

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (3-31).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood
+John Feuker (Richard Weber)
Tuesday (4-1).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Helen Pitman (Pat Schmoller)
Eucharistic Adoration and the Way of the Cross
Wednesday (4-2).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood
+Steve & Jen Ulwelling (Jeff & Susan Pitman)
Thursday (4-3).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Linda Dillman (Diane Dingmann)
Eucharistic Adoration and Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Mass at the Spring Valley Healthcare Center
+Dee Shafer (Renee Gilles)
Friday (4-4).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Ken & Marcella Ibach (George & Shelly Ibach)
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Elmwood

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday (4-5).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Fr. Michael McGivney (KC Council #6599)
Sunday (4-6).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Lavina Hill (Joyce & Dennis Hill)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa pro populo
10:30 AM First Communion Mass at Elmwood
+Francis Kirby (Brian Kirby)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to Danica Lou Bechel, infant daughter of Bryan and Sarah Bechel who is reborn in the **Sacrament of Baptism** at Elmwood. "Remember, Lord, Danica, who through Baptism has been joined to your family, that she may follow Christ, your Son, with a generous heart and a willing spirit" (Roman Missal, 974).

Elmwood First Communion Mass: is at 10:30 AM in Elmwood on April 6. **Note: There will still be a 10:30 AM mass at Spring Valley that day and the usual 8 PM Mass in Elmwood on Saturday, April 5th.** Afterwards all are invited to the Church basement for donuts and refreshments to congratulate our First Communicants!

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

There are many hours in need of immediate prayer partners for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Contact Laura Buchal for information at 715-772-4452.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence from eating meat** for those 14 years of age or older.

KC's Pancake Breakfast: today, Sunday, March 30th from **8-12PM in the Elmwood Sacred Heart Church Basement.** All are invited to come enjoy a tasty breakfast!

St. Luke's: Potluck Sunday is April 6, 2014. (The date was changed due to Palm Sunday.)

Elmwood CCD Program: Reminder parents and students our **last CCD class will be on Sunday, April 13th**

St. Luke's: Ed Hobbick and his family wish to thank all the parishioners who attended his birthday celebration. He greatly appreciates all the birthday wishes he received and is especially thankful for the birthday blessing from Father Louis.

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!

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www.svecatholic.org

“STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)

The Vocation to Marriage and Family Life

*“You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last”
(John 15:16)*

“God created man in His own image and likeness [cf. Genesis 1:26-27]: calling him to existence *through love*, He called him at the same time *for love*. ‘God is love’ [1 John 4:8] and in Himself He lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in His own image and continually keeping it in being, God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion [cf. Second Vatican Council, *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 12]. **Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being** . . . Christian revelation recognizes two specific ways of realizing the vocation of the human person, in its entirety, to love: marriage and virginity or celibacy. Either one is, in its own proper form, an actuation of the most profound truth of man, of his being ‘created in the image of God’” (Saint John Paul II, *The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*, 11).

When a couple approaches the Church with a view to marriage, they do so seeking her assistance in discerning God’s will in their lives (see Pontifical Council for the Family, *Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage*, 2). They come to the Church having recognized signs in their lives that **God is calling them to marriage and family life as the specific way of realizing their fundamental human vocation to love**. Indeed, “the intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by Him with its own proper laws . . . This sacred bond does not depend on human decision alone. For God Himself is the author of marriage and has endowed it with various benefits and purposes” (Second Vatican Council, *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 48).

After having properly discerned their vocation, the couple desires to **accept from God that gift of married love and to begin to live it in the married state**. When both parties are baptized this vocation to married love enjoys a special dignity, that of a sacrament (see Second Vatican Council, *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 48; *Code of Canon Law*, 1055; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1601). “The **Sacrament of Matrimony** signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved the Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1661).

The couple’s embrace of the divine gift of their vocation through legitimately manifested consent (exchange of vows) is the “indispensable element” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1626) that brings the marriage into existence (see *Code of Canon Law*, 1057). This **matrimonial consent** “is given when a man and a woman manifest the will to give themselves to each other irrevocably in order to live a covenant of faithful and fruitful love . . . For a valid marriage the consent must have as its object true Matrimony, and be a human act which is conscious and free and not determined by duress or coercion” (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 344). The **marital covenant** – more than a mere contract – “is by its very nature ordered to the communion and good of the couple and to the generation and education of children. According to the original divine plan this conjugal union is indissoluble, as Jesus Christ affirmed: ‘What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder’ [Mark 10:9]” (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 338). Indeed, the sacramental union of man and woman “establishes a perpetual and exclusive bond between the spouses. God Himself seals the consent of the spouses. Therefore, a marriage which is ratified and consummated between baptized persons can never be dissolved. Furthermore, this sacrament bestows upon the spouses the grace necessary to attain holiness in their married life and to accept responsibly the gift of children and to provide for their education” (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 346).

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

Stewardship for March 22-23			
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>			
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candle
Spring Valley	\$1914.00	\$156.00	\$125.10
Elmwood	\$661.00	\$99.00	
Boyceville	\$690.00	\$167.00	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Centennial Ornaments Sale: The Altar & Rosary Society is selling Centennial Ornaments after Saturday Vigil masses in the back of church and at various church events until they are gone. The ornament is 18 kt gold-plated and comes in a gold gift box with an insert of the Church history. The ornaments are \$15. If you would like to purchase, please contact Lois Freiermuth 715-639-3307, Sharon Weber 715-639-3322 or Susan Pitman 715-235-2827.

Elmwood Altar & Rosary Society: Altar and Rosary will again decorate the church Altar with Easter Lilies and spring flowers. Anyone who wishes to donate in memory of a loved one may do so by sending

donations to: P.O. Box 54 Elmwood or using the A & R drop box in the church kitchen.

Elmwood Dresses for Africa: The little dresses, shorts and eye glasses for Africa will be collected by April 10th. These items can be left in the vestibule of Elmwood or brought to our Altar and Rosary meeting on April 10th. Thank you.

Holy Week Choir Practice: The combined choirs of Spring Valley and Elmwood are getting together on **Tuesday, April 8** to practice music for Holy Week. If you would like to join us we will meet in the parking lot of the Spring Valley church at 6:45pm to ride together to Elmwood. Any questions call Ellen 715-698-2180. Please consider joining us. All are welcome!

