

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (5-9).....NO MASS

Tuesday (5-10).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Elwood Burke (Nieves Burke)

Wednesday (5-11).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Michael Mousel Family (Theresa Mousel Schwartz)

Thursday (5-12).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Friday (5-13).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home
+Joseph Jensen (Dale and Mary Ann Jensen)

Solemnity of Pentecost

Saturday (5-14).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (5-15).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+LaVina Hill (Dennis and Joyce Hill)
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Lorne and Lamonie Hanson (Tom and Kathy Birkel)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Pot Luck: St. Luke, Boyceville, will have May Pot Luck on Sunday, May 15. The change from 2nd Sunday is due to Mother's Day. Altar Boys and Graduates will be honored. Please plan to share this delicious event!

Elmwood Sacred Heart Graduates: The Elmwood Parish is proud to recognize our highschool graduates: Damon Erickson, Elizabeth Feuker, Elizabeth Fredrickson, Darek Nelson and Andrew Webb at the 8:00 pm mass on Saturday, May 14th. Congratulations seniors and may God be with you every step of the way as you continue your life's journey! Everyone is invited for refreshments in the church basement following the mass.

Vacation Bible School Needs Teacher Leaders: The annual summer VBS hosted at Sacred Heart Spring Valley is in need of more teacher leaders for all grades and volunteers for the June 5-June 9th "Deep Sea Discovery" themed bible school week. The program begins Sunday, June 5 from 3:00-5pm and continues M-TH, June 6-9 from 6-8pm. Contact Julie Webb at 715-772-3114.

Pilgrimage to La Crosse: A tri-parish bus will be departing for a pilgrimage trip on Friday, June 3rd to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (*being that our diocese was consecrated to the Sacred Heart by then Bishop Burke, it is an extra grace to go on this day). Touring the Cathedral of the diocese and walking through the Year of Mercy Holy Doors will also result in special graces.

The schedule is to leave St. Luke's, Boyceville at 7:30am with a second pickup at Spring Valley. Arrive for Confessions and the 12:15pm Mass at the Shrine, eat lunch, and be at the Cathedral for the hour of Divine Mercy at 3PM. A lunch will be provided. *Space is limited so please reserve your seat right away!* Sign-up sheets are available at the main entrances of church.

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

St Luke's: On Mother's Day (May 8) we will be selling roses for \$2 apiece proceeds go to Right to Life.

Elmwood Altar and Rosary: will meet on Thursday, May 12 at 7PM in the Church Basement.

Interparish Pastoral Council: Meets on Tuesday, May 17th at 7PM at the Brother Michael Catholic Center in Spring Valley. Council members, notify the Central Office if unable to attend.

Mother/Daughter Retreat: A Mother-Daughter Spiritual Retreat will be held at Round Hill/Camp Angelus located on the Chippewa River in Arkansas, WI on Sunday, May 21 from 8:30-4. The retreat will be presented by Sr. M. Luka from Mater Redemptoris in La Crosse. She will be speaking on the *Letter to Women* by St. John Paul II. To register call Cindi Beurskens at 715.273.4534.

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Eyes Fixed on Heaven and Feet Firm on the Earth

I wish A ‘Happy Mother’s day’ to all of our parishioners! As we are in the month of May, dedicated to our Mother Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of our church, she may guide us and intercede our needs to her son Jesus Christ. I really appreciate and thank all the people who helped to arrange the ‘May Crowning Ceremony’ in our three parishes.

Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:3) that Jesus was seen in his risen form for forty days. After those forty days, Jesus was no longer seen in his risen body. The feast of today marks this stage of transition in the story of the incarnation and resurrection – that Jesus is not visible in his earthly body as such. Luke describes this “withdrawal” of Jesus (Lk 24:51) in terms of being “lifted up” (Acts 1:9). And Mark describes it in terms of “being taken up into heaven” (Mk 16:19).

In my reflection, I would like to focus on two phrases from the first reading of today which capture two important dimensions of our Christian life, namely, we have our eyes fixed on heaven but at the same time we have our feet firm on the ground.

Eyes Fixed on Heaven: “He was lifted up while they looked on”

(Acts 1:9)

The feast of today invites us to look up. To have our eyes fixed on heaven – this is the first aspect. This description of Luke reminds us of what happened in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Second Book of the Kings (2King 2:9-15) tells us how one day Elijah was with his disciple Elisha near the river Jordan. Suddenly there appeared a chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire. Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind as Elisha looked up to heaven. From that time Elisha received the spirit of his master and was empowered to continue his mission in the world. In fact, from then on Elisha was able to perform the same deeds as his master.

Luke reminds us, through his own narration in the readings of today, that we will be empowered by the Spirit to do the same things that our Lord and master Jesus performed. In similar words, St Paul, writing to the Colossians, assures them – and us: “Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on things above, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed..., you too will be revealed with him in glory” (Col 3:1-4). That is why, in the gospel of today, Luke tells us that after the parting of Jesus his disciples “went back to Jerusalem full of joy” (Lk 24:52).

Feet Firm on the Earth: “Why are you standing here looking into the sky?”

(Acts 1:11)

Looking up to heaven is not to be escapism from life. The disciples are told in the Acts of the Apostles, “Why are you Galileans standing here looking into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way as you have seen him go to heaven” (Acts 1:11).

Elsewhere Jesus had told us: “Blessed are those servants that the Lord, on his return, will find busy at work serving their brothers and sisters” (Lk 12:35-48). And during the transfiguration of the Lord, when Peter wanted to pitch tents on the mountain-top lost in the clouds, Jesus brought them down the mountain, back to the humdrum of daily life (Lk 9:28-37). Moments of looking up to heaven, being on the mountain-top, experiences of being elated are necessary and important in our lives. They are moments of grace. However, the fruits of those moments are truly expressed in the plains of daily life. People of faith also have their feet firm on the earth.

Of course, as Christians we are not lost in the narrow confines of this world. We have a sense of upward and forward looking hope. At the same time, we are ‘not lost in the clouds’. At the end of the day we have to pay our bills. Yes, genuine holiness consists in the meaningful integration of the spiritual and everyday aspects of our daily life.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for April 30-May 1, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	DAA
Spring Valley	\$2863.70	\$123.25	\$50
Elmwood	\$810	\$162	
Boyceville	\$932	\$37	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Spring Valley Parishioners: Thank you to the family who donated an extra \$50 to their original Diocesan Annual Appeal pledge & to those who continue make their installment payments. The DAA balance due is \$2,277.96. You don’t need a card to pledge. After placing your check in an envelope marked “DAA”, drop it in the collection or mail it to the central office to be sent off with your account number. ***To receive credit for a pledge or payment, it must be in the Diocesan office before June 30th. Thus, sent to them by June 10th.***

