

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (11-9).....NO MASS

Tuesday (11-10).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Marie Demuth (Yvonne Degross)

Wednesday (11-11)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Juanita Bates (Ronald and Patricia Mikesell)

Thursday (11-12).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Frank Crownhart (John & Nancy Ellingson)

Friday (11-13).....8:00 Communion Service at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+William Kasten (Kasten Family)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (11-14).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Deceased Members of Matt and Julia Brunner Families

Sunday (11-15).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Mary Ellen Smith (Betty Garside)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

New Parish App: The Diocese of La Crosse is providing a free app for parishioners to download on their ipads and smartphones. The app is called "myParish" and will be available for downloading the weekend of November 14-15. The Diocese desires all parishes to participate in the diocesan wide launch of this app that weekend and encourages parishioners to download the app to their handheld devices. The app will feature our parish mass and confession schedule, daily scripture readings, traditional prayers, bulletins, homilies, parish event reminders, Mass and confession alarm reminders, as well as much more. For more information contact the Central Office or visit myparishapp.com.

DAA Update: *Saint Luke parish* is at 70% of their target amount of \$6, 384. *Elmwood parish* is at 55% of their target amount of \$13, 915. *Spring Valley parish* is at 56% of their target amount of \$19,910. If you haven't pledged toward the appeal, please return your card ASAP. Your pledge card offers five options to give toward the Appeal. Blank pledge cards are in the entrance of the church or contact the Central Office to receive a pledge card.

St. Luke's: Again we will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please place your donations in the container in back of church by Nov 18th. Sheets will be in the back for item accepted. Thank You for your generosity.

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. 8 AM to Friday 8AM
Spring Valley

Eucharistic Adoration: We are looking for two prayer partners to hold an hour every other week on Thursday afternoons from 9-10 am. Contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 for more information.

Elmwood CCD Assessment Tests: 4th, 8th and 10th grades will be tested on Nov. 8th. Please be sure your child is well rested and eats a hearty breakfast. Parents may be present to read and assist their child without giving answers. Any questions please call 715-664-8975 Marilyn Bowell DRE and Youth Minister.

St. Luke: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyceville, WI on Monday, November 23, 2025 at 7 p.m. For more information you may call 715-643-3821

St. Luke's: The mitten tree is up again for mittens and hats. Tiffany Creek Elementary needs larger size gloves for the older children as well as, medium and small size mittens. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Rosary Group: will meet November 12th from 7-8pm in the Br. Michael Catholic Center in Spring Valley. All are welcome!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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www.svecatholic.org

32nd Sunday in Ordinary time: A Cheerful Giver

God loves a cheerful giver, the one who is willing to part with things without any hesitation. Compassion and care for others surely prompt our own giving. To give to the other involves sacrifice on the part of the giver. In the first reading a prophet offers life to a poor widow and her son. The woman only has to respond in faith and God will take care of her needs. She generously and willingly gave to the prophet what little she had and God blessed her abundantly.

When the books of Old Testament refer to the poor they often list three categories of people: the stranger, the orphan and the widow (Deut 14:29). The Hebrew Scriptures constantly invite people to be sensitive to the needs of these three types of vulnerable people: the stranger, the orphan and the widow (Ps 94:6; Jer 7:11). When it talks about the justice of God, the Old Testament speaks of the God who defends the stranger, the orphan and the widow (Ps 146:9). It is in this context that the first reading of today becomes even more meaningful.

Today’s Second Reading taken from the Letter to the Hebrews describes the sacrifice of Jesus against the background of the Day of Atonement. The passage tells us that Jesus died once for all time and for all people when he made his perfect sacrifice to remove sin.

In the Gospel, the poor widow received the praise of Jesus because she put her last money, though she was poor. As Jesus said, “She gave all she had to live on.”

The story of the widow is only the culmination in a series of people in the Gospels who abandon their false securities in the presence of God:

- The Magi open their treasures and humbly prostrate before the baby in whom they have seen the presence of God (Mt 2:1-11);
- The disciples when called by Jesus leave their boats, hired men and even their father and follow Jesus (Mk 1:20, also Mt 4:22);
- When Mathew the tax collector encounters Jesus he is ready to leave his table and follow Jesus (Lk 5:27-28);
- Zacchaeus is willing to give half of his property to the poor (Lk 19:9);
- Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, leaves his upper garment and comes to Jesus in a symbolic nakedness (Mk 10:50); and,
- The Samaritan woman after her encounter with Jesus leaves her empty water jar at the feet of Jesus in a symbolic abandonment of her past (Jn 4:28).
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A question that we can all ask ourselves then is: what is it that I am still holding on to – that prevents me from totally surrendering myself to God?

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Rev. Prince A. Raja*

Stewardship for October 31-November 1					
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>					
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	DAA	All Saints Day	World Mission Sunday
Spring Valley	\$2,303.00	\$121	\$180		
Elmwood	\$885	\$113		\$55	
Boyceville	\$685	\$117	\$250		\$5

BRIEFLY NOTED

The Year of Mercy: will be inaugurated by Pope Francis December 8 and in dioceses throughout the world on Sunday, December 13. The inauguration of the Jubilee in our diocese will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman at the 10:30am Mass and at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the Latin Mass at 9:00am. You are most welcome to attend one of these celebrations. ***Another way to receive God’s mercy and be strengthened in our relationship with Jesus Christ during this Holy Year is to make a pilgrimage.*** A pilgrimage involves setting aside time from our normal routine to focus more on the Person of Christ and His love for us. Bishop Callahan has named a Pilgrimage Church for each deanery. In most cases, these Churches were chosen because they are dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. ***Our parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Spring Valley has been selected as a Pilgrimage Church.*** The list of Pilgrimage Churches and many other resources can be found at the diocesan website: <http://www.dioc.org/mercy/>.

World Mission Sunday: In his *Message for World Mission Sunday*, Pope Francis reminds us: “Mission is part of the ‘grammar’ of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers ‘Come’ and ‘Go forth’ Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries.....” May we be blessed with a spirit of mission and of a deeper and ongoing encounter with the Lord as we show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world by our spiritual and financial support of the missions. ***Envelopes for your contribution are available at the entrances of church.***

