

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (3-17).....8:00 AM at Elmwood
+Florence Schmitz (Jeff & Susan Pitman)
Tuesday (3-18).....6:30 PM at Spring Valley
+John Gokey (Anita & Bill Gokey)
Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross following Mass
Wednesday (3-19).....7:30 PM at Elmwood
+Vernon Schaefer (Jeff & Susan Pitman)
Thursday (3-20).....8:00 AM at Spring Valley
+Glenn Hovde, Jr. (Rose Hovde)
Eucharistic Adoration and Morning Prayer following Mass
Friday (3-21).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Mary Crownhart (Dick & Jean Zeithaml)
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Elmwood

Third Sunday of Lent
Saturday (3-22).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa pro populo
Sunday (3-23).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+John Knops (Judy Knops)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Percy and Rochelle Lansing (John and Nancy Ellingson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Interparish Pastoral Council: meets on **Tuesday, March 18th at 7:30 PM** in Spring Valley. Council members notify the Central Office if unable to attend.

Congratulations to Zander James Schwebach, infant son of James and Jill Schwebach who was reborn in the **Sacrament of Baptism** at Elmwood. "Remember, Lord, Zander, who through Baptism has been joined to your family, that he may follow Christ, your Son, with a generous heart and a willing spirit" (Roman Missal, 974).

Congratulations and best wishes to Ed Hobbick of St. Luke's, Boyceville on the occasion of his 100th birthday! May the Lord continue to send many blessings his way!

Elmwood CCD Program Reminder: Parents and students please remember that this month we have a **fourth** CCD session. **There is CCD on Sunday, March 23.** Any questions, please contact Marilyn Bowell, CRE at 715-664-8975.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:30-6:15 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. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM
Spring Valley

Spring Valley Eucharistic

Adoration: There are many hours in need of immediate prayer partners for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Why not consider taking an hour now and holding it through Lent to see if it's a good fit for you? Contact Laura Buchal for information at 715-772-4452.

St. Luke's: Grow in Faith, Hope and Love with our Lenten Tree. For a fruitful Lent feel free to choose one of the tasks from the basket. One basket is for adults and the other is for children. Once you have completed your Lenten task pick a flower and add it to the tree. We should have beautiful flowers to offer our Lord by Easter Sunday.

Elmwood Centennial Fact:

Father J.E. McGarity C.S.P., a Paulist Father that put on a most successful mission and parish priest was here from March 5, 1928 to July 1, 1928.

St. Joe's, Arkansaw: is hosting a Pfeiffer and Euchre playing game night on March 23 at 7PM. The cost is \$5 per person. All are invited!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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“STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)

Thank you to the Boyceville Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) for their generosity in hosting and funding the day of prayer and reflection for our three parishes. Thanks, too, to Rita Zimmerman for her hard work in organizing and promoting this opportunity for spiritual growth for all three of our parishes. This initiative exemplifies the spirit of communion and generosity that should permeate our three communities of faith!

Congratulations to the parishioners of Boyceville for having outstanding participation in the Diocesan Annual Appeal! For years Saint Luke Parish never came close to meeting their goal and so had to drain substantial funds from the general checking account each year to make up the difference. Last year Boyceville finally made its target with a little room to spare. You will recall that all monies beyond the goal are returned to the parish for our use right here. Participation increased this year such that the second rebate check from the Diocese just arrived this week bringing the total that has come back to us to \$1042! Outstanding!

In addition to carving out time for **prayer at home and as a family**, essential to any Lenten spiritual program is regular participation in the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** in observance of the **Lord's Day** (Vigil on Saturday or Sunday itself). As your schedule allows, you might additionally assist at **Mass** celebrated on **weekdays** (consult the weekly bulletin). Also, consider spending some time with our Eucharistic Lord. The **Blessed Sacrament is exposed continuously for adoration at Spring Valley** beginning at 5:00 PM Thursday through 8:00 PM Friday and Mondays at **Boyceville** from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **Morning Prayer (Lauds)** from the Liturgy of the Hours is prayed within the context of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:00 AM Mass Thursdays in Spring Valley. One of the most popular devotions during the Season of Lent is praying the **Stations of the Cross**. The Way of the Cross is prayed within the context of **Exposition and Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays at Spring Valley after the 6:30 PM Mass and Fridays at Elmwood at 7:30 PM.

I have been so blessed to have made three pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Of the many opportunities for prayer at sites named in the Scriptures and made holy by the Lord Himself, one of the most impressive is walking the path Christ trod through Jerusalem to His death on Mount Calvary. Pilgrims take turns carrying a cross as we prayerfully make our way through the chaotic and claustrophobic streets of Jerusalem. We pause and pray at 14 different locations along the **Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way)** – the route from the praetorium of Pontius Pilate to Golgotha. These 14 stops or stations commemorate various events that occurred as the Lord bore the Cross making His way to die to reconcile us with the Father. Travel to Jerusalem has always been dangerous and expensive, so few disciples of Christ are afforded the opportunity to walk **THE Way of the Cross**. When the Franciscan priests were given custody of the sacred sites in the Holy Land in 1342 they promoted these **Stations of the Cross** as a fitting way to meditate on the Passion and Death of our Savior. The practice spread beyond Palestine so that churches throughout the world displayed on their walls depictions of the 14 Stations of the Cross. In this way, then, accompanying the Lord on the way to the Cross is available to anyone. Praying the Stations of the Cross has become a standard devotional practice for Catholics around the world especially during the Season of Lent.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Father Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Stewardship for March 8-9

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1866.00	\$98.05
Elmwood	\$648.00	\$83.00
Boyceville	\$330.00	\$182.00

BRIEFLY NOTED

Free Daily Lent Reflections with Fr. Robert Baron:

Would you like a deeper, more powerful Lent this year? To start each day by drawing closer to Christ? Then sign up for Fr. Robert Baron's free daily Lent Reflections list. Each day throughout Lent until Easter Sunday, Fr. Baron will send you a short reflection, straight to your email inbox. Sign up at LentReflections.com to begin receiving daily messages from Fr. Baron.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Couple to Couple League is offering a series of classes for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at Hudson Physicians, 405 Stageline Rd., Hudson, WI. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on **Saturday, March 22nd**; at 9:00 a.m. For information call 612.721.3791. Register at <http://twincities.ccli.org>.

Elmwood Centennial Ornaments Sale: Starting Saturday March 15th Altar & Rosary will be selling Sacred Heart Centennial Ornaments after mass in the back of church. They will be selling them after masses and various church events until they are gone. The ornament is \$15 and

comes in a very nice gold box. Please feel free to contact Lois Freiermuth 715-639-3307, Sharon Weber 715-639-3322, Susan Pitman 715-235-2827.

Elmwood Mite Boxes: Extra mite boxes for children's offerings to benefit the missionaries of our Diocese are available at the entrances of Church. Once you have filled a box you may put it in the offertory basket at Mass and take a second box to fill if you desire. Please help support our Diocesan missionaries through almsgiving this Lent!

Elmwood Centennial Planning Committee: meets on **Wednesday, April 2 after the 7:30 PM** mass. All are invited to come and share their ideas for the celebration of our parish's centennial!

St. Luke's Holy Week Readers Needed: If you are willing to read for Holy Week please sign up on the sheet provided on the back table. Thanks!

