

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (7-7).....NO MASS
Tuesday (7-8).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Helen Pitman (Pitman Family)
Wednesday (7-9).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood
+Arlene Geraets (John Bates)
Thursday (7-10).....8:00 AM MASS at Spring Valley
+ Lloyd Ellefson (Fran Ellefson)
Friday (7-11).....1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood
+Paul Axelson (Archie and Anne Abbott)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (7-12).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+ Ed Pelzel (Jerry and Julie Hannack)
Sunday (7-13).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
Missa pro populo
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Brice Johnson (Rita Johnson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

St. Luke's: Altar Society will meet **July 9th at 10:00 AM** to discuss Father's 25th Anniversary. A mass for the occasion will be celebrated July 27th at 8:30 AM. We hope to see you there! Thanks, Barb Hellmann, President.

Elmwood Centennial Choir Practice: There will be choir practices for our Centennial Mass at **6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 9th, and 16th.** Everyone is welcome to come and take part in our 100th anniversary celebration. We need singers and would appreciate anyone who can come!

Witnesses for Christ Conference: On **August 8-9** at the La Crosse Convention Center a conference will be held featuring three tracks: 1) Evangelization 2) Parents as Partners with the Parish 3) Confirmation Program "Chosen" and "Acts One Eight" with guidance on how to implement. **Dr. Scott Hahn**, a noted speaker will be the keynote on Saturday. Contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org or call 608-791-2658. Brochures are available at entrances of Church.

History of the Brothers of St. Pius X: Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of Br. Michael Mandernach's excellent history of the Brothers of St. Pius X, please contact the Central Office.

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

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 Centennial Fact:

Father George Becker served Elmwood parish from October 1979-1998. He was born in Boston on June 28, 1926 and was ordained May 16, 1953. In 1984 the Sacred Heart Parish of Spring Valley was added to his pastoral care. He retired September 9, 1998 and died October 17, 1998.

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).

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)

Next weekend our parishes have the privilege of participating in the proclamation of God’s Kingdom in Africa. **Father Linus Nangwele from the African nation of Ghana** celebrates all the Masses July 12-13 as we participate in the Mission Coop Program of our Diocese of La Crosse. Father Nangwele invites us to help our brothers and sisters in Ghana through our spiritual and financial support. Please be warm in your welcome of Father Nangwele!

Father Nangwele’s presence in our parishes allows me to be in **my home parish of Sacred Heart in Marshfield** next weekend. **The Pastor of my home parish invited me to celebrate with the parishioners the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood.** I will celebrate the 9:00 AM Mass of the Lord’s Day on July 13 and give the homily. A lunch will be served in the parish hall afterwards and will include a brief program featuring comments from one of my high school classmates as well as a former employer and teacher – both of them dear friends through all these years. My dad and stepmother are parishioners there and so it will also be a family affair as my brother will be present as will relatives from both the Burke and Louis sides of the family. Many parishioners who watched me grow up and then enter the seminary and begin priestly ministry have since gone to their eternal reward. So many of them assured me through the years that they prayed for me every day that I was in the seminary! To them, to those still living and praying for me, to that faith community in which I was baptized, confirmed, received Holy Communion, went to Confession, and celebrated my Mass of Thanksgiving, to the teachers – School Sisters of Notre Dame and lay men and women – of the parish school wherein what my family believed and was living was reinforced and strengthened, and to the parish priests who faithfully served God and the Church – **I owe a deep debt of gratitude.**

Several years ago I completed a course of certification in the Church’s biomedical ethics from the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia (www.ncbcenter.org). Subsequent to that I became a priest associate member of the Catholic Medical Society – founded in 1912 – whose mission is “to help Catholic physicians and healthcare professionals to grow in the spirit of Christ in their personal and professional lives, so they can bring His Spirit to the science and art of medicine” (www.cathmed.org). The President of this outstanding group – John Brehany – penned the best succinct reaction to the recent Supreme Court ruling: “The Catholic Medical Association welcomes the Supreme Court’s decision in *Burwell et al. v. Hobby Lobby*. Once again, the Supreme Court has curtailed the Obama administration’s abuse of executive power and unprecedented attacks on religious liberty. **At the heart of the Hobby Lobby and related cases is the right of Americans to live and work according to their beliefs without fear of government punishment. Americans should never be forced to surrender their religious beliefs when opening a business.** The Supreme Court upheld that principle today. While the Obama administration’s coercive HHS mandate has been rejected, it is important to note that this is **only a partial victory**, applicable only to closely held corporations (e.g., family-owned businesses like Hobby Lobby). **The Supreme Court has yet to decide cases involving not-for-profit corporations and churches.** Moreover, Americans should continue to be deeply concerned about **other problems with the HHS mandate—including a deep underlying unfairness in treatment under the law.** Not enough people know that **Obamacare provides exemptions for 100 million people for non-religious reasons but severely punishes people of faith. For example, the federal government will fine companies that don’t provide health insurance at all \$2,000 per year per employee, but will crush companies which otherwise provide excellent employee health coverage with fines of \$36,500 per year per employee if they do not pay for abortion-causing drugs, FDA-approved contraceptives, and sterilizations.** Even apart from the attack on religious liberty and unequal treatment under the law, there are significant problems with the HHS mandate. **President Obama’s HHS mandate improperly defines and promotes as “preventive services” drugs, devices, and interventions which undermine the nature and goals of authentic preventive medicine. Moreover, the HHS mandate will channel abortion-causing drugs, contraceptives, and sterilization to millions of young girls, increasingly without their parents’ knowledge and consent.** The Catholic Medical Association welcomes this vindication of religious liberty and partial defeat of the HHS mandate. **There is a great deal more work to do, however, in protecting religious liberty and in offering health care that truly serves the health and well-being of female patients and their families.”**

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

| Stewardship for June 28-29 | | | | |
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| <i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i> | | | | |
| | Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Candles | Centennial Income |
| Spring Valley | \$1413 | \$304.75 | | |
| Elmwood | \$383 | \$129.08 | \$32.39 | |
| Elmwood (6/22) | \$470 | \$103.38 | | \$700 |
| Boyceville | data unavailable and will be printed next week | | | |

BRIEFLY NOTED

Catholic Charities: Planning is underway for a public awareness/fundraiser to support our Pregnancy Support Program this September and we want your help in planning it. “Balladz 4

Babies” will be September 4, 2014. For information on how you can volunteer, contact Roberta Kostka at 715.832.6644 x 16 or email rkostka@cclse.org

