

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	July 25	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Barry Anderson (Anderson Family & Friends)
Wednesday	July 26	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Albert Lecheler (Roger & Sheila Pelzel Family)
Thursday	July 27	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Terry Shafer (Dave & Rita Johnson)
Friday	July 28	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Jeanne Mountin (Robert Bock)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	July 29	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Bill Crownhart (Bob & Kathy Gereats)
Sunday	July 30	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Duane & Michael Kelley (Colleen Kelley)
		4:00 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Bernard Hofacker (John Bates)

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday	5:45-6:15 PM	Spring Valley
Wednesday	6:30-7:15 PM	Elmwood
Saturday	7:00-7:45 PM	Elmwood
Sunday	7:45-8:15 AM	Boyceville

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday	6:00 AM-6:00 PM	Boyceville
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 PM	Elmwood
Thursday to Friday	8:00 AM to 8:00 AM	Spring Valley

Stewardship for July 15-16, 2017
 “How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Boyceville	\$519.00	\$77.00
Elmwood	\$825.00	\$186.25
Spring Valley	\$1,501.00	\$128.01

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s gospel we hear of a landlord whose field has been sabotaged by an enemy who sowed weeds in the field after the landlord had planted good seed, possibly wheat, so that he would have an abundant harvest. This is the kind of a parable that can leave us with the thought, “So, what does that mean to me? I don’t sow weeds or wheat, so I’m not included in the message.”

Well, that’s not really true because when we examine this parable it is easy to determine that Jesus is not only talking about seeds of grain. There are many different types of seeds..... seeds of doubt, seeds of evil, seeds of sin, and many others.

We may say, “Wait a minute. The gospel tells us to wait until the harvest and then remove the weeds.” That may be a fine theory in agriculture but we all know that in our society, the longer we wait to get rid of the “seeds” of sin, the more apt we are to suffer grave consequences.

If one sees a beautifully kept field of grain, it is a sight to behold. But if you see weeds throughout the grain, you don’t have to be a farmer to know the harvest will not be as good as it could be. It’s the same with our own lives.

I’m always surprised when I read the words of Jesus as He teaches everyone what will happen to those of us who don’t keep His commandments. He is a loving God and He is a fair God but he is also a just God.

We cannot judge the wheat fields by the presence of some weeds. But, we have to be wary. We have to be watchful. We have to be sure our various systems of protection are enforced. Most of all, we need to pray that the Lord of the Harvest will continue to sort out the weeds from the wheat.

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Spring Valley News

Steubenville Retreat: Next weekend, 11 youth and 4 chaperones from our parish will be attending the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. We ask that you pray for our group throughout the weekend, that our students will have an inspirational and fulfilling conference. Please take a moment after church today to stop outside to talk to some of the participants attending, to look at photos from previous years, and to purchase some delicious treats from our final fundraising effort - a free-will donation bake sale! Donations of all sizes will be appreciated as we are about \$450 short of our fundraising goal. Thank you so much!

Coordinator of Religious Education: Thank you to Laura Buchal and Cindy Schlegel for their generous service to our CCD Program! We are grateful for their hard work in the religious education of our parish children and wish them well as they step down from the position. We are in need of a CRE for the upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

August Ministry Schedules: The Ministry Schedules for August are available at the entrances of the church.

Boyceville News

New Weekend Meal Bags Needed: It is time to make some new back packs for the Boyceville weekend meal program. The current bags have been used for two years and are getting tired. This is a team effort between the school district, WestCap, and the churches to provide food for needy families on the weekends during the school year. The Heart and Hand Quilt Guild will be hosting a work day on Saturday September 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the Methodist Church in Boyceville to make at least 30 bags. We can use your help! Please bring any colorful fabric at least 20" wide by 40" long that you may have in your stash. And bring your sewing machine for a fun day of serving. We could also use a few folks who don't sew, but can operate an iron. A pot luck lunch will be enjoyed. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." Ephesians 2:10. Contact Joe Pieters with any questions at 715-643-4431.

Elmwood News

UFO Days Pancake Breakfast: See details below in "News for All"

Special Thank You: Altar & Rosary thanks the family of Kathy Feuker for the wonderful donation in her name. Kathy will be missed by so many, but our Lord needed her. Rest in peace Kathy.

News for All

Elmwood UFO Days Pancake Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast during Elmwood's UFO Days. They will be located under the food tent, downtown by the auditorium on Saturday and Sunday, July 29th and 30th, from 8:00 to 10:30 AM; and will be serving all you can eat pancakes, real maple syrup, coffee, milk, and Swiss Miss Pudding. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children aged 6 to 12, and FREE for children aged 5 and under.

This Week in FORMED: In this crazy, busy world it can be difficult to find the time to sit down and read. That is what is great about Formed.org. They have expanded their offerings to now include Audiobooks. With new selections like Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI's "Saved in Hope", or Peter Kreeft's, "Because God is Real", or "Tears of God" by Benedict Groeschel, there is something for everyone. And...with the new IOS App, you can listen even on the go. Into good fiction? There are options there as well with novels by GK Chesterton and a novel in the spirit of JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis called "Looking for the King." Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Relics of Saint Padre Pio: Celebrating the 130th anniversary of Saint Padre Pio's birth, and the 15th anniversary of his canonization, relics of Saint Padre Pio will be available for public veneration in the Diocese of La Crosse on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main Street, La Crosse. Veneration of the relics will be offered from 9:00 am until 11:45 am and 1:15 pm – 6:30 pm. Mass will be offered at 12:10 and 7:00 pm. The 7:00 pm Mass will be in honor of Saint Padre Pio and will be celebrated by the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan. Confession will also be available throughout the day. The Diocese is in need of many volunteers to assist with this special event. If you or someone you know would be interested in giving a few hours of time that day to assist, please contact Debbie at dbrannon@diolc.org or call the Bishop's Office at **608-791-2686**. Individuals are needed to assist with parking, directing traffic, directing visitors and the guest area.