

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (1-12).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Jeanne Mountin (Tony & Marsha Shafer)

Wednesday (1-13)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Andrew Fesenmaier (Fesenmaier Family)

Thursday (1-14).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Newell Wesier (Estate)

Friday (1-15).....8:00AM Communion Service at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood Nursing Home
+Frank Crownhart (Joe & Laurie Rhiel)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (1-16).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Harlan Radue (George and Shelly Ibach)

Sunday (1-17).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+Dave Smith (James Smith)
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa Pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Delmar Ellingboe** of Spring Valley who died this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Delmar from all sins, that he who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Soup and Sandwich Dinner: Please join us on Saturday, January 23rd for a Parish event sponsored by Altar & Rosary Sacred Heart Elmwood. Mass will be held at **4:00pm. Please note that there will NOT be an 8PM Mass in Elmwood that evening.** Soup and Sandwich will be served from 5:00pm-7:00pm (free will offering) and try your luck at **bingo** from 5:00 pm-7:00pm.

Spring Valley Right to Life Breakfast: will be held on **Sunday, January 24 from 9am-12:30pm at the Br. Michael CCD Center.** Breakfast will consist of French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit and donuts. Free will donations will be accepted with the proceeds going to the financial, emotional and spiritual support of area women in need of pregnancy assistance. Please join us for a great cause and share in a delicious breakfast with wonderful community fellowship! All are welcome!

Mass Requests: If anyone wishes to have a mass celebrated for a loved one they may place their request in a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket at mass or mail it to the Central Office. Mass stipends are \$10 a mass.

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

St. Luke's Rosary Makers: will meet Thurs, Jan 14th at 6:30 p.m.in the Brother Michael Gathering Place. All welcome.

St. Luke's St Jessica's Circle will meet Wed. Jan.27th at 9:30 A.M. in the Brother Michael Gathering Place.

St Luke's: If anyone is interested in becoming an usher or wants to make a change in the current scheduling please contact Paul Zimmerman.

St. Luke's: Anyone interested in attending a Friday Mass once a month at St. Luke's, please email or call Karen at the church.

Elmwood CCD Fundraiser Donations: If anyone is interested in donating door prizes for the Fazolli Spaghetti Dinner on February 3, please contact Marilyn Bowell, DRE at 715-664-8975.

Elmwood Altar and Rosary: will meet on Thursday, January 14 at 7Pm in the Church basement. This meeting is for the officers and co-chairs.

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Baptism of the Lord

The feast of the Baptism of our Lord presents us with the Third Epiphany or the manifestation of our Lord, the first being the Nativity of our Lord and the second, the feast of the Magi. The Baptism of Jesus was the moment when he passed from the relative obscurity of village life in Nazareth onto the public stage of his mission of proclaiming the God’s Kingdom.

George Caird in his Pelican commentary on the Gospel of Luke asked this question, “Why was Jesus baptized?” Can you answer this question? What’s the reason why Jesus was baptized? After all, the New Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “The fruit of baptism or baptismal grace is a rich reality that includes the forgiveness of original sin and personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ’s Body and a temple of the Holy Spirit,” (CCC no. 1279). The New Testament of the Bible is very consistent also that Jesus has no sins of his own to confess.

Caird writes: “Jesus went to be baptized then, not for private reasons, but as a man with a public calling. John the Baptist had summoned all Israel to repentance and with Israel, Jesus too, must go. Jesus dwelt in the midst of a sinful people and could not separate himself from them. Rather, he must be fully identified with them in their movement towards God.”

In other words, baptism is not necessary for Jesus Christ. He was always God’s beloved Son on whom His favor rests. And yet He chose to be baptized to identify Himself with our need for forgiveness and with our longing for redemption. To lead us into the kingdom, He himself would enter by the same and only door open to us, the door of baptism and which also the door to other sacraments. Some spiritual writers say that the water John the Baptist used made others holy, Jesus made the water holy. In a similar way some spiritual writers add that through the holiness of His humanity, our humanity was made holy. So to speak, He was baptized to be in solidarity with us.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for January 2-3 2016

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

| | Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Christmas | Retirement for Religious | DAA |
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| Spring Valley | \$1826 | \$94.31 | | | \$910 |
| Elmwood (12/26) | \$1940 | \$148 | \$2672 | \$170 | |
| Elmwood (1/2) | \$2810 | \$251 | | \$110 | |
| Boyceville | \$777 | \$69.25 | | | |

Spring Valley Altar Server training: will be held 3:30-4:30pm on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016** in the church. Any student wishing to serve should bring the parental permission slip with them. The forms are available at CCD as well as in the back of church.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Join us for prayer, music, talks, reflection, reconciliation and Mass (5:00 p.m.), on Saturday, January 30, 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. at St. Bridget Church (211 E. Division Street, River Falls, WI), Lubich Hall (Lunch provided). Seminar Talks will be presented by Fr. Jerry and Deacon Michael Cullen, Charismatic Renewal Liaison Diocese of Superior. Sign up by e-mail at recept@stbparish.com or calling the St. Bridget Parish Office at 715-425-1870.

Gospel of John and the Miracles of Jesus: On Wednesday evening, January 20th, Msgr Mark Pierce will be speaking at St. Joseph School in Prescott on the Gospel of John and the Miracles of Jesus. There will be a supper at 5 pm and the presentation at 5:30 pm. \$10 fee per person. Msgr Pierce is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker on the Bible. Interested persons may contact Barbara Schneider for more information and/or ride share: 715-647-2122. Certification credit is available for CCD teachers.

Spring Valley DAA Update: \$16,337.04 of our \$19,910 assessment has been paid. THANK YOU! 104 parishioners have not returned their pledge card. Please help our parish pay the remaining \$3,572.96. Return your pledge card as soon as possible.

Why should I give to this Appeal?

If our Catholic faith is important to us, the needs of our parish, the needs of the Catholic schools, the needs of the Diocese, and the needs of the wider Church should be important to us. Giving to all levels of the Church, whereas the Church is One Body, is important. A parish could not exist without a Diocese nor a Diocese without parishes. This is why we are called Catholics and explains why we have the Diocesan Annual Appeal; we are a Universal Church.

Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Hosted by the Elmwood CCD Program at the **Elmwood Auditorium on Wed. Feb 3 from 5-8 PM**. The meal is your choice of spaghetti/fettucine, breadsticks, garden salad, beverages, and enjoy homemade desserts and Culver’s custard. Take-out is available. Tickets are being sold at this time. \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Cash donations are welcome. Please purchase tickets by January 27; there will be a limited number of tickets available at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Elmwood CCD Youth. For information please contact Marilyn Bowell, DRE at 715-664-8975.

