

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (1-19).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Newell Weiser (Estate)

Wednesday (1-20)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Joanne Schwebach

Thursday (1-21).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
Private Intention

Friday (1-22).....8:00AM Communion Service at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood Nursing Home
+Willis Harshman (Chris Baier)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (1-23).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Eileen Bevins (John and Barb Schneider)

Sunday (1-24).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+ John Knops (Judy Knops)

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 **Susan Geraets** of Elmwood who died this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Susan from all sins, that she 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 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.

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Go to your app store and search for "myParish-Catholic Life". Follow the installation prompts, select your parish and stay connected with current parish events and mass times.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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God is here: There is abundance! (Jn 2:1-11)

Today we begin the ordinary season of the year. Today’s readings tell us about the identity of Jesus, who he is and what his mission is. And the gospel text narrates to us a wonderful and dramatic story of a wedding at Cana. What a way to begin this season of the year! And what an amazing way in which Jesus himself begins his public ministry! In the gospel text of today I clearly see two distinct parts – two epochs, in a sense: one, Before Christ; and another, After Christ. The first scene that John paints for us is one of emptiness, and the second, on the contrary, is marked by abundance. And what brings about the difference between two phases is the intervention of Jesus.

Before the intervention of Jesus, there was emptiness, chaos and gloom, but after Jesus’ intervention, there was abundance, cosmos and celebration. Wine is a symbol of joy and celebration. And there was plenty of it. When Jesus would multiply bread on the shores of Galilee, there would be a similar situation (Jn 6). They begin with a situation of scarcity: Philip is realistic, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough to give them a little piece each” (Jn 6:5). Andrew is able to identify five loaves and two fish (that adds up to seven) and the miracle happens. And they gather 12 baskets full of left-overs!! Elsewhere, Jesus declares: “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full” (Jn 10:10).

Yes, the presence of Jesus makes all the difference: at the wedding in Cana, at the shores of Galilee, in our own lives! The word of God on this Sunday, at the beginning of the year, invites us to recognize the presence of Jesus in our lives. It invites us to recognize him as the Son of God! Then we will be able to share in the fullness of life: “These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name” (Jn 20:31). Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for January 9-10 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	DAA
Spring Valley	\$1166	\$97.36	\$250
Elmwood	\$1140	\$114.25	
Boyceville	(numbers will appear next week)		

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 receipt@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.

New Apostolates “Courage” and “EnCourage”: The Diocese of LaCrosse now has an apostolate of the Catholic Church for those with same-sex attraction. Courage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons with same-sex attraction. A Courage Chapter meets bi-weekly. Confidentiality is deeply respected. The apostolate has been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family and Pope John Paul II said of this ministry, "COURAGE is doing the work of God!" There is also an outreach called EnCourage which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. An EnCourage Chapter meets monthly. Again, confidentiality is deeply respected. If you are interested in a Courage Chapter or an EnCourage Chapter, please contact Ann Lankford at 608-791-2568 or email alankford@diolc.org.

