

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (6-6).....NO MASS

Tuesday (6-7).....6:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Michael Mousel Family (Theresa Mousel Schwartz)

Wednesday (6-8).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

Rene Sailer (Mary Sailer)

Thursday (6-9).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood

+Wilma Weber (Robert Weber)

Friday (6-10).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home

+Frank Crownhart (Don Krause)

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (6-11).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+William, Lucy and Wilfred Bauer (Arnold Bauer Family)

Sunday (6-12).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

Missa Pro Populo

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Paul Howard (

BRIEFLY NOTED

Pastor Installation Mass: On Tuesday, June 28 at the 6:30PM Mass in Spring Valley, the Dean of our Durand Deanery, the Very Reverend Father Kevin Louis, will install Fr. Prince Raja as pastor of our tri-parishes. All are welcome to come to this mass and welcome Fr. Prince as our pastor! Please remember to keep our priests in your prayers!

Spring Valley Home Made Pies for Sale: Father's Day Sunday, June 19 after 10:30 Mass at the Br. Michael Catholic Center. Proceeds to go towards Spring Valley DAA payment. Free will offering, suggested minimum of \$6/pie.

Spring Valley's DAA Update: A huge THANK YOU to those who have responded so positively to Gene Bauer's calls to help reach our DAA target. Once the recently sent pledges are recorded at the Diocese, our remaining balance due will be \$1,712.96. ***Parishioners with an unpaid pledge balance please send the balance owed real soon.***

Elmwood Father's Day Pie Sale: Altar & Rosary will be hosting their annual Father's Day pie sale on Saturday, June 18 after 8:00pm Mass. There will also have a card shower for Father Prince who will officially be our Pastor after June 30. Please join us after mass for pie & ice cream, congratulate Father Prince, and purchase a whole pie for your own Father's Day celebration. All are welcomed!

St. Joe's Arkansaw Fall Festival: Sunday, August 21 with 10:30am Mass followed by a BBQ Chicken Dinner from 11-1pm. Kids games, cake walk and basket raffle! All invited!

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

Spring Valley Adoration

Chapel: Will be closed June 9-10th due to VBS. Adoration will resume the following week June 16-17.

Interparish Finance Council:

Meets Tuesday, June 21 at 7PM at the Brother Michael Catholic Center in Spring Valley. Council members if you are unable to attend, please notify the Central Office.

Brick Oven Pizza--Round

Hill/Camp Angelus

Thursdays 5:00-8:00PM

June 9-August 25

More info. at

www.roundhillinc.com

St. John's Plum City Carnival:

Sunday, June 5, 11am-2:00pm at the American Legion Park, Plum City, WI 54761. Music by the Bavarian Musikmeisters (11:30-1:30) & Divine Inspirations Books and Gifts (religious gifts for all occasions). BBQ Chicken Dinner, hot dogs, and homemade pie. Raffles, ball drop, silent auction, and kids games. Fun for the whole family!!

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Search for "myParish-Catholic Life" in your app store. Follow installation prompts, select your parish to stay connected with parish events and Mass times.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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www.svecatholic.org

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How much do we really give? Someone once said that the money and the riches we give away are the only riches that we bring to eternity. In other words, the money or riches we give are the only ones that we are counted in as our investment in Heaven. The rest, we leave behind – to be divided, and to even become a source of quarrel. And so the next time you think of giving little to others who are in need, think again. You may be giving too little for yourself, for eternity.

The miracle of Jesus raising the widow’s son at Nain is often compared to that of Elijah raising the son of the widow of Zarephath in our first reading today (1Kings 17:17-24). And yet there are some important differences between the two. First, it was the woman who took her problem to Elijah when Elijah raised her son in Zarephath. In other words, there was some kind of a prayer. In the case of Jesus raising the son of a widow at Nain, the woman did not approach Jesus and no one else did on her behalf but it was Jesus Himself who approached the widow. Therefore, no form of prayer was involved.

Second, in Elijah’s raising of the widow’s son in Zarephath, the woman had earlier proven her faith in the God of Elijah when her jar of meal and jug of oil were miraculously replenished. In the case of the widow of Nain, there was no evidence of faith whatsoever. And third, the widow in Zarephath had done some good deed to the man of God. She had fed him and housed him. The widow of Nain had done no such good deeds that we know of. It is, therefore, easy to see why Elijah should perform a miracle for the widow of Zarephath. But why did Jesus perform this miracle for the widow of Nain? The only plausible answer is that Jesus is simply being true to his nature as God, a compassionate God; his nature to love unconditionally, especially those who are in most need of God’s mercy.

Today’s Gospel is about compassion. Among the four gospels, Saint Luke shows best the compassion of Jesus. Here Jesus manifests this compassion by raising from the dead the only Son of a widow. As Jesus enters the town of Nain in Galilee, two crowds meet, approaching from different directions. One is the large crowd (v.11) that accompanies Jesus. The other is the large crowd from the city (v12) in a funeral procession. Few processions, even today, evoke as much awe as that which wends its way to the cemetery. There is beauty in Jesus’ gesture in giving the young back to his mother after raising him up from the dead. This miracle provokes people to say: “God has visited His people!” And at the same time, He reveals to us about Himself that He is the Lord of life. He is really and truly ‘pro-life.’ All life comes from Him and belongs to Him. He created us to share in the fullness of His life forever. Jesus told us this very clearly in the Gospel of St. John: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly,” (Jn. 10:10).

So as His followers, in this gospel passage, Jesus teaches us that we should be like Him, have the spirit and act of compassion. We may not perform miracles as Jesus did but we can show compassion in various concrete ways like assisting a needy person.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for May 28-29, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	DAA	Candle
Spring Valley	\$1244	\$77.21	\$280	\$15.50
Elmwood	\$925	\$144		
Boyceville	\$880	\$177.88		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Pastoral Council Elections:

In our parishes, the terms of some members of the Pastoral Council are expiring. ***Please give prayerful consideration to the nomination of their replacements.*** To nominate a parishioner (including yourself) simply ***submit the name (or names) of the nominee(s) in writing*** by placing it in the offertory collection basket, mailing it to the Central Office, or emailing it to the Central Office (admin@svecatholic.org). A parishioner is ***eligible*** to serve on the Pastoral Council who: (1) is at least sixteen years of age; (2) is baptized, confirmed, and registered member of the parish in full communion with the Catholic Church; (3) is willing and able to serve for the elected or appointed term of 2 years; (4) is a contributing member of the parish in prayer, time, talent and treasure; and (5) maintains a public posture not inconsistent with the teachings of the Church. In order to serve fruitfully on the Pastoral Council, the councilor should be ***wise and prudent*** – a committed Catholic with the capacity for study, for reflection, and for reaching sound conclusions. **Nominations close after Masses on Sunday, July 3. Elections in all three parishes will be held at all Masses the weekend of July 9-10.**

Holy Hours for Religious Freedom

Bishop Callahan will celebrate a Holy Hour for Religious Freedom on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse. Those in La Crosse and surrounding area are encouraged to be in attendance. Elsewhere throughout the diocese, parishes, clusters or deaneries are invited to celebrate a Holy Hour (led by a deacon or priest) simultaneous with that of the Bishop, or, if that is not possible, at another time during the Fortnight (June 21-July 4). Visit www.dioc.org/freedom to find a Holy Hour near you.

Altar Server Training at Spring Valley:

A training session for new altar servers will be held Sunday, June 12 at 9AM in Spring Valley Church. If any children are interested in serving, please fill out an altar server parental release form (can be found on table near main entrance of SV Church). Return the signed form to Central Office either by dropping it in collection basket, putting it in white box on the porch of the Central office or by mail. Contact Becky in the office with any questions.

