

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (5-2).....NO MASS

Tuesday (5-3).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Delmar Ellingboe(Marlene Ellingboe)

Wednesday (5-4).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Andrew Fesenmaier (Greg Fesenmaier)

Thursday (5-5).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Paul Howard (Beth & Craig Ingli)
10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center
+Lorne Hanson (Lloyd and Jean Greenway)

Friday (5-6).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home
+Francis Geraets (Bob & Kathy Geraets)

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Saturday (5-7).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood
+James Hayden (Arnold Baier Family)

Sunday (5-8).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+Bernice Gatz (Rich & Barb Laluya)
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa Pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Mother's Day Carnation Sale: On Saturday, May 7th there will be a carnation flower sale after Mass. Free will donation or any cash contribution in memory of a loved one is welcome. Flowers provided by Kleindl's Flowers on Main, Menomonie. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter 191. Proceeds will go to CCD program.

Elmwood May Crowning: will be held at the 8:00pm mass on Saturday, May 7th at Sacred Heart Elmwood. Dawn Hartung and family will do the honors of crowning the statue of the Blessed Mother. All are welcome to come and join us in honoring Jesus' mother!

Vacation Bible School Needs Teacher Leaders: The annual summer VBS hosted at Sacred Heart Spring Valley is in need of more teacher leaders for all grades and volunteers for the June 5-June 9th "Deep Sea Discovery" themed bible school week. The program begins Sunday, June 5 from 3:00-5pm and continues M-TH, June 6-9 from 6-8pm. High schoolers and middle schoolers are welcome as volunteers! Come and join in the fun. Your help would be appreciated! Contact Julie Webb at 715-772-3114.

Jubilee for Priests and Deacons: The Vatican will be celebrating a Year of Mercy Jubilee for Deacons May 27-29 in Rome, and a Year of Mercy Jubilee for Priests June 1-3, also in Rome. In keeping with the spirit of these celebrations, Father Prince will be honored as a minister of mercy sometime on Sunday, May 1 after the 10:30am mass in Spring Valley at the Br. Michael Catholic Center where coffee and donuts will be served. All are welcome to join us.

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: On Mother's Day (May 8) we will be selling roses for \$2 apiece proceeds go to Right to Life.

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, 11th and 12 graders are invited. Thank you, Marilyn Bowell DRE/Youth Minister.

Interparish Pastoral Council: Meets on Tuesday, May 17th 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.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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www.svecatholic.org

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The love of God is universal, reaching out to everyone. The Holy Bible gives account of God’s love to humanity from the foundation of the world. John in his writing defines God as love.

First Reading of today begins with some Jews taking extreme position that the members of the church should hold traditional position for the salvation. The passage tells us that the Christian spirit does not come by itself. One has to strive towards it by seeking the Divine Will of God and then by embracing the final decision of the authority of the Church. Seeking the Divine Will of God on the matter, Paul, Barnabas and some of the others were sent to Jerusalem to consult the apostles and the elders.

Today’s Second Reading tells us that the Christian spirit at work through some of the descriptive words that are given to us. John saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

According to the Gospel of John, the way one loves Jesus is by being in relationship with both him and his Father. The relationship serves as a dwelling or home for the disciples.

The words of this Sunday’s Gospel were spoken by Jesus just before his departure to Heaven: the “departure” that he accomplished on the wood of the Cross. Jesus teaches his disciples, he prepares them for the coming separation; above all, he prepares them for a better future. For his “departure” will be beneficial to all the people. But, in order for this future to be better, there is a condition: we must love Jesus. If they love Jesus, then the Father will come into them along with the Son and also the Holy Spirit. But what is it to love Jesus? Quite simply, to love Jesus is to love one’s brothers and sisters, to love one’s neighbor. St Paul clearly tells us that Jesus himself is “the first-born among many brethren” (Rom. 8:29). If we truly love Jesus our brother, then we will want nothing other than his happiness, his glory, his eternal peace. After his “departure” to Heaven, Jesus does not return immediately. He will return to earth in the fullness of time, meaning, at the end of time. Meanwhile, with the Father, he sends his Holy Spirit to the disciples. The Holy Spirit helps them to be patient and waiting to prepare for the coming of Jesus and the Father.

Today’s Gospel reading from St John made reference to the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father would send in His Name. Such was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when the Lord Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. At that moment, the official ministry of the Holy Spirit had its beginning on earth. In making known to us the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit is twofold. The first goal is to build up the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. The second goal is to sanctify us in Christ so we may be purified and transformed in the likeness of Jesus.

Jesus promised us the Paraclete, the third person of the Godhead, to help give God’s peace to us. The word Paraclete is also translated as Advocate and is explained as comforter. But the Paraclete does more than to comfort. He is the mediator, defense attorney, the one who stands by us in time of need.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for April 23-24, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	DAA Rebate	Candles
Spring Valley	\$1603	\$183.11		
Elmwood	\$670	\$100	\$210	\$77
Boyceville	\$555	\$125.65		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers Needed:

Our Elmwood parish needs more Lectors for Mass and we also need our Eucharistic Ministers back again (please look at the ministry schedule and note when you are scheduled). *For those interested in being trained as a Eucharistic Minister, Fr. Prince is holding a training session after the 7:30PM Mass in Elmwood on Wednesday, May 4.* Please call Mary Sailer at 715.639.4902 if interested.

ATTENTION Spring Valley Parishioners:

We still owe the Diocese \$2367.96 toward the Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you are one of the 54% who have not pledged, expect a call from Gene Bauer, our DAA chairman, asking for your help. You don’t need a card to pledge. After placing your check in an envelope marked “DAA”, drop it in the collection or mail it to the central office to be sent off with your account number. *To receive credit for a pledge or payment, it must be in the Diocesan office before June 30th.* Thus, sent to them by June 10th. Thank you for help and generosity!

Mother/Daughter Spiritual Retreat:

A Mother-Daughter Spiritual Retreat will be held at Round Hill/Camp Angelus located on the beautiful Chippewa River in Arkansaw, WI on Sunday, May 21 from 8:30-4. The retreat will be presented by Sister M. Luka from the Mater Redemptoris in La Crosse. She will be speaking on the *Letter to Women* by St. John Paul II. To register visit: www.roundhillinc.com.

Totus Tuus at St. John’s Glenwood City:

St. John’s is hosting a catechetical program led by four college students who will share their faith with children of our area. The program involves attendance at mass, sacraments, games, skits, songs, and other activities. The elementary program (grades 1-6) will run July 25- July 29 from 9-2:30 pm. The cost for elementary is \$20.00/student. The middle/high school program runs from 7:30-9:30pm Sunday, July 24-Thurs. July 28. The cost of the evening program is \$10.00/student. For information or to register contact St. John’s at 715.265.7331.

