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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (8-17).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood

+Albert and Anne Ulwelling (Jeff and Susan Pittman)

Tuesday (8-18).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Charlotte Scott (Jeff and Joan Good)

Wednesday (8-19)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Godchildren of Jeff and Susan Pittman (Jeff and Susan Pittman)

Thursday (8-20).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Matthew Marvel (Barry and Mary Anderson)

Friday (8-21).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Lillian Prosser (Don and Stephanie Beyer)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (8-22).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Marion Radle (Steve Radle)

Sunday (8-23).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+Peter Johnson (Lois Johnson)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

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!

Action Alert from the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns of the Diocese of La Crosse

Join Nationwide Protests against Planned Parenthood on Saturday, August 22, 9:00 am-11:00 am.

Simultaneous peaceful protests will be held at Planned Parenthood centers across the United States, in light of the undercover videos that have revealed the sale of aborted baby organs and the fundamental horror of abortion. Visit www.protestpp.com for a complete list of locations across Wisconsin and the U.S. Within the diocese, protests will be held Aug. 22 from 9:00 am-11:00 am at the following sites:

- **Eau Claire Planned Parenthood**, 1231 Menomonie Street
Questions? Contact Michelle Bowe at michelle@shspec.org
- **Wisconsin Rapids Planned Parenthood**, 1355 S 8th Street
Questions? Contact Phil Kosloski at pakosloski@gmail.com

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 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- 1:30PM. Located 6 miles east of Durand off Highway 10 on County Road V.

Heritage of Elmwood Pie & Ice Cream Social:

The Heritage of Elmwood invites everyone to attend the Pie and Ice Cream Social, being held on Wednesday, August 26th from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. We will be serving Barbeques and Pie and Ice Cream. Free Will Offering. Rich Schroeder will be entertaining. We look forward to seeing you there.

Elmwood CCD Program:

New parish families interested in registering their children in our CCD education program, please contact Marilyn Bowell, CRE at 715-664-8975.

St. Luke's Rosary Makers:

will meet on Aug 20th, and in September on the 3rd and 17th at 6:30PM in the church dining hall. Everyone is welcome to join us.

El Paso Ecumenical Days:

Please join us for the El Paso Days Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, 8/23, at 11:45am on the hill at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in El Paso.

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Since Fr. Louis has been gone this week, he asked if I would be willing to write the bulletin article for this weekend. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to get up on a soapbox!

This is my last weekend with you all in our three parishes. Now that summer is almost over, I look back at the past two months with a spirit of gratitude. What a great summer it has been! I would like to thank all of you for welcoming me to your parishes here in Spring Valley, Elmwood, and Boyceville. It has been a joy to be with you this summer. I especially thank Fr. Louis, who has been so generous to me throughout my time here. It is a singular blessing to have a good shepherd to guide and lead us. **Please pray that I become a good pastor someday!**

This past weekend I was in La Crosse with almost all of the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse for our annual summer gathering. Our own Levi Schmitt was able to join us for a few days before he headed off for St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee to begin his theological studies. It was wonderful to spend five days with most of our 32 seminarians and Bishop Callahan and Fr. Alan Wierzba, the Director of Vocations (my boss). It was good to meet **8 NEW seminarians** who will be beginning seminary studies for our diocese this Fall. As we gathered in our newly renovated chapel at the House of Formation on Friday night, I was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude, because **God always provides** for His people. God has been extremely generous to our diocese. He is answering YOUR prayers for more priests. When I started seminary seven years ago, we had a total of twenty-two seminarians. Now we have thirty-two. Thank you for your prayers and support. We all pray for you every day. And praise to our God, who always provides for us and He answers our prayers!

I will be vacationing with some seminarian friends in Kentucky this coming week. This vacation was planned before I knew my summer schedule. So, I am sad that I will miss the Dedication of the Brother Michael Center next Sunday the 23rd. I will return to WI that night and finish my summer internship here in Elmwood, Spring Valley, and Boyceville on Tuesday August 25th. I will then go home to be with my family at my parent's dairy farm near Cornell for nine days, and then depart for my last year of seminary studies in Rome on September 4th. There is still so much to learn before **my ordination as a deacon on October 1st** and, God willing, my ordination as a priest in June 2016! It is an enormous task to prepare well for the life and work of a priest. Please continue to pray and support our priests, seminarians, and young people who are discerning God's will.

We do not only urgently need priests in our diocese and our world, but we also need people who respond to God's call to be a religious priest, brother, or sister. Above all, we need good and holy **marriages!** Pray for our young people. They need so much support and encouragement. They are growing up in a culture and a world which does not recognize or give them the basic tools to discover, accept, and live out the way of life for which God created them. And yet we know and believe that it is only by responding generously to God's call that we are able to live the most fulfilling and joy-filled life possible in this world. The tools for living out ANY vocation are: **Daily prayer**, the virtue of **self-sacrifice**, a **living and personal relationship with the Holy Trinity** (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), an understanding and **love for God's commandments**, an unquenchable **desire to know the truth** (and the belief that there is objective truth which can be known!), **involvement in the life and worship of the Catholic Church** (especially the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confession), and the **capacity to love others more than ourselves**. No one in our public schools, on the television or other media sources, in government offices, or in the general public is going to help our young people (and all people!) obtain these indispensable tools of Christian living. How is the next generation going to build for themselves a fulfilling Christian life when they don't have the tools? How are they to learn **HOW to be a Christian** if **WE** do not give them **our example and our support?** We, their families and their fellow parishioners, are the **only ones** who can transmit a Christian (and thus, a civilized and humane) world-view to the next generation. Any alternative paths have grim outcomes.

Again, thank you all for your support and generosity in welcoming me to your parishes! I only wish that summer could be a little bit longer. But, even in this short time with you, I am encouraged and reinvigorated for this coming school year. Keep on being the good people that you are and may you always find your strength in Jesus' Most Sacred Heart, which burns with love and mercy for us, and for the whole world. God bless!

Daniel Sedlacek, Seminarian Intern
“All for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!”

Stewardship for August 8-9

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1459	\$130
Elmwood	\$890	\$167.99
Boyceville	\$985	\$89

