sacrament – for our parishioners and for others whose Pastor was unavailable – in homes and in area nursing homes and hospitals. For most of these souls, the gift of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was the consolation of having their sins forgiven and knowing that Jesus Christ accompanied them in the final hours of their earthly journey. **Celebrating this sacrament with the infirm and dying is one of the great joys of being a Priest.** Death, too, seems to call more often during the depths of Winter. Moreover, no matter what the time of year, deaths seem to come in bunches of three. That has been the case as each of our three parishes celebrated the **Funeral Rites of the Church** in recent weeks. Just as I administered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to members of other parishes whose Pastor was unavailable, in addition to the funerals of parishioners this week found me also celebrated a Funeral Mass in a neighboring parish. Once again we see that principle at work of which I wrote in this column in the Fall. Although the Bishop entrusts a specific group of people – members of a parish – to the care of a particular Priest as Pastor, nevertheless **every Priest as part of the diocesan college or body of Priests (called the presbyterate) stands ready to meet the pastoral needs of anyone should the Pastor be unavailable.** And with most Priests shepherding multiple parishes plus having responsibilities beyond their communities, the lay faithful today appreciate just how common it is to have their spiritual needs met by the “team” of diocesan Priests! Please pray for your Priests as they daily pray for you.

Speaking of praying for Priests, one of our parishioners brought to our three parishes a new spiritual work called the **Seven Sisters Apostolate**. In 2010 a member of the Cathedral Parish in Saint Paul discerned that God was calling her to pray one hour each week for her Pastor, the Rector of the Cathedral. Eventually the Lord led her to invite other women to pray a Holy Hour for the Pastor so that on every day of the week there was one woman spending an hour in prayer specifically and exclusively for the Pastor – thus the name Seven Sisters. When one of our parishioners approached me to begin the Seven Sisters Apostolate in our parishes I wholeheartedly approved! So for several months, now, women from our parishes have been offering this spiritual service each day praying for my deeper conversion to the Lord and that I continue to grow in holiness. What a consolation and a gift for me to know that every day one of my sisters in Christ is spending one hour with our Eucharistic Lord begging Him to draw me closer to Himself! For more information about the Seven Sisters Apostolate see their website [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org). For more information about this Apostolate in our parishes contact the Central Office.

Speaking of intercessory prayer, please **keep in your prayers the four individuals who are diligently preparing to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Faith.** One high school student, one young adult, and two men who are husbands and fathers are currently on that path leading to embracing the fullness of Catholic Faith. Because each one is proceeding at the pace appropriate for his or her individual circumstances, they will not all be received into full communion at the same time. Pray that God, who has begun this good work in them, may bring it to completion!

Continuing with the theme of prayer, the **high point and center of our year of faith as parishes is the celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's saving Death and Resurrection in the Church's liturgies of Holy Week.** Each of our parishes takes a turn being the site where as a community of parishes we can gather to celebrate these most sacred days. This year the **liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday will be at Saint Luke Parish in Boyceville.** As usual, the good people of Boyceville have responded with great enthusiasm and pride to be able to offer themselves and their church in service to us all as we celebrate the wondrous gift of our salvation! Easter Sunday morning Masses will be celebrated at Spring Valley and Elmwood.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Very Rev. Kevin C. Louis, STL*

**Stewardship for January 10-11**

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1254	\$127.50
Elmwood	\$426	\$83
Boyceville	\$1255	\$89

**BRIEFLY NOTED**

**Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:** The Elmwood CCD Program is hosting a **Fazoli's Spaghetti Dinner at the Elmwood Auditorium on Wed. Feb 11 from 5-8 PM.** The meal is your choice of spaghetti, garden salad, breadsticks, dessert and beverage. CCD Youth are selling tickets for the meal: \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. If at all possible please purchase tickets by February 1. Tickets will be issued at the door the night of dinner. Take-out is available. All proceeds to benefit the Elmwood CCD Youth. For information please contact Marilyn Bowell at 715-664-8975.

**Elmwood CCD Fundraiser Donations:** If anyone is interested in donating door prizes for the Fazolli Spaghetti Dinner on February 11, please contact Marilyn Bowell at 715-664-8975.

**St. Luke's:** Thank you to all who donated hats and mittens for Tiffany Creek Elementary School. We had a total of 73 hats and 69 pairs of mittens! Thank you for your generosity to those in need.





