

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (1-25).....NO MASS

Tuesday (1-26).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Delmar Ellingboe (Dave and Rita Johnson)

Wednesday (1-27)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Lexyn Holt (Rose Phillips)

Thursday (1-28).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
Private Intention

Friday (1-29).....*NO Communion Service at Spring Valley*
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood Nursing Home
+Juanita Bates (Craig and Andrea Feuker)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (1-30).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Francis Kirby (Brian Kirby)

Sunday (1-31).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+Mary Ellen Smith (Betty Garside)
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 **Duane Bee** of Elmwood and **Pat Flynn** of Boyceville who died this week. “O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servants Duane and Pat from all sins, that they 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 CCD Families Reminder: Each family needs to make either cookies, cupcakes, or pre-cut pan of bars or cake and drop it off upstairs in the Elmwood Auditorium by **3:30PM on Wednesday, February 3** for the Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner. There will be a sheet to check off your name on the kitchen counter. You will be responsible for picking up your platter or pan. Jan 23-24.

Thank You: Our family would like to thank Father Prince for wonderful service he had for our daughter Susan. The choir sounded beautiful. Support from the parish was overwhelming. It means a lot to have the Altar and Rosary arranging the lunch. They did a wonderful job. -Bob & Kathy Geraets Family.

January 22: The Sad Anniversary of Roe v. Wade -- Please pray and offer sacrifices on behalf of mothers and their unborn children, 56 million of whom have been killed by abortion in the US since the 1973 Roe V. Wade decision opened the floodgates to abortion. To learn what you can do, and view a schedule of Holy Hours for Life at parishes around the diocese, visit www.dioc.org/prolife.

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

Elmwood Parish Help:

Our Elmwood Parish needs some help on projects that need to be done this year around our church. Anyone willing to help---please sign the work sheet on the clipboard located on the Main Bulletin board at Church or call Tom Weber 639-3322 for more information. Thank you.

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.

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.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Good News to the Poor

We are in the beginning of the ordinary time of the liturgical year. Today we are beginning to listen to the Gospel according to Luke. Throughout this year, which is referred to as Year C in liturgical terms, we will listen to the Gospel of Luke. Then the gospel text in today’s liturgy jumps to Luke 4:14, enumerating the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. Jesus officially begins his mission on earth. He begins with a manifesto. He begins with the end in mind. He borrows his mission statement from the Prophet Isaiah (chapter 61): “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me....” But he personalizes those words.

In fact, there is a big difference between the words of Isaiah and that of Jesus, as Jesus makes an addition to the proclamation in his ‘homily’ that follows: “This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening” (Lk 4:21). Based on this statement, let us reflect on the core of today’s gospel text, which, I think, was also the core of the mission of Jesus here on earth: “To bring the good news to the poor.”

The expression ‘poor’ occupies a central place in the Gospel of Luke. Luke’s understanding of the poor is not much different from that of the Old Testament, where the word ‘poor’ was often elaborated as ‘the stranger, the orphan and the widow’ (Deut 24). Yes, the poor are the materially deprived, the destitute, the afflicted – the most vulnerable people of any given society. In line with the repeated theme of the book of Psalms, Luke wants to portray Jesus as one who hears the cry of the poor (Ps 22:24). He has Jesus deliver his ‘Beatitudes’ from the plains (Lk 6:17), and he would have Jesus admire the little offering of the widow (Lk 21:1-3).

People who are vulnerable are poor. The elderly are poor. Children and youth are poor too. In Lk 18:15-17, Jesus would say, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” In short, being poor simply means being open to God. It is to those who rely on God that the Good News is proclaimed. It is to us that the Good News is proclaimed. Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for January 16-17 2016					
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>					
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles	DAA	Religious Retirement
Spring Valley	\$1721	\$163.10		\$20	
Elmwood	\$397	\$120.01			
Boyceville	\$410	\$76	\$46.75		\$25

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.

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.

Spring Valley: This past week, the 2015 Contribution Summary Statements were mailed. The statement total includes ALL tax-deductible contributions received by our parish during 1/1/15 – 12/31/15. If there are any questions or errors, please call the Central Office immediately.

Lifeline Retreat Mass: Students in grades 8-12 are welcome to attend a Lifeline Retreat Mass in West St. Paul, Saturday, February 6th. A bus will be leaving Spring Valley CCD Center at 4:30pm and returning between 10-10:30pm. Please sign up and fill out a permission form, found in the back of Church, and return it to your CCD teacher or Kaity Rosno. This is a required event for 10th grade Confirmation students. For questions please email kaity.rosno@gmail.com

St Joseph's Annual Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up: St. Joseph’s in Menomonie is having their annual Preschool (3K and 4K) and Kindergarten Round-Up as well as an All School Open House (Preschool through 6th grade) on February 4th from 6pm - 7 pm. If you are interested in sending your children to St Joseph School, please come and visit.

Rural Life Day: will be at St Joseph's Parish in Menomonie on October 7, 2016. You and all your parish members are invited to participate! The purpose of Rural Life Day is to demonstrate our connection to agriculture in our daily lives and to celebrate our dependence on God for providing an abundant food source to sustain our lives. You are being asked to participate and donate items to make this celebration a success. At least 3 or 4 volunteers from each parish within the deanery would be wonderful. Potential donations include locally grown foods (pork, beef, vegetables, fruits) and items for decorating the altar and dining area (pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn). **If you’d like to help with this event** contact Ed Hartung at 715-235-6052 or email ehartung@hughes.net

