

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

#### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday (12-7).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood  
+Oliva Pelzel (Bill & Roselyn Sylla)

Tuesday (12-8).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley  
*Missa pro Populo*

Wednesday (12-9) .....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood  
+Bill Crownhart (Barb and John Schneider)

Thursday (12-10).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Gertrude Geraets (Estate)

Friday (12-11).....8:00AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*  
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood  
+ Frank Crownhart (Veronica Schober Family)

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

Saturday (12-12).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood  
+Joanne Schwebach (Arnold and Marion Bauer Sr. Family)

Sunday (12-13).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville  
+Robert Fischer (Joe & Gloria Pieters)  
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
*Missa pro Populo*

### BRIEFLY NOTED

**Spring Valley CCD Notice:** *Parents and students please note that there will NOT be afternoon CCD classes on Wednesday, Dec. 9 for grades 1-5* due to the elementary Christmas Concert at the school that evening.

**Cookies for Homebound:** The Elmwood Altar and Rosary will be collecting cookies for the Homebound on Sat Dec 12th. One dozen will be appreciated. Please bring to the kitchen. Thank you.

**Elmwood Altar Flowers:** Anyone wishing to donate money for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one should send it to Altar & Rosary PO Box 54, Elmwood, WI 54740 or you can drop it in the box in the basement. Thank you.

**Boyceville Weekend Meal Program:** St. Luke's will pack back packs for the Weekend Meal Program the week of December 21st. Seven or eight volunteers are needed to help with packing of the back packs. Please see Joe Pieters before Monday, December 21st, to get specific details about time and place.

**St. Luke's St. Jessica's Circle:** will be holding their Christmas bake sale after Mass on Sunday Dec.13th, in the Brother Michael Gathering Place.

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

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

**Spring Valley Confirmation Class:**

**Photos are ready for pickup** on the table in the main entrance of Church.

**St. Luke's:** Pot luck Sunday is December 13, 2015. St Jessica Circle will hold their annual Christmas Bake Sale during pot luck. Please come and enjoy the good food and fellowship and maybe a Christmas goodie or two.

**St. Luke's Rosary Makers:** will meet On Dec. 10th at 6:30 P.M. in the Brother Michael Gathering Place. All welcome.

**St. Luke's:** St. Jessica's circle will meet on Dec.16th to pack the Christmas bags.

**Elmwood Altar & Rosary Society:** The Elmwood Altar & Rosary Group is looking for a Secretary for the upcoming year. If anyone would like to volunteer to fill the position, please call 715-639-3954.

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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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## Second Sunday of Advent – Preparing for the Lord

This season of Advent heralds the coming of Emmanuel, “God with us”. It is the time we realize when our God comes to earth to take on human form and live on earth just as we live. He does it as he shares his life and love with us. When God shares his love with us he invites us to share our love with Him and with others. Advent is the time of waiting as we prepare ourselves to welcome the God who became man and who by example showed us how we too should be able to live like him for others. Advent means waiting. We wait for someone we love and we long to meet that person. In today’s Gospel Luke beautifully places the beginning of John the Baptist’s ministry within a historical context.

In the first reading Prophet Baruch reminds the people of Israel that they have to share the gift of joy with others by calling them to put on the garment of integrity. God is asking them not to be part of the sad story of corruption.

In the second reading, we have the apostle Paul stating that he prays with joy for the Philippians, his loyal partners in work of evangelization. He was praying for them to be blameless and pure. He prayed that they may have the grace to discern between right and wrong, good and evil. We, too, like the Philippians must be known to be men and women of goodwill.

The message of today’s gospel is repentance. This repentance is from Greek word ‘Metanoia’ which means a total change of heart. True repentance is not a matter of doing or not doing certain things, but a CHANGE OF ATTITUDE. For example, if we are selfish but start to be generous and much more.

Today’s Gospel Reading presents us the words of John the Baptist, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” He calls out, “Prepare a way for the Lord,” and his words are equally meant for us as for the people he directly spoke to. We are in preparations mode, preparing not just for the many beautiful facets of the celebration but preparing for the Lord. May our valleys be filled and our mountains and hills be leveled, may our winding roads be made straight, and the rough ways of our lives be made smooth, so that the Messiah may rush into our lives unimpeded. And may we see the salvation of our God, for, indeed, the very name Jesus means God Saves.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Rev. Prince A. Raja*

### Stewardship for November 28-29

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	DAA	Candles	Mission Sunday
Spring Valley	\$1399	\$117.75	\$1100	\$20	
Elmwood	\$1425	\$131	\$100		
Boyceville	\$500	\$79	\$159		\$25

**Spring Valley’s DAA Update:** Thank you to those who have already helped pay \$12,929.99 of our \$19,910 assessment. The remaining 122 pledge cards need to be turned into the Central Office. Consider using the monthly payment option with the final payment due June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you’re unable to make a pledge, indicate to the Diocese by returning the card with a “0.”

**Elmwood Altar and Rosary Christmas Party:** *Altar & Rosary will have their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20th at 12:00pm.* We would like to invite all the ladies of the parish to come and help us celebrate the Christmas season with food & fun. Installation of the new officers will take place. There will be no gift exchange instead we will enjoy each other’s company. Hope to see all of you there! Berneice Asher, President.

**Elmwood CCD Reminder:** All students were provided a copy of the “Act of Contrition” prayer and should practice it for the upcoming Reconciliation program on Wednesday, December 9 in Elmwood. This is a requirement for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school; students will be required to sign in for confessions. Father Prince will be available from 6:00 to 7:20 pm to hear confessions that evening. Students may come and go for confession at their leisure or may choose to stay for 7:30PM Mass.

**St. Luke’s:** The mitten tree is up again for mittens and hats. Tiffany Creek Elementary needs larger size gloves for the older children as well as, medium and small size mittens. Thank you.

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous. *Envelopes for your contributions can be found at the entrances of Church.* Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

