

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-21).....NO MASS

Tuesday (9-22).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood
Private Intention

Wednesday (9-23)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Albert Lecheler (Jeff Pelzel)

Thursday (9-24).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Rosalie and Brendan Moran (Barry Moran)

Friday (9-25).....NO Communion Service

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Virginia Fischer (Dick and Jean Zeithaml)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (9-26).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Loren Leehe (Marge Leehe)

Sunday (9-27).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

Missa pro Populo

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Mary Jenny (Una Kannel-Jenny)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Farewell Party: Sacred Heart, Elmwood, will hold a going-away reception for Father Louis on **Saturday, September 26, after the 8PM Mass in the church basement.** Everyone is invited to come and offer their best wishes to him. Cake and coffee will be served; a basket for cards will be available. All are welcome to come!

Adult Choir Sacred Heart Spring Valley: Open to any and all (18+) who like to sing! The Adult Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Wednesday, October 7 from 7-8pm. Their first Mass will be October 11. Charlotte Nellesen is our new Choir Director and welcomes old and new members. The choir will sing in the choir loft, have a few rehearsals throughout the year and, will be scheduled to sing once or twice a month, with a focus on special music for Easter. Join us Wednesday, October 7 for more information – we would love to see you there!

Confirmation Students Important Dates:

Sunday, September 27 - Confirmation Retreat - starting with 10:30 am Mass and going until about 4:00PM. SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you.

Sunday, October 4 - Spring Valley Students Confirmation interviews

Wednesday, October 14 @ 7:00 - 8:00PM - Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Joes Menomonie SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you.

Saturday, October 17 @ 6:30PM - CONFIRMATION @ St. Joes Menomonie, reception follows in church basement.

St Luke's: Choir practice for Fall Dinner will be **Wednesday September 30 at 6PM.**

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. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

Eucharistic Adoration: We are looking for two prayer partners to hold an hour every other week on Thursday afternoons from 3-4 pm and from 4-5 pm. Contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 for more information.

St Luke's Fall Dinner Festival: is on **Sunday, October 4 after 9:30AM Mass.** All are welcome to come!

Elmwood Parishioners: If you would like to sponsor an Elmwood CCD student whose family is unable to meet the cost of a CCD Retreat; please contact Marilyn Bowell DRE 715-664-8975

Elmwood CCD Program:

Elmwood CCD classes began on Sept. 13th. Any families interested in registering their children in our program; please contact Marilyn Bowell DRE 715-664-8975

St. Luke's: St. Jessica's circle will meet Sept. 30th at 9:30AM. in the church dining hall. Bring ideas for projects.

St. Luke's Rosary Makers: will meet Oct. 8th and Oct 22nd at 6:30 P.M. in the church dining hall. All are welcome to join us.

St. Luke's Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting: will be Tuesday, September 22, at 7pm. The host PCCW is Holy Rosary, Lima. If you can attend, please contact Betty Jean Smith 715-265-7157.

St. Luke's Altar Society Meeting: will be on September 23, at 9:30AM in the dining hall. All women of the parish should try to attend. Thank you.

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Our Durand Deanery has experienced a great deal of change over the course of the past several months. In April Father Mano of Saint Joseph, Menomonie, was called back home to India by his Bishop. In August Father Bill Matzek of Saint Mary, Big River, was called home to the Lord while Father Nathan of Saint Francis of Assisi Ellsworth was called back to India by his religious community. Recognizing the pastoral needs of all these communities, Bishop Callahan has been occupied with filling these vacancies. Father James Kurzynski took up the pastorate of **Menomonie** in July. Last weekend it was announced that effective October 1 I am Pastor of **Big River**, Father Prince Amala Jesuraja is Pastor of **Spring Valley-Elmwood-Boyceville**, and Father Eric Awortwe-Dadson is Pastor of **Ellsworth**. Please continue to pray for the priests of our own Diocese and those who so generously come to serve us from far away. Pray for the permanent Deacons of our Diocese and the men in formation for service to us as Deacons. Pray for the young men studying to be priests for our Diocese, especially Levi Schmitt and Daniel Sedlacek. And pray that our young people have hearts open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

This is the last weekend that Father Nathan will be in our parishes. We bid him farewell and beg God’s blessings on him as he returns to his native India at the end of this month. For years our friendly and faith-filled neighbor at Saint Francis of Assisi in Ellsworth has been so generous in regularly celebrating the Vigil Mass of the Lord’s Day at Elmwood while Father Louis was at the Saint Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program. We are so grateful for Father Nathan’s fine priestly example and zeal for souls. Even though he had more than enough to do in Ellsworth with his own Masses, he never said “no” when we asked for his help. **God bless you, Father Nathan, for your generosity and kindness to us!** We will miss you!

Several weeks ago I received **a most unexpected phone call** from Monsignor David Kunz – the priest who assists Bishop Callahan in managing priestly assignments – in which he revealed that Bishop Callahan wanted to name me Pastor of Saint Mary, Big River. One week later the Bishop himself phoned to officially confirm this new assignment and notify me of the new Pastor for Spring Valley, Elmwood, and Boyceville. In assigning Father Prince Amala Jesuraja to our three parishes, Bishop Callahan shows a fatherly solicitude having heard Elmwood parishioners who had expressed directly to him or to the Elmwood Pastoral Council and Finance Council their desire that their Pastor always be present for the Masses of the Lord’s Day. Father Prince Amala Jesuraja has not been given any extra-parochial responsibilities so he is able to dedicate all his energies to the pastoral care of our family of parishes.

The Bishop has also shown himself to be an attentive spiritual father to me by giving me the care of only one parish while asking me to take on two additional extra-parochial responsibilities beyond those with which he has already tasked me. He said he was concerned for my health given all that he is asking me to do beyond parish work. It was during this conversation that I revealed to him for the first time that the disease that had necessitated the removal of my rectum and entirety of my large intestine, is now present in my small intestine. I also told Bishop Callahan that beginning in mid-October I am scheduled to undergo a series of four experimental treatments at the Mayo Clinic in the hopes of stopping or at least slowing the progress of the disease and cancer. His response was that this simply confirmed that his decision to transfer me to Big River was the right one. While I am sad to leave the wonderful and faith-filled people in our three parishes, I am grateful to the Lord and the Bishop to be taking up the pastoral care of Saint Mary’s Parish. I encourage you to be warm and generous in your welcome of Father Prince Amala Jesuraja as your new Pastor.

The **Diocesan Annual Appeal** is the major source of funding for the ministries, programs, and services of our Diocese. **Why should we take part in this Appeal?** Our participation in this Appeal affords us the opportunity to **give assistance to our needy brothers and sisters** in our area, our Diocese, and around the globe. Our donations, for example, support our diocesan mission and orphanage in Peru. In other words, our involvement is a matter of **charity**. In addition, our contribution to the Appeal is a privileged way in which we **take responsibility for our portion of the expenses involved in the activities of our Diocese of La Crosse**. So our monetary support for the Appeal, for example, helps pay for the education of our future priests like Elmwood’s very own Levi Schmitt as well as our seminarian-intern Daniel Sedlacek who will be ordained a transitional deacon in October! In other words, our participation is a matter of **justice**.

Please **pray for Bishop Callahan and for the success of this year’s Appeal**. Moreover, I encourage you to **give prayerful consideration to your own financial gift**. You may return your pledge card in the self-addressed envelope via mail or the offertory plate at Mass. **With your continued generosity, we can once again meet and even surpass our target**. As always, **one hundred percent of any funds beyond our goal are returned to us for our own needs right here**.

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

Stewardship for September 12-13		
<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	\$1716	\$302.00
Elmwood	\$80	\$67.52
Boyceville	\$680	\$34.60

