

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-28).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood
Private Intention
Tuesday (9-29).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Duane Kelley (Colleen Kelley and Children)
Wednesday (9-30)8:00AM Mass at Elmwood
+Olivia Pelzel (Don & Mary Schmitz)
Thursday (10-1).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Willard Traynor (Doris Traynor)
10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center
+Michael Thome (Joseph and Beverly Thome)
Friday (10-2).....8:00AM Communion Service at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Albert Lecheler (Wayne and Pat Nohelty)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (10-3).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa pro Populo
Sunday (10-4).....9:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Joe Reagan (James Smith)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Victor and Agnes Johnson (Dave and Rita Johnson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

St Luke's Farewell Potluck: Please stay for potluck and wish Father Louis farewell after the 8:30am Mass.

Spring Valley Farewell Reception: Please stay for donuts and coffee after the 10:30am mass and wish Father Louis farewell.

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, 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.

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 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!

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

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.

Spring Valley 5TH Grade CCD Teacher needed: If anyone is interested in being 5th grade teacher please contact CRE Kaity Rosno at 651-795-9678.

Spring Valley Rosary Makers: will meet in the Br. Michael Center on Wednesday, October 7th from 7-8pm. All are welcome!

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

Please know of my gratitude to you for the overwhelming outpouring of affection, expression of thanks, and assurances of prayers as I leave you to take up a new pastoral assignment. I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful cards, delicious goodies, generous gifts, and, above all, remembrance in your prayers. If in some way through my priestly ministry the Lord helped you to know Him more deeply and love Him more fervently, *may God be praised!* Let us remember one another in prayer.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have ministered closely with *Brother Michael Mandernach and Deacon Kevin Ray*. Over the course of these past four years a source of great consolation has also been the presence of young men studying to be priests for our Diocese: *now-Father Billy Dodge, Daniel Sedlacek, and our own Levi Schmitt* who was always accompanied by fellow seminarians. Thank you to the *groups and organizations* of our parishes that build up the faith-life of their members and the parishes as a whole. Thanks to the *employees* of our parishes who have been such valued coworkers, especially those who offered such great support to me in the administrative tasks of shepherding our communities. I wish to single out *Becky Schmitt in the Central Office and Karen Adams at Boyceville* – they are most generous with their time and talents in service of me and our parishes. Indeed, without them, I could not have served three communities while doing numerous extra-parochial jobs as well! Thank you to the many *volunteers* who accomplish so many behind-the-scenes tasks to keep the parishes running smoothly. I am particularly grateful for parishioners who have been of such great assistance to me as Pastor offering wise counsel through *consultative bodies* on so many matters. Thank you to those who have served on the Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils and their numerous committees as well as our Parish Corporation Board of Trustees. *Thanks to one and all!*

I had the joy of spending all of Wednesday with the *new Parochial Administrator of our parishes, Father Prince Amala Jesuraja*. We toured all three parishes and we spent extended time with Deacon Kevin Ray and Becky Schmitt. You will find Father Prince to be a warm and friendly man with great energy and whose English is quite easy to understand. A native of India, Father Prince was ordained a priest in 2009. He was initially assigned to assist in the work of priestly formation in the seminary of his home diocese. Subsequently his Bishop entrusted Father Prince with the specialized ministry of social work in his diocese. He is not alone in Wisconsin as a number of priests from his home diocese are also currently ministering in our Diocese of La Crosse. Earlier this year Father Prince came to the United States and has been the Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) at Immaculate Conception Parish in Eau Claire. His first day in our parishes will be October 1 as he celebrates the 8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley followed by the monthly 10:00 AM Mass at the Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center.

You will note that Bishop Callahan has not named Father Prince *Pastor* of our parishes, but rather their *Parochial Administrator*. Previously, Bishops Paul and Burke made use of that designation when the priest was being assigned to the parish only on a temporary basis. Indeed, the *Code of Canon Law* (539) says that the Parochial Administrator is appointed to substitute for the Pastor “when a parish becomes vacant or when a Pastor is prevented from exercising his pastoral function in the parish by reason of captivity, exile or banishment, incapacity or ill health, or some other cause.” Bishop Listeck, on the other hand, designated *every* newly-assigned parish priest as a “Parochial Administrator” until such time that the Bishop could travel to the parish to personally install the priest as “Pastor.” Bishop Callahan, on the other hand, designates as “Parochial Administrator” only those *priests for whom it is their first time to shepherd a parish*.

The *Dean* is given the particular mandate from the Bishop to be particularly attentive to these new shepherds in his Deanery acting as a mentor and advisor to them. So I will work closely with Father Prince as he settles into his new responsibilities. After one year the Bishop determines if it is appropriate to remove the “caretaker” mandate of an administrator and designate the priest with the more stable responsibility as Pastor. This year of simply learning how to be a shepherd without introducing any major innovations is important for the priest to adjust to this new reality in his life. It is helpful for the communities, too, to be assured of continuity in their life and activities without any major disruption. The timing of this change (October) also does not allow for any major innovations with regard to the schedule of Masses of the Lord’s Day, for example, since the calendars of religious education (CCD) and special feasts have already been established through May 2016. *Please be warm in your welcome of Father Prince and support him with your prayers and cooperative spirit to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

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

Father Kevin C. Louis, STL

Stewardship for September 19-20		
<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	\$1170	\$93.50
Elmwood	\$645	\$274.25
Boyceville	\$985	\$94

