

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (7-6).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood

+Debra Wiinamaki (Nancy Ousley)

Tuesday (7-7).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Milton Sowatzke (Mary and Barry Anderson)

Wednesday (7-8).... 7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood

+Virginia Fischer (Family)

Thursday (7-9).....8:00 AM MASS at Spring Valley

+Milton Sowatzke (John and Nancy Ellingson)

Friday (7-10).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Paul Axelson (Dennis and Ramona Schneider)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (7-11).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

Missa pro Populo

Sunday (7-12).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+Bernice Gatz (Joe and Karen Adams)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Brice Johnson (Dave and Rita Johnson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Food for the Poor Appeal Update: Father Louis received the following note from Food for the Poor: "Thank you very much for having Father Goodavish recently. Without Pastors like you and parishes like your three, there would be no Food for the Poor! Please know that we appreciate your support immensely and are most grateful! Until next time, thanks again and God bless!"

Spring Valley Fundraising Meeting: The Spring Valley PCCW is meeting on July 20 to explore ideas for fund raising for the roof and future projects. Everyone is encouraged to bring their ideas and talents. We will be in the CCD Center at 6:30pm.

Diocesan Lay Formation Class: *Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners!* Registration is open for the next two-year cycle. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at www.dioc.org/layformation. If you are interested, discuss this with your pastor. For information, contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at (608) 791-2667.

Pizza Nights at Round Hill, Durand: Thursday nights in July and August. Delicious Pizza cooked in a wood fired outdoor oven. Bring your family or bring a friend. Pizzas will be made to order from 5:00-8:00pm.

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

St. Luke's: St. Luke's Rosary Makers will meet on July 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the church dining hall. Anyone interested is welcome.

St. Luke's: There will be a joint meeting of the St Luke's Parish and Finance Councils at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2015 in the parish dining hall.

Spring Valley Roof Fund Update:

Thanks to your generosity we are reaching our goal to pay off the Church Roof and have raised \$15,820! We need \$34, 650 to reach our goal. If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider. No gift is too small. You may send your contribution to the Central Office or put it in the offertory basket.

Elmwood Icon Donation:

Donations are still being accepted for the framing and preservation of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon that was discovered in our Church choir loft. Please drop your donation in the offertory basket at Mass or mail it to the Central Office in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 3:00 PM.**

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www.svecatholic.org

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is the Bishop of Fort Wayne – South Bend, Indiana. His succinct statement with regard to the recent *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruling regarding the nature of marriage is outstanding: “I am saddened, yet unsurprised, by the Supreme Court’s decision to *redefine marriage* in our country. In our society in recent years, we have seen a cultural shift in which *the truth about the meaning and purpose of marriage has been obscured by excluding the essential complementarity of man and woman, treating sexual difference as if it were irrelevant to what marriage is. Making same-sex unions equivalent to marriage disregards the very nature of marriage as naturally ordered toward authentic union and the generation of new life.* I believe that today’s decision is *unjust in that it ignores the unique and proper place of husbands and wives and especially the rights of children to a mother and father. It essentially makes equal what are essentially different realities: same-sex unions and marriage.* While we must *uphold the human dignity of homosexual persons and their basic human rights, no one has the right to alter the truth about marriage as established by God.* The Supreme Court’s *mandating of a new definition of marriage that is contrary to the divine and natural law* is, as our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “a tragic error.” I worry about the *consequences of this decision for our religious liberty in teaching, upholding, and acting in accord with the truth about marriage as known by right reason and divine revelation.* I call upon our Catholic faithful to continue to *proclaim by word and example the true meaning of marriage even in the face of unjust and false accusations of bigotry and discrimination.* We must continue to *follow our Lord and to act in conformity with our faith, whether popular or unpopular.* We must *love all our brothers and sisters, including persons with same-sex attraction, while also upholding the true meaning of marriage.*” Bishop Rhoades’ statement is an invitation for us in the coming weeks and months to move beyond mere “soundbites” and slogans to a serious exploration of the authentic meaning of marriage in light of right reason and additionally in the light of faith.

Thank you for your continued prayers for my health (of mind, body, and spirit!). Many people have asked for an *update in light of my recent hospitalization at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Rochester.* While hospitalized they took a number of biopsies of the internal pouch and intestine in order to identify the nature and seriousness of this latest setback. Unfortunately, the biopsies show that the *same mechanism that destroyed my large intestine is now at work* in what had been the remaining good tissue of the small intestine and from which they formed the internal pouch. While the news is not good, nevertheless the process is at a very early stage. Only one of the three “markers” that they look for (which reveal how advanced the process is) were present. So, immediately, antibiotics are bringing the infection under control and steroids are reducing the inflammation. We hope to avoid any further aggravation of the situation by “religiously” adhering to even greater dietary restrictions, getting plenty of exercise and sufficient rest, and reducing stress levels. On a more positive note, you may recall that *last year my brother, Brian, underwent experimental treatment for leukemia.* Initially, the doctors were disappointed as it seemed to fail to stem the progress of the disease. However, this past week – after months of steadily improving bloodwork – the doctors were at the verge of declaring the treatment a success!

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us!

Father Kevin C. Louis, STL

Stewardship for June 27-28		
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>		
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1632	\$308
Elmwood	\$615	\$104
Boyceville	\$755	\$87

BRIEFLY NOTED

Diocesan School of Biblical Study: is accepting registrations for a new four-year class to begin this fall. With teaching locations in Chippewa Falls, La Crosse, and Stevens Point, classes are held one Saturday a month for nine months each year. Parish catechists, school teachers, permanent deacons, parish Bible study leaders looking for something “beyond the basics” will benefit from this program. Visit: diocesanschoolofbiblicalstudies.weebly.com or call Fr. Mark Pierce at Notre Dame Parish in Chippewa Falls at 715-723-7108.

Men of the Cross Men’s Conference: Join Bishop Callahan and hundreds of other men for inspirational speakers, sacraments and fellowship on October 24, 2015 in the Fine Arts Center at Viterbo University in La Crosse. For details and registration please visit: www.menofthecross.org.

