

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (5-12).....NO MASS
Tuesday (5-13).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Brody Sotona (Anderson Family)
Wednesday (5-14).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Elwood Burke (Nieves Burke)
Thursday (5-15).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Leo and Frances Huebel (Tom & Kathy Birkel)
Friday (5-16).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Paul Axelson (Dennis & Ramona Schneider)

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Saturday (5-17).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa pro populo
Sunday (5-18).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Mary Bonnes (Betty Garside)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Bernard Grant (Don & Gen Miller)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Centennial memento ornaments of Sacred Heart, Elmwood, will be available for sale after the Saturday night Masses on May 3 and May 10. (These make great *Mother's Day* gifts!) The ornaments will next be offered on June 7 and 14. You can also contact Lois Freiermuth (639-3307), Sharon Weber (639-3322), or Susan Pitman (235-2827).

Dare to Follow Days is a retreat at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center June 20 – June 22, 2014. It is for boys going into 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades. Come spend a few days with young men your own age to learn more about your Catholic Faith, talk about the vocation of priesthood and have some fun. For more information about this retreat contact Shirley at vocations@diolc.org or 608-791-2667. Suggested donation is \$20.00.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update: Thanks to all those who have completed their pledges to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Elmwood and Boyceville have surpassed their goals and have already received hundreds of dollars back! Spring Valley parishioners are still \$300 short of reaching their goal. Pledges must be completed by June 30. Don't forget: All monies beyond the goal come right back to your parish for our use right here! Thank you for your generous response!

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 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

Elmwood Centennial Fact: Father Michael Pollack, brother of Father Leo Pollack was an assistant in Spring Valley in 1940. He was in Elmwood in May 1941 and left in April 1942. He died in February 1963 and was buried in Farm Hill Cemetery.

Elmwood Centennial Mass Choir

Voices Needed: On Sunday, July 20 there will be a 9:00 AM mass at Elmwood celebrating the parish's centennial and also the 25th year of ordination for Father Louis. Those children and adults interested and able to volunteer their voices for this mass are invited to join the choir and help it be a full and joyous celebration

Spring Valley Home Bound

Eucharistic Ministers Needed: If you are interested or available to offer your time and service to bringing Holy Communion to the home bound on Thursday mornings please contact Gene Bauer (772-4430) or Rita Johnson (778-4295).

St. Luke's: Potluck Brunch today will honor our high school graduates and the altar servers. Please plan to attend!

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

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“STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)

A very **happy Mothers' Day to all the women of our parishes!** **May the Lord richly bless all of you** – those chosen by God to be mothers both biologically and spiritually as well as those called to exercise a motherhood of faith alone! The following passage from the 1995 *Encyclical Letter The Gospel of Life Evangelium vitae* of **Saint John Paul II** seems a fitting mediation for Mothers' Day in light of the attacks against women and innocent human life unleashed in our day in our nation and world. The words of our late great Holy Father are a timely reminder (104): “In the Book of Revelation, the ‘**great portent of the woman**’ (12:1) is accompanied by ‘another portent which appeared in Heaven’: ‘**a great red dragon**’ (Revelation 12:3), which represents Satan, the personal power of evil, as well as all the powers of evil at work in history and opposing the Church’s mission. Here too Mary sheds light on the community of believers. **The hostility of the powers of evil is, in fact, an insidious opposition which, before affecting the disciples of Jesus, is directed against His Mother.** To save the life of Her Son from those who fear Him as a dangerous threat, Mary has to flee with Joseph and the Child into Egypt (see Matthew 2:13-15). **Mary thus helps the Church to realize that life is always at the center of a great struggle between good and evil, between light and darkness.** The **dragon** wishes to devour ‘the child brought forth’ (see Revelation 12:4), a figure of **Christ**, whom **Mary** brought forth ‘in the fullness of time’ (Galatians 4:4) and whom the **Church** must unceasingly offer to people in every age. But in a way that child is also the figure of **every person, every child, especially every helpless baby whose life is threatened**, because as the [Second Vatican] Council reminds us – ‘by His Incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every person’ (*Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 22). It is precisely in the ‘flesh’ of every person that Christ continues to reveal Himself and to enter into fellowship with us, so that **rejection of human life, in whatever form that rejection takes, is really a rejection of Christ.** This is the fascinating but also demanding truth which Christ reveals to us and which His Church continues untiringly to proclaim: ‘Whoever receives one such child in my Name receives me’ (Matthew 18:5); ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me’ (Matthew 25:40).”

On this weekend we can all say “Thank you, mom, for receiving me as a gift!”

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). 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. **Nominations close after Masses on Sunday, May 11. Elections in all three parishes will be held at all Masses next weekend.**

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

The Interparish Finance Council met on May 6. After opening prayer Father Louis led councilors through the study item “The Life and Ministry of the Deacon and Its Manifestation in the Parish.” Liaisons of Interparish Pastoral Council summarized the discussion of April 1 meeting. In old business councilors recommended installation of new telecommunications system at Central Office that will serve all three parishes. Internet-based system will result in significant savings and improve the ability to communicate with parish staff. Updates were given on parish database and bookkeeping computer programs as well as priest salaries. In new business councilors were notified that all parish properties in Diocese will be appraised this summer in order to make sure insurance coverage is adequate. Our insurance carrier’s annual safety self-inspection forms were distributed to each parish for completion. Every three years Diocese requires parishes to have financial and procedural audit by independent accounting firm. Audit of our three parishes is June 10. Councilors recommended that parishes provide Deacon Dodge with food and stipend for his summer ministry in our parishes. Councilors recommended exploring outsourcing printing of bulletin as a cost-savings measure and to improve quality. Councilors agreed to communicate to Dean their concerns regarding new proposals for diocesan-wide funding of Catholic schools. Individual Finance Councils discussed matters pertaining to respective parishes. Spring Valley councilors recommended no action regarding leaking roof and inadequate insulation of rectory; seeking second bid for repair to outdoor Sacred Heart statue; recommended running electricity to cemetery; recommended acceptance of bid from Kulp’s of Stratford to replace church roof in Summer 2015 with fundraising beginning Fall 2014; recommended bulletin announcements to encourage parishioners to fulfill pledges to Diocesan Annual Appeal; discussed problems accessing parish bookkeeping program. Elmwood councilors discussed repairs to altar and base at cemetery and improvements around outdoor Sacred Heart statue and 10 Commandments monument; noted that various parish centennial events and sales are “break even” propositions. Boyceville councilors recommended approval of making SCRIP available at parish to support Indian mission school; discussed two bids and awaiting a third for replacement of roof; special committee will be formed for roof project including Finance Council members as well as representatives from Pastoral Council and parishioners at-large; discussed minor exterior repairs to building.

Stewardship for May 3-4

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

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| Spring Valley | \$2258.00 | \$77.25 |
| Elmwood | \$1275.00 | \$130.52 |
| Boyceville | \$11900.00 | \$91.00 |

