

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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SAINT LUKE, Boyceville  
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## 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

### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday-Tuesday (4/4).....NO MASS

Tuesday (4/5).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Paul Howard (Al and Sandy Janeczko)

Wednesday (4-6).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood  
Dell Jane Kannel (Marvin Kannel)

Thursday (4-7).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Lorne Hanson (Lloyd and Jean Greenway)

Friday (4-8).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home  
+Juanita Bates (Patty Hawkins)

### Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday (4-9).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood  
+Joanne Schwebach (Bill and Roselyn Sylla)

Sunday (4-10).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville  
*Missa Pro Populo*  
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Paul Howard (Sowatzke Family)

### BRIEFLY NOTED

**Congratulations to Isaac Williams and Janira Fuentes of Boyceville** on receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 8:30 AM Easter Mass at St. Luke's! May they always hold Jesus in their hearts and their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily!

**St. Luke's:** The Lacrosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) will be taking up their ANNUAL COLLECTION (a/k/a Low Sunday) today by our parish women. The proceeds are used for spirituality days, education, conventions, workshops, leadership training, support, and charitable works throughout the Diocese. Please be generous in this Year of Mercy.

**Knights of Columbus Farewell Party:** The KC Council #6599 is hosting a farewell party for Deacon Ray after the 8PM mass on Saturday, April 2 in the Elmwood Church basement. All are welcome!

**Farewell Party for Deacon:** On Sunday, April 3 after the 10:30am Mass in Spring Valley at the Br. Michael Center a party will be held. Please join us in saying goodbye to Deacon Kevin. Coffee and bars will be served. All are welcome!

**Elmwood CCD Reminder:** Grades 7-10 are required to attend the Youth Rally to be held on Sunday, May 1 in Eau Galle. This is part of our CCD program, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12 graders are invited. Thank you, Marilyn Bowell DRE/Youth Minister.

**St Luke's:** Pot Luck Sunday is April 10. Please plan to attend and enjoy good food and fellowship.

**St Luke's:** St Jessica Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 9:30AM in the Brother Michael Gathering Place.

**Interparish Finance Council:** Meets on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Brother Michael Catholic Center in Spring Valley. Council members, notify the Central Office if unable to attend.

**Free Catholic Book:** Catholic author Brandon Vogt is offering free copies of his book: "*Return: How to draw your child back to the Church*". Helpful for anyone with a child who has fallen-away from the faith. To order a free copy visit: [www.freereturnbook.com](http://www.freereturnbook.com). Recommended by Bishop Robert Baron & Father Pacwa of EWTN!

**Elmwood Thank You:** Thanks to all who donated Easter Flowers in memory of their loved ones, and thanks to the Altar and Rosary ladies who did the decorating.

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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**[www.svecatholic.org](http://www.svecatholic.org)**

**Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday**

I really appreciate and thank our Deacon for serving our parishes and helping me to get settled in our parishes when I came as a new administrator. We are going to miss you! May the Risen Lord bless your family, give you good health and guide you in all your future endeavors.

In the year 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter occurred on April 30th. On that day, the Holy Father, St. John Paul II, canonized Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was only 33 years old when she died in 1938. She spent most of her life in convents in Poland. Yet her life has made an impact upon the world.

It all began when she was a little girl at Eucharistic Adoration. She felt drawn to the Lord and was determined to give her life to Him. She asked her parents if she could enter a convent when she was 16, but they told her that she had to work to support the family. In 1924 at age 19 she attended a dance in a Park with her sister, Natalia. While at the dance she had a vision of Jesus suffering. She rushed off to the first Church she could find where she was told by the Lord to go to a convent in Warsaw. She left the next morning. When she arrived in Warsaw she again went to the first Church she could find and spoke to a priest there who recommended a local lady where she could stay until she found a convent that would take her. Convent after convent turned her down until she was finally accepted at the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In 1931 she had a vision of Jesus as the King of Divine Mercy, wearing a white gown and having white and red rays flowing from His side. She was told to paint this picture and under it put the words, "Jesus, I trust in you." She was to be an apostle of the Mercy of God, letting the world know about the compassion of the Lord.

St. John Paul II said in his canonization homily that St. Faustina was told that the two rays coming from Jesus' heart represented blood and water. Blood referred to the sacrifice of the cross, and the gift of the Eucharist. Water referred to the gifts of baptism and the Holy Spirit. Jesus told her, "My daughter, tell people that I am love and mercy personified." Blessed John Paul II said that this was a needed message for the people who had witnessed the sufferings of millions during the last century.

St. John Paul II concluded the canonization homily by saying: *"And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you!"*

Consider the resurrection appearances that the Gospel of the Second Sunday presents. We come upon the disciples in the Upper Room. They are completely perplexed. What should they make of the stories that Mary Magdalene told them? What should they make of the empty tomb that Peter and John had found? And then, in that Upper Room, that place where they had received the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, Jesus appeared. What were His first words? He said, "Peace be with you." He came to bring peace. Again, a week later, Jesus appeared, and again His first words were, "Peace be with you."

Jesus Christ is the source of our peace. He is love. He is mercy. We go before Him in the face of the horrible attacks of evil upon the world and say to Him, "I trust in you." We go before Him recognizing our own sinfulness and say to Him, "I trust in you." There are hundred of thousands, if not millions still suffering the attacks of others. We recognize their pain and we call upon Jesus who is Love and Mercy and say, "I trust in you." There are many who have committed the most unspeakable sins, particularly sins against life that need to bring their sinfulness before the Lord and say, "Jesus, I trust in you." We need to bring our own sins before the Lord and say, "Jesus I trust in you."

*Rev. Prince Raja*

**Stewardship for March 26-27, 2016**

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Candles
Spring Valley	\$1240	\$245	\$226	\$591.63	
Elmwood	\$1723.36	\$392.50			\$57
Boyceville	\$904	\$299			

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**Celebration of Fr. Prince's Ordination:**

After the 8PM Mass on Saturday, April 16th the Altar and Rosary will serve cake and ice cream to celebrate Fr. Prince's Ordination Anniversary in the Elmwood Church basement. Everyone is welcome.

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:**

On Sunday, April 24 from 8am-12pm at the Sacred Heart, Elmwood Church basement, the Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, Sailers pork sausage, Swiss Miss Pudding, real maple syrup, and coffee. The meal is a free will offering for council community projects. All are welcome!

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner Update:**

The March 20th dinner served approx. 190 people. The Pie Raffle raised \$110 for the Steubenville Youth Trip. The Irish Coffee Bar donated \$75 to the S.V. Community Vacation Bible School. The P.C.C.W. raised nearly \$1,500 from the dinner, which will go towards new flooring in the Brother Michael Catholic Center. Thank you to all who attended the dinner, donated food or beverages, and took part in the Irish Coffee Bar and Pie Raffle. It was a very successful (and delicious) dinner!



