

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (4-28).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood
+John Feuker (Richard Weber)
Tuesday (4-29).....NO MASS
Wednesday (4-30).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
Private Intention
Thursday (5-1).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Leo & Francs Huebel (Tom & Kathy Birkel)
10:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley HealthCare Center
+Dee Shafer (Dorothy Mountain)
Friday (5-2).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Don Krause (Adeline Crownhart)

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday (5-3).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Francis Kirby (Brian Kirby)
Sunday (5-4).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Louis Polloch (Joyce & Dennis Hill)
10:30 AM First Communion Mass at Spring Valley
Missa pro populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to the children of Spring Valley on receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Spring Valley today! First Communicants from Spring Valley are: Joel Anderson, Joshua Bresina, JoDean Ford, Kaylee Krueger, Olivia Schlegel, Madeline Shafer, Mason Zimmerman and from Elmwood: Morgan Sailer. May these children hold Jesus in their hearts and their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily!

Mother's Day Boutique & Bake Sale: will be held on Friday, May 9 from 8-6pm and on Saturday, May 10 from 8-2pm at St. John the Baptist of Plum City. The boutique and bake sale features artesian vendors, unique craft items, gourmet food and a huge gently used selection. All are invited to come and see what is offered during the boutique and bake sale.

St. Luke's: St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Menomonie will be having their **Annual Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, April 29 from 11 am until 1 pm.** \$7 for Adults and \$3 for children under 12.

CONFESSIONS

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.

Elmwood Altar & Rosary Society:

The next Altar and Rosary Society meeting is scheduled is on **May 8 at 7pm.** Come and join us!

Elmwood Centennial Fact: In 1928 Rev. Leo Pollack succeeded Father Frish. Father Pollack paid off all parish debt and guided the affairs of the parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas most serenely during a span of 18 years, including the great depression.

St. Luke's: Roses will be available for sale after Mass on Mother's Day. Proceeds from the sale of the roses goes to Pro-Life.

OUR KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus
Council 6599
Grand Knight Mark Alfuth
Meets first Thursday
8:00 PM at Elmwood

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)

Helen Kowalska was born in 1905 in Poland. Her family was materially poor and lived deeply their Catholic faith. Already as a youngster, Helen was known for her genuine piety, depth of prayer, and concern for the poor. At 20 she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name **Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament**. In her community, she worked as a cook, gardener, and doorkeeper. Her inner life was very rich as the Lord blessed her with many extraordinary spiritual gifts. Jesus communicated to Sister Maria Faustina that she was to be the apostle of His Divine Mercy in our modern world. The mission entrusted to her was to (1) remind the world and the Church of the truth of God’s mercy for every human being, (2) entreat Divine Mercy for the whole world, especially sinners, through the new forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy, and (3) initiate the apostolic movement of Divine Mercy, the followers of which proclaim and beg Divine Mercy for the world and practice the works of mercy. Sister Faustina Kowalska died of tuberculosis at 33. On April 30, 2000, Saint John Paul II canonized her as the **first saint of the New Millennium**. During his homily on that occasion, the Holy Father also announced that the **Second Sunday of Easter** would now be celebrated throughout the entire Church as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. In her diary, Saint Faustina reported this message of the Savior: “My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for the poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet” (699). For more information on this devotion you can visit the official website of our **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** (Stockbridge, MA) at thedinemercy.org. This Divine Mercy Sunday has additional significance for the Church as **Pope Francis declares two Popes from our lifetime to be saints – Saints John XXIII and John Paul II**. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world! Jesus, I trust in you!

By universal and diocesan Church law there are **two bodies of consultation** at the parish level, namely, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. The basic task of the **Parish Pastoral Council**, “is to **serve**, at institutional level, the **orderly collaboration of the faithful** in the **development of pastoral activity** which is **proper to priests**. The Pastoral Council is thus a **consultative** organ in which the faithful, expressing their **baptismal responsibility**, can **assist the parish priest**, who **presides** at the Council, by offering their **advice** on pastoral matters” (Congregation for the Clergy, *Instruction on the Priest: Pastor and Leader of the Parish Community*, 26). More concretely, the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to **investigate** pastoral matters, to **consider** them thoroughly, and to **propose** practical conclusions about them. The Pastoral Council’s task is, first of all, to **study** those matters brought to its attention and shed light on them. Its second task is to **reflect** on them thoroughly, to discern their true nature, to evaluate and to ponder them. Its final task is to draw sound **conclusions**. The Pastoral Council presents these conclusions to the Pastor in the form of **recommendations**.

According to the norms for Parish Pastoral Councils in our Diocese of La Crosse (*On Consultation in the Parish and Deanery*, 19-20), two-thirds of the members are **elected** by parishioners and one-third are **appointed** by the Pastor. Members serve a **two-year term that can be renewed twice**. In our parishes, the terms of some members of the Pastoral Council are expiring. **Please give prayerful consideration to the nomination of their replacements**. To nominate a parishioner (including yourself) simply **submit the name (or names) of the nominee(s) in writing** by placing it in the offertory collection basket, mailing it to the Central Office, or emailing it to my Administrative Assistant, Becky Schmitt (admin@svecatholic.org). **Nominations close after the last Mass of Sunday, May 11. Elections** in all three parishes will be held the weekend of May 17-18.

Please keep in mind that a parishioner is **eligible** to serve on the Pastoral Council who: (1) is at least sixteen years of age; (2) is baptized, confirmed, and registered member of the parish in full communion with the Catholic Church; (3) is willing and able to serve for the elected or appointed term; (4) is a contributing member of the parish in prayer, time, talent and treasure; and (5) maintains a public posture not inconsistent with the teachings of the Church. In order to serve fruitfully on the Pastoral Council, the councilor should be **wise and prudent** – a committed Catholic with the capacity for study, for reflection, and for reaching sound conclusions.

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

Stewardship for April 19-20					
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>					
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	CRS Rice Bowl	Good Friday	DAA Rebate
Spring Valley	\$2450.00	\$166.00			
Elmwood	\$1355.00	\$199.25	\$100	\$776.30	\$70
Boyceville	\$900.00	\$165.00		\$10	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Durand Deanery presents: The Rally at Eau Galle. This rally is for all students from grade 8 to college. **It will be held Sunday, May 4th at St. Henry’s Parish Center starting at 9:30 am and ending with Mass at 3:00pm.** Keynote speaker is Bob Rice, a talented musician and speaker along with the music of the band “Traditional Division”. Wendy and Charlie Gruber will be the MC’s for the day. All are encouraged to come! Cost is free and includes snacks and a lunch. You can get registration forms from Barbara Schneider at barbschn@centurytel.net or call 715-647-2122.

40 Days for Life News: 547 babies have been spared during the 40 Days for Life campaign around the world. The campaign consists of volunteers praying in front of abortion clinics around the clock for 40 days. MANY clinics have closed due to the immense amount of grace poured into the area around these abortion clinics and 88 abortion workers have quit as well. In some cases side walk counselors are able to change the minds of the young women. Let us continue to join our prayers together for the end of abortion!

