

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-19).....NO MASS

Tuesday 9-20).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Carol Olson (Ann Webb)

Wednesday (9-21).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Edward Sabelko (LeRoy & Josephine Keenlyne)

Thursday (9-22).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Agnes and Victor Johnson (David & Rita Johnson)

Friday (9-23).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Albert Lecheler (Doug & Gloria Watkins)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (9-24).....7:00PM Vigil Mass at Boyceville

+Dean and Alice Adams (Joe & Karen Adams)

Sunday (9-25).....8:30AM Mass at Elmwood

+Loren Leehe (Marge Leehe)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa Pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Reminder: Usual Mass schedule of Saturday 8PM at Elmwood and Sunday 8:30AM Mass at Boyceville resumes the weekend of October 1st and 2nd.

St Luke's: POTLUCK desserts and coffee this evening after Mass today September 17th. Please stay for treats and fellowship.

St. Francis Parish Autumn Buffet, Ellsworth: will be held on Monday, October 17 at 6:30PM. There will be many raffle items and for entertainment this year, there will be the Music of Rosie Conroy, Colleen Raye and Norton Lawellin. Colleen Raye brings her exuberance, talent and creativity to the show. The music that will be played and sung was composed by Rose Conroy. Colleen and Rosie are members of St. Francis Parish.

Confirmation Students Important Dates:

Sunday, October 2- Confirmation Retreat - starting with 10:30am Mass and going until about 4:00PM. SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you. Sign up for Confirmation liturgy.

Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm - Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Joes Menomonie SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you.

Saturday, October 15 @ 6:30pm - CONFIRMATION @ St. Joes Menomonie, reception follows in church basement.

Diocesan Annual Appeal in Sacred Heart-SV Parish: The 2016-2017 DAA has started. Our target amount is \$19,772. You will be receiving the DAA mailing in the following week asking for your financial participation. Any questions, call Gene Bauer 772-4430 or Marie Cebulla 698-2882.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

Saturday 6:00-6:45 PM

Boyceville

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Elmwood

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Boyceville

Thurs. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

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Interparish Pastoral Council: Meets on Tuesday, September 20 at 7PM in the Br. Michael Center in Spring Valley.

Spring Valley Adoration: We are looking to fill 2 hours every other week on Thursday, from 9-10am and 8-9 pm. Contact Laura Buchal at [715-772-4452](tel:715-772-4452) if interested.

St Luke's Annual Fall Dinner: Sunday, October 2 with a 9:30AM mass and a Turkey dinner from 11-1:30PM. All are welcome to come and celebrate!

St. Luke's Parishioners: Please pick up your raffle ticket books in the back of church. See Gloria Pieters or Barb Hellmann if you have questions.

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers: Our Elmwood parish needs more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. For those interested in being trained as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Becky.

FORMED LOG-IN INFO:

Visit: www.formed.org and enter the Parish Access Code: CQH26N (all caps). Set up a username & password for an account.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All the readings of today emphasize the concept of Justice. Justice is understood as certain situation of mind, whereby a man/woman does what he/she ought to do in the circumstances confronting him/her. Justice is primarily concerned with conduct in relation to others, especially with regard to the rights of others. In a larger sense justice is not only giving to others their rights, but involves the active duty of establishing their rights. God’s justice, or righteousness, is founded in His essential nature. God’s justice is not merely gracious, but redemptive.

Today’s First Reading from the Book of Amos speaks against greed. The prophet speaks up for the poor and the needy. They have only God as their protector. The Israelites were waiting impatiently for the end of the holy days and Sabbaths so that they could proceed with their dishonest practices. In this specific case, the feast of the new moon was taking place. According to the tradition, the celebration of the first day of the new moon, like the Sabbath, were days of rest. During these celebrations, without exception, no business was to be transacted. There were a couple of things that the Israelites were doing that was drawing the condemnation of the Lord God.

In today’s Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy, we are reminded of our spiritual obligations in accordance with the universal salvation that the Heavenly Father planned for mankind. Paul says that all their supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving should be made for everyone. Here his emphasis is on the Christian’s obligation to pray for all men/women without exception.

Today’s Gospel draws our attention to the parable of the dishonest manager. At the outset this parable seems to be quite unique and difficult to understand its meaning. It appears as if Jesus is suggesting that He approves the steward who has gained some amount of dishonest wealth.

Let us consider the truth that each one of us is the steward Jesus is talking in the parable and the rich man is God Himself who entrusted to us all the graces and what he created. If we reflect this gospel, a steward should have the following characteristics based on the parable itself.

The first, a steward is wise. As we read in the Gospel that when this dishonest steward sensed that he is about to be fired out, he called all those had debts with his boss to his own advantage and reduced their bills as much as 50% discount. He reasoned out that after he would be fired out, there would be people who would take care of him because of gratitude. He is wise because he invested now for the good of his future.

The second characteristic of a steward is that he is trustworthy. Jesus does not tolerate unfaithfulness. Like for example, for a Christian there are no white lies, he is always truthful. If we have learned not to use hurting words or rough language against people, we will not be tempted to use hurting words or rough language against people we will not be tempted to use violence. As Jesus said: “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones,” (v. 10).

The last characteristic of a steward is he has focus. The term use by Jesus to refer to us is that of a slave. As we all know that a slave has no right. He is totally obedient to his master. Therefore there is no part-time or sometimes disciples but only full-time disciples. So let us give one hundred percent of ourselves to God above all.

Jesus concludes his parable with a lesson on what controls or rules our lives. Who is the master (or ruler) in charge of our life? There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from the slavery of sin and addiction. The Master is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for September 10-11, 2016

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

| | Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Candles |
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| Spring Valley | \$1,787 | \$129.10 | \$10.84 |
| Elmwood | \$655 | \$167 | |
| Boyceville | \$470 | \$84 | |

BRIEFLY NOTED

SV Eucharistic Ministers to Homebound Needed:

Thank you to Rose Hovde for serving more than 30 years as an extraordinary minister bringing Communion to the Catholics at the Care Center and to the homebound members of our parish! We are now in need of someone to serve in this ministry as a substitute. Rita Johnson, Eugene Bauer, Rosalie Sowatzke, and Mary C Anderson are current extraordinary ministers, along with Br. Michael. Please consider serving; contact the office.

Fall Deanery Meeting/Assembly: Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Sacred Heart, Mondovi. Our speaker will be Moira Kneer and her presentation is *A Call to Mercy*. This is a wonderful talk and a fitting topic as Pope Francis' Year of Mercy is coming to an end in November. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7pm.

Durand Fall Festival: Sunday, September 25 at St. Mary’s Durand with **10am Mass** followed by food, games and activities at 11am. Kids games, silent auction, cash raffle and country good store. Watch the Packer Game on the parish’s big screen at Noon! All welcome!

Thank You: Father Prince thank you so much for the wonderful meal that you prepared for our Altar & Rosary meeting. It was very delicious and even included desert. Not only was the meal great but what a wonderful surprise. Thanks again and May God Bless Altar & Rosary!!

St Luke's: FOR SALE - Stainless steel sink and tables \$250 or best offer. To view see Jerry Smith or Joe Adams.

