

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (2-16).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood
+Clarence Pittman (John and Barb Schneider)

Tuesday (2-17).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Dorothy Hartung (Gen Miller)

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday (2-18).....3:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa Pro Populo
6:00PM at Boyceville
+Bernice Gatz (Paul and Rita Zimmerman)
8:00PM at Elmwood
+Margaret Kasten (Kathy Schwartz)

Thursday (2-19).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Michael Thome (Joseph and Beverly Thome)

Friday (2-20).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*
1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Heritage NH
+Frank Crownhart (Ed and Debbie Crownhart)

First Sunday in Lent

Saturday (2-21).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Loren Leehe (Marge Leehe)

Sunday (2-22).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
Missa pro Populo
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Bernard Grant (Wade and Kristi Sotona)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Oliva Pelzel** of Elmwood who was buried this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Oliva from all sins, that she who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Ministry Training: Workshops for current and new extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be **Thursday, February 26, 7:00-8:30PM and Saturday, February 28, 10:30AM-12PM**. Workshops for current and new readers will be **Thursday, March 26, 7:00-8:30 PM and Saturday, March 28, 10:30AM-12PM**. Please see our bulletin and website for more details.

Elmwood CCD Families: If you didn't pick up your dishes from the Fazoli Pasta Dinner at the Auditorium, they will be available for pick-up in the kitchen of the Church basement.

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

Holy Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 7:00PM at Boyceville
Good Friday: 1:00PM at Boyceville
Holy Saturday: 8:00PM at Boyceville
Easter Sunday: 8:30AM at Elmwood
10:30 AM at Spring Valley

Matthew Kelly Event:

The author of "Rediscovering Catholicism", Matthew Kelly, will be in our area on **Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** There are some tickets still available. Please contact Barb Stohr at 715-265-7075. Cost is \$39.00 per ticket.

Thank you: The Laurie & Gary Brunner and family would like to say, Thank You for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, & food provided for us during my back surgery and during my recovery. The parish has gone above and beyond what we ever imagined! May God Bless every one of you as you all have blessed us during this time. Thanks again! -Laurie Brunner

SV Sacred Heart PCCW : is looking for someone to take over the organization of the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. **If no one steps up by Feb 27, it will be canceled.** Please contact Becky in the Central Office if anyone is interested. Thank you.

Elmwood Prayer Chain: The calling list for the Sacred Heart Spring Valley prayer chain is being updated. If you would like be added to the call list, please sign the paper on the bulletin board in the church entryway. Include your name and phone number. "Out of love place yourselves at one another's service." Gal 5:13.

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“Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, *‘The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel’*” (Mark 1:15). This proclamation of Jesus of Nazareth at the beginning of His public ministry retains its full rigor and vigor for you and me today! He calls us – indeed, the whole world – to **conversion!** “**Baptism** is the **principal place for the first and fundamental conversion**. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1427). Even after Baptism “Christ’s call to conversion continues to resound” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1427) in the lives of all those who call themselves Christians. “This **second conversion** is an **uninterrupted task** for the whole Church . . . This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the **movement of a ‘contrite heart,’ drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first**” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1427). The **liturgical season of Lent** is that period of 40 days of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** that “are meant to help lead the believer to **ongoing conversion and a deeper faith** in the Lord who redeemed us” (*USA Catholic Catechism for Adults*, 518).

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 our weekly bulletin or website). Also, consider spending some time **before the Blessed Sacrament which is exposed continuously 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 from the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed within the context of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:00 AM Mass on Thursdays at Spring Valley. One of the most popular devotions during the Season of Lent is praying the **Stations of the Cross**. The Stations are prayed within the context of **Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** Tuesdays at Spring Valley at 7:00 PM and Fridays at Elmwood at 7:30 PM.

Saint Luke Parish, Boyceville, has once again generously offered to host a **day of reflection** for our parishes on **Saturday, March 14**, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, featuring presentations by our own Deacon Kevin Ray as well as Deacon Michael Cullen of the Diocese of Superior. With a view to helping you to come to a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ from the Scriptures, I am offering **three presentations featuring pictures and stories from my pilgrimages** to the Holy Land. These presentations have been completely reworked so that the pictures accompany a meditation on and explanation of various Scripture passages. Mark your calendars: **Mondays March 2, 9, and 16** from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

I would also like to highlight several **excellent – and free! – online programs** designed to help you grow in your Catholic faith during this holy Season of Lent. You simply sign up at the websites and they will send you an email each of the 40 days of Lent featuring inspiring and challenging content. For fun daily Lenten activities geared towards **families and children** go to **HolyHeroes.com**. For **adults** go to **BestLentEver.com** from the dynamic Matthew Kelly or **LentReflections.com** from the remarkable Father Robert Barron.

We have the opportunity to do **penance** in union with our Catholic brothers and sisters around the world as we follow the universal Church Lenten discipline regarding **fasting** and **abstinence**. All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence from eating meat** for those 14 years of age and older. In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting** (one substantial meal, two smaller ones if necessary) for those 18-59 years old.

An essential component of your spiritual preparation for Easter includes the **Sacrament of Penance**. In addition to the normal Confession schedule in our parishes (**Saturdays** 7:00-7:45 PM at Elmwood and **Sundays** 7:45-8:15 AM at Boyceville), the Sacrament of Reconciliation is also offered **Wednesdays** 6:00-7:30 PM at Elmwood; on **Tuesday, March 10**, 7:30-9:00 PM and **Sunday, March 15**, 11:30 AM-3:00 PM at Spring Valley; on **Saturday, March 14**, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and **Monday, March 30**, 5:00-6:30 PM at Boyceville; and **Monday, March 23**, 7:00 PM Communal Penance Service at Saint Joseph, Menomonie. The words of Saint John Paul II, I make my own: “**To those who have been far away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love I make this appeal: come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ Himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God!**”
Very Rev. Kevin C. Louis, STL

Stewardship for February 7-8			
<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
Spring Valley	\$1361	\$167.75	
Elmwood	\$625	\$68.53	\$47.15
Boyceville	\$1364	\$114	

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SV Peace & Social Justice Committee:

Thanks all who volunteered, donated and attended our 8th annual Right to Life Sunday Breakfast. It was successful in raising awareness about abortion and money for pro-life charitable organizations. After expenses, we raised \$600 to share among pro-life charities: Cradle of Hope, Birthright, and Catholic Charities. Please continue your prayers for a culture of life in our world. Thank you!

Lenten Retreat:

St. Luke’s Catholic Church is hosting an annual Lenten retreat for our Tri-Parish. **The retreat is Saturday, March 14 from 9am-3pm** and includes Mass and Confession with Father Kevin Louis, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and talks given by Deacon Kevin Ray and Deacon Michael Cullen. A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided. There will be no fee for attending. Please call Rita Zimmerman to register 715-643-2211.

