

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (3-14).....NO MASS

Tuesday (3-15) .....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Wednesday (3-16)...6:30PM Stations of the Cross at Boyceville

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Michael Mousel Family (Theresa Mousel Schwartz)

Stations of the Cross after Mass at Elmwood

Thursday (3-17).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Mary Stanchik (Tom and Kathy Birkel)

Friday (3-18).....8:00AM Communion Service at Spring Valley

2:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood Nursing Home

+Frank Crownhart (Suzi Crownhart and Mark Nelson)

### Sixth Sunday of Lent

Saturday (3-19).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Harlan Radue (George and Shelly Ibach)

Sunday (3-20).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Mary Cernohous Bonnes (Betty Garside)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

*Missa Pro Populo*

### BRIEFLY NOTED

Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Richard Baier** from Elmwood who died this past week. “O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Richard 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).

**St. Luke's:** The last Lenten Hot Soup Meal following Stations will be this week, Wednesday, March 16, served by St. Joan of Arc Circle. We will not be doing the meal during Holy Week. Please join us this Wednesday following 6:30 p.m. Stations.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Sunday, March 20, 2016:** will be held from 11:00AM to 1:30PM at the Brother Michael CCD Center. Please sign up to bring pies or Jell-O, and to help work Saturday or Sunday. The sign-up sheets are in the church entry. If you're unable to help with the dinner, please consider a cash donation to help cover the expenses. Checks can be made payable to Sacred Heart P.C.C.W. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Spread the word! We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends at the dinner on March 20th!

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 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. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

**Adoration Chapel:** will be CLOSED during Holy Week.

**Lenten Observance:** All *Fridays in Lent* are a day of *abstinence from meat* for Catholics 14 or older.

**St. Luke's:** Today (March 13) is Pot Luck Sunday. Please stay and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

**Farewell Party for Deacon Ray:** Will be held Sunday, April 3 after the 10:30am Mass in Spring Valley at the Br. Michael Center. Join us in saying goodbye to Deacon Kevin. Coffee and bars will be served. All are welcome!

**Interparish Pastoral Council** Meets on Tuesday, March 15 at 7PM in the Br. Michael Center. Councilors contact Central Office if unable to attend.

## DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Go to your app store and search for “myParish-Catholic Life”. Follow the installation prompts, select your parish and stay connected with current parish events and mass times.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

## VISIT US ON THE WEB

[www.svecatholic.org](http://www.svecatholic.org)

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

I am back from my annual vacation. Last month as soon as I reached India, before the beginning of Lent, I baptized my second nephew named ‘Leo Jowin’, since he was born on the memorial day of St. Josaphat (Nov 12). I was saying Holy Mass in my home parish with the parish priest. I really thank our Spring Valley Rosary Makers who gave me 1,000 Rosaries to bring to India. Back in India, they have a tradition of wearing rosaries around their neck during the season of Lent, so I gave our rosaries to the parish priest and he blessed them on Ash Wednesday and gave to all the people. I had my annual one week retreat and spent days with my family. It was really warm the temperature between 75–95 degrees. I missed our Wisconsin snow. I sincerely thank our Deacon and our parish secretary who arranged priests for Holy mass during my absence.

We are just one week away from the Holy Week and our celebration of God’s love shown in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. For us Christians, this season of Lent is a time of special grace in which we experience the presence of a personal God who cares and loves us. Our response is to transform ourselves and live according to His will. We want to do something new and come to Him in obedience and freedom. Before Him we acknowledge our weakness and we know that He is the one who supports us and builds with us a new relationship. We ought to change our lives during Lent and come closer to Him. Therefore, the Church calls this season as a joyful time, because it is our preparation for the future joy of Easter that approaches us, bringing His blessings, mercy and forgiveness.

As we approach to the end of our Lenten season, we are reminded of our last opportunity to cooperate with God’s graces and His benevolent love. It is He invites us to enter deep into His mystery and look for His unlimited love. We have the Gospel of today telling us of the woman caught in the act of adultery. Jesus protects her and forgives her completely, not before asking her to reform her life. Certainly she would choose to be His follower for, through forgiveness He brought divine love in her. *Rev. Prince Raja*

**Stewardship for March 5-6 2016**

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$3,036	\$135.25
Elmwood	\$1,125	\$53
Boyceville	\$1,395	\$90

**BRIEFLY NOTED**

**Attention Graduating Seniors:** There are church scholarship applications ready for pickup; you may find the Choir and Religious Ed. Program Scholarships on the shelf or bulletin board in the main church entrance of Sacred Heart, Elmwood. The Religious Ed. Program Scholarship is available online at [www.elmwood.k12.wi.us](http://www.elmwood.k12.wi.us), hover over High School, and click on Counseling Services to access printed copies. [The KC Council #6599](#) is offering a scholarship for any graduating senior of our tri-parishes. Contact Mike Raleigh at 639-6582 for an application.

**Spring Valley's Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Our balance owed to the Diocese is \$2,587.96. If you chose to pay on installments, please pay the entire balance by mid-June to provide enough time for documentation at the Diocesan level. Historically, through grants funded by the DAA, our parish received money to help in the spiritual growth of our youth (Steubenville conference, items for the CCD program, Joyful Noise etc). Regardless of what you can give, your donation to the DAA will make a difference. Just put your donation in an envelope marked "DAA" and drop it in the collection basket.

**SV Community Food Pantry Thank You:** Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you so much for your amazing donation given to the Spring Valley Community Food Pantry from your participation in

this year’s Souper Bowl of Caring! It is truly appreciated and will be used to help people in need of food in our area. We are blessed to have this caring and sharing community! Thanks again! –SV Community Food Pantry

**Spring Valley CCD:** There is NO CCD on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> due to the St. Patrick’s Day dinner. As a make-up grades 6-12 will have Confessions on Wednesday, March 16 from 6-7:30PM in Spring Valley. CCD families: please note that this is REQUIRED event.

**Elmwood Easter Flowers:** Anyone wishing to donate for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one can send a donation to the Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society PO Box 54, Elmwood WI 54740 or put it in the box in the kitchen.

**Lent in the Year of Mercy – Make it Meaningful:** Visit the diocesan website, [www.dioc.org/mercy](http://www.dioc.org/mercy), where you can view and download resources, including:

- *Embracing the Year of Mercy*, the diocesan booklet for the Year of Mercy;
- Lenten messages from Pope Francis and Bishop Callahan;
- Pilgrimage list of Diocesan Holy Door sites;
- Devotional and Confession resources

