

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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<b>OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:</b>				
Tuesday	November 28	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	Missa Pro Populo
Wednesday	November 29	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	Missa Pro Populo
Thursday	November 30	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Barry Anderson (Sowatzke Family)
Friday	December 1	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Henry Winzig (Family & Friends of Henry Winzig)
		1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+ Joanne Schwebach (Bob and Betty Hartung)

<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>				
Saturday	December 2	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Marion Radle (Steven Radle)
Sunday	December 3	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Adeline Crownhart (Bob & Kathy Geraets)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Roy Ottinger (Schlegel Family)

**CONFESSIONS:**

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

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

**Stewardship for November 18-19, 2017**  
*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)*

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$1,460.00	\$249.00
Spring Valley	\$1,461.00	\$97.00

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Today’s Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus’ discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew’s Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew’s report on Jesus’ life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week’s parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today’s Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew’s Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

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## Elmwood News

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** With \$10,650 of the \$15,215 target amount paid to the Diocese, we have reached 70% of our goal. If you haven't pledge to the DAA, please help our parish reach the target amount by pledging. Extra pledge cards are available in the church entrance. Please contact Jeff Pittman at 715-235-2827. Periodically view our progress on the DAA thermometer posted in the church entrance.

**Altar and Rosary :** Thank you to the family of George Ibach for the generous donation in his name, may he rest in peace in our heavenly home.

Altar & Rosary Christmas party will be Sun. Dec 10th at 12:30 P.M. in the church basement. We will have a short meeting, lunch, games and decorate the church for Christmas ~ please join us.

## Spring Valley News

**Ministry Schedule for Spring Valley:** The schedule for Dec - Feb is available in the entrances of church for those to pick up.

**Spring Valley Children's Christmas Program:** The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the start of the 10:30am mass at Sacred Heart, Spring Valley. Practice will be at 9:00am at the Spring Valley church on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Amy Peabody at 715-781-3545 or by email at amypeabody@hotmail.com if you would like your child to participate in the program.

**The adoration chapel** will be open on December 21-22 and December 28-29.

**Annual Appeal Update:** Diocesan Annual Appeal: With \$11,285 of the \$20,375 target amount paid to the Diocese, we are over the half way point. If you haven't pledge to the DAA, please help our parish reach the target amount by pledging. Extra pledge cards are available in the church entrance.

**The Spring Valley Area Ambulance** is hosting its 3rd Annual Holiday Cookie Walk on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Emergency Services Building- S407 Newman Ave. Plates of cookies will be sold by free-will donations, with 100 % of proceeds going toward the SV Area Ambulance Healthcare scholarship.

**Poinsettia Sale:** The Sacred Heart - SV Steubenville Youth Group is selling beautiful Christmas Poinsettias again this year to raise money for its annual Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference held each summer at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. An order sheet will be in the entryway of church through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may purchase a poinsettia to keep or to leave in church in honor or memory of a loved one. The poinsettias are grown by the Baldwin Greenhouse - regular size (6" pot) for \$15 or large (8" pot) for \$20. Thank you for your support!

**Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put for December: SENIORS LUNCH:** Every week Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Sneakers. **CRAFT CIRCLE:** Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm. Meet at the Staying Put office, S312 McKay St., for time to socialize and work on fun craft projects. **DANCE CLUB:** Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Moose Lodge in Menomonie (\$5/person cover charge). Live entertainment.... Lots of fun! Call 715-778-5800 for updates and for a ride. Drivers needed... call 715-778-5800. **MEMORY CAFÉ:** A social get-together for older adults. Tuesdays: December 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone with memory loss is invited to attend with a friend or companion. Have fun and share stories. Enjoy coffee or tea and treats. From 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church, S520 Church Ave., Spring Valley, WI 54767. For information call 715-778-5800.

## News for All

**We welcome Father Prince back from India!!**

**The St. John's Men's 17th Annual Chili & Oyster Stew Supper:** Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm – 8pm @ St. John's Lutheran Church Spring Valley STH 29/Church St. Meal includes Oyster Stew, Chili, rolls, bars and beverages "Free will offering" Also a Bake and Craft Sale and Quilt Raffle. Sponsored by the WELCA

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. All of us, in some way or another, have benefitted from their many years of service in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes. Often they received little to no pay, and now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the national Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medication, nursing care, and more. The collection for this campaign will be at Holy Mass the weekend of December 9-10. Thank you for your support! Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aids senior religious and their communities.

**This Week in FORMED:** This week-end marks the end of the Church year with a Feast celebrating Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. To unpack what this Solemnity means, check out the series Opening the Word found on the Home Page of Formed.org. The Gospel reminds us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do for him. You can see this in action in the movie "St. Giuseppe Moscati; Doctor to the Poor" on the Watch tab. If you're looking ahead to getting ready for Advent next week, Fr. Robert Barron has a collection of Advent Homilies called "A Journey Through Advent," to get you in the spirit of the season Find all of this content and so much more on **Formed.org**. Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

**CATHOLIC AND LUTHERAN CONTINUING EDUCATION:** the planning group for the October 29 "From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017" Prayer Service has scheduled four sessions of Catholic/Lutheran continuing education. The third session is Tuesday, November 28, Notre Dame Catholic Church, 117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls at 7:00PM. Enter the former school which is between the Church and the Hyde Center from Allen St. Presenters are Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones, Associate Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, and Fr. John Schultz, Chaplain at HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Hospitals. Content includes a historical sketch of the Lutheran Reformation and the Catholic response plus basic themes of Luther's theology in light of Lutheran/Catholic dialogue. The public is invited. The final session will be December 5.

**The Mass schedules for Christmas and New Year's will be in next week's bulletin.**