

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (7-27).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood
+Michael Mousel Family (Theresa Mousel Schwartz)
Tuesday (7-28).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Milton Sowatzke (Jim and Sue Christenson)
Wednesday (7-29).... 7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood
+Virginia Fischer (Family)
Thursday (7-30).....8:00 AM MASS at Spring Valley
+Milton Sowatzke (Wayne and Lucy Lindbom)
Friday (7-31).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (8-1).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Maxine Eccles (John and Barbara Schneider)
Sunday (8-2).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Ed Hobbick (Joan Bisson-Harris)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Spring Valley Fundraising Meeting: The Spring Valley PCCW is hosting an open meeting on July 27 to explore ideas for raising funds for the church roof and future projects. Everyone is encouraged to come and share their ideas, at 6:30PM in the Br. Michael Catholic Center.

Mission Trip to Bosnia-Herzegovina: On Sunday August 2 after the 10:30AM mass in Spring Valley, Daniel Sedlacek will give a presentation on his mission trip to Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Brother Michael Catholic Center. All are welcome to attend!

Spring Valley CCD CRE Needed: Thank you to Anne Helmer for her dedicated years of service to our CCD Program! We are grateful for her hard work in the religious education of our parish children and wish her well as she steps down from the position. We are in need of CRE for the upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

Dedication of Br. Michael Catholic Center: The rededication and blessing of the Brother Michael Catholic Center will take place on Sunday, August 23 after the 10:30AM mass. A luncheon of celebration will be provided by the PCCW. All are welcome!

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 Rosary Makers: will meet on Thursday, July 23 at 6:30pm in the Church dining hall. All are welcome.

Spring Valley Rosary Makers: meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the Brother Michael Catholic Center. All are welcome.

Holy Rosary Parish in Lima is hosting a Fall Festival on Sunday, August 23, 2015. The day begins with a Polka Mass at 10 am. Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings served from 11 - 1:30. Silent Auction, Booths, Games. Located 6 miles east of Durand off Highway 10 on County Road V.

Elmwood CCD Teacher Needed: A 5th grade CCD teacher is needed for this upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested, please contact Marilyn Bowell, CRE at 715-664-8975.

Pro-Life Minute - Fact: Living wills were introduced by an organization name the Euthanasia Educational Council to foster public approval of euthanasia. You can't be too careful when preparing advance directives or end-of-life decision making. Visit ProLifeWisconsin.org for trustworthy guidance and documents. *Pro-Life Minute is sponsored by Pro-Life Wisconsin. For information visit ProLifeWisconsin.org*

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This past Wednesday I celebrated the 26th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood for our Diocese of La Crosse. My father, Charley, and stepmother, Marilyn, came from Marshfield to share the joy of the day. Although the joy this year was tempered by having a root canal done that afternoon! **July 22, 1989 does seem such a long time ago! It has been an adventure** insofar as I’ve been the Associate Rector of our Cathedral, Pastor of nine different parishes, Administrator of three parishes, Principal of two parochial grade schools, Scouting Chaplain for the Diocese, Associate Professor of Theology at a seminary, Director of Spiritual Formation in the Permanent Deacon Formation Program for our Diocese, member of the Diocesan Seminarian Admissions Board, a priest-mentor of the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of Saint Thomas, Dean of the Durand Deanery, member of the College of Deans, Presbyteral Council, and the Board of Trustees of the Saint Joseph Priest Fund, Incorporated. The Diocese has gotten a good return on its investment in me! It has not always been an easy journey (what vocation in life is!), but I am so happy that the Lord has called me to be a Priest.

I’m actually the **third generation of priests on the Burke side of my family** (before me the Louis side never produced any priests or religious – I’m not sure what that means!). The first, Father Thomas O’Keefe, served faithfully for many years in Illinois. The second is my mother’s youngest brother, Raymond, who is now the Cardinal Patron of the Knights of Malta. So the priesthood was not something foreign at all as I was growing up.

My family created a home with an atmosphere of faith and love wherein I was able to hear the Lord’s call to the Priesthood. My dad, mom, brother, and now my dad’s second wife, as well as all the relatives, have always been a source of encouragement enabling me to persevere in answering “yes” to the Lord’s call. I am indebted to my Pastor at Sacred Heart in Marshfield, the late Father Peter Leketas, who was the first to ask me to consider the Priesthood. Likewise, the unambiguous example of religious life of one of my teachers at Columbus High School, the late Sister Miranda Buessler, SSND, inspired me to enter the seminary. Of all my seminary classmates, one stands above the rest, Monsignor Bert Diaz of the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas, who has remained a dear friend and confidant for 30 years. Through eight years in the seminary and now these 26 years of priestly ministry countless people have generously supported me with their prayers, sacrifices, and acts of kindness. To all of them I owe the deepest debt of gratitude.

My Grandma Louis was a saintly woman. She was convinced that her youngest son, Charley (my dad!), would become a priest. After my father and mother were married my Grandma Louis good-naturedly teased my mom that she had stolen her priest! **My Grandma Louis died in 1972 and so from her place in Heaven she saw that she only had to wait a generation to get her priest, her grandson Kevin!**

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

Very Rev. Kevin C. Louis, STL

Stewardship for July 18-19					
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>					
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Mission Co-op	DAA Rebate	Our Lady Icon
Spring Valley	\$2248	\$139		\$65	
Elmwood	\$622	\$73.95	\$30	\$150	\$50
Boyceville	\$790	\$25			

BRIEFLY NOTED

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.

Witnesses for Christ Conference August 7-8: This is a two-day Conference you don’t want to miss. Friday offers three opportunities to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Saturday will be a retreat-like experience. For information see the brochure at www.dioc.org or call Susan at 608-791-2658.

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. For information, contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at (608) 791-2667.

