

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (7-11).....NO MASS

Tuesday (7-12).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Lloyd Ellefson (Fran Ellefson)

Wednesday (7-13).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Janice Sabelko and Family (LeRoy and Jo Keenlyne)

Thursday (7-14).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+ Brice Johnson (Dave and Rita Johnson)

Friday (7-15).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home

+Debbie Wiinamaki (Tom and Jean Schmitz)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (7-16).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+Robert Hartung Jr (Mary Hartung)

Sunday (7-17).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Deloris Baudhauin (Joe and Gloria Pieters)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa Pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to AvaMarie Bernadette Rosno infant daughter of Gregory and Kaity Rosno of Spring Valley who is reborn in the ***Sacrament of Baptism*** at our parishes this weekend. "Remember, Lord, AvaMarie who through Baptism have been joined to your family, may she follow Christ, your Son, with a generous heart and a willing spirit" (Roman Missal).

Spring Valley Altar Server Review: New Altar Servers please attend the review training session on Sunday, July 24 at 9AM before the 10:30am mass. Please let Becky in the office know if you are attending. Thank you.

Mission Appeal July 16-17: Our parishes will be visited by Father Joshy Matthew who will celebrate the weekend masses in our parishes July 16-17th. Fr. Matthew belongs to the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales and currently serves as priest chaplain at St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart Hospital of Chippewa Falls. He will be appealing for the construction of a new Boy's Hostel Building for the St. Francis de Sales School in India. Please give him a warm welcome!

Elmwood CCD Thank You: Sending out a special thank you to the Elmwood Parishioners who said yes to being a student sponsor for our 2015-2016 school year. Mark & Diana Alfuth, Dorothy Allen, Jim & Joanne Baier, John Bates, Ken & Kathy Brown, Tim Howell, Ken & Barb Cepek, Anna Crownhart, John Crownhart, Dan & Lisa Fesenmaier, Greg Fesenmaier, Sharon Fleming, Bernie & Lois Friermuth, Steve & Carol Lecheler, Sue & Steve Noelty, Jeff & Susan Pittman, John & Barb Schneider, Gary & Kathy Shafer, Bill & Roselyn Sylla, Tom & Sharon Weber.

I'm inviting anyone who would like to be added or deleted for the 2016-2017 Sponsors List to call me.

Sincerely, Marilyn Howell DRE & Youth Minister; [715-664-8975](tel:715-664-8975)

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

Spring Valley Eucharistic

Adoration: We are looking for some new prayer partners for Eucharistic Adoration. Specific hours that need partners are Thursday 9-10 am, 11-noon, 1-2 pm, and 8-9 pm. contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452.

Elmwood CCD Program:

Elmwood CCD classes began on Sept. 11th. Any new families interested in registering their children in our program; please contact Marilyn Howell DRE 715-664-8975.

Elmwood CCD Teacher

Meeting: On Wednesday, August 10 at 6PM in the Elmwood Church basement.

Fall Festival:

Sunday, August 21 at St. Joe's Arkansaw with **10:00am Mass** followed by a BBQ Chicken Dinner from 11-1pm. Kids games, cake walk and basket raffle! All invited!

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John, in his first letter, said: “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?” (4:20) and on the night before Jesus died He gave His disciples a new commandment to “love one another as I have loved you,” (John 15:12).

The Golden Rule, “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27) which we hear in today’s gospel is not just a Christian thing. Every conceivable religion and culture in the world has the Golden Rule in one form or another. Here is a sampling:

Judaism: “What is hateful to you; do not to your fellow man. That is the law: all the rest is commentary.”

Islam: “No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself.”

Hinduism: “This is the sum of duty: do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you.”

Buddhism: “Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.”

Confucianism: “Do not unto others what you would not have them do unto you.

The Golden Rule is understood differently in different religions and cultures. And the key to its understanding lies in the question that the lawyer asks Jesus in today’s gospel, “Who is my neighbor?” (v. 29) and Jesus gave the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The Parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the passages in the Bible that is quite familiar to each one of us. Priests, teachers and even our parents would use this story to teach us the value of compassion, love and mercy to others.

But in some way we could not blame the Jewish priest and Levite (deacon) in the story that did not want to go near the poor man who had been attacked because they thought that he might be dead, and contact with a dead body might have made them ritually impure according to the Mosaic Law. The Law of Moses kept them from keeping the law of love! On another occasion Jesus had taught, “Man was not made for the Sabbath; the Sabbath was made for man.” Or else the priest and Levite just did not want to get involved!

The parable started when a lawyer asked Jesus, ‘Who is my neighbor’ and Jesus responded by telling this beautiful story of a man who fell and was attacked by robbers along the road to Jericho. The road to Jericho from Jerusalem was a notoriously road. It was a road of narrow, rocky defiles and of sudden turnings which made it happy hunting ground for robbers.

“Who is my neighbor?”

Webster Dictionary: “Someone who is near to us, either physically or socially or perhaps in one’s affection.” When we are commanded to love our neighbor in this kind of neighbor, then, it is very easy to love them.

Essenes of Qumran: Neighbor is the one who shares the same religious persuasion as themselves.

Zealots: Only those who shared the same nationality and ethnicity with them.

Average Jew: Their fellow Jews only who are well and in good standing within the Jewish community and would not regard the Samaritan as a neighbor. They are outsiders and circle of neighborly love does not include them.

But for Jesus: Neighbor means anyone of any nation who is in need regardless of his/her status in life. Another one is: it is he/she who does not hesitate to extend a helping hand when it is sorely needed is a neighbor to the person in need.

The whole message of today’s gospel is that the Good Samaritan is no other than Jesus Christ Himself and the one being robbed are ourselves. But anyone of us can and should be Good Samaritans anywhere, in whatever situation. There is really no way of telling where and when God will call us to be a Good Samaritan.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for July 2-3, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Fourth of July Youth Taco Sale	Candle
Spring Valley	\$1995	\$167.454	\$300	\$30.25
Elmwood	\$550	\$94		
Boyceville	\$650	\$113		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Brother Michael Center Floor Project: Will start July 11 - July 29. Asbestos floor tiles are being removed and replaced throughout the entire building. Preparation for the project will be during the day or evenings of July 6 to the 9th. Everything will need to be covered or removed. Reset up of the building will be August 1-7. A sign up poster will be in the back of church or call Jack at 715-778-4506 to help. Thank you!

KC’s Annual UFO Days Pancake Breakfast: The Elmwood Knights of Columbus Council #6599 will have their annual pancake breakfast under the large food tent in Main Street Elmwood on Saturday and Sunday July 30th and 31st from 8:30-10:30am. Menu includes: pancakes, Sailer’s pork sausage, real maple syrup, Swiss Miss pudding, milk and coffee.

Spring Valley CCD CRE Needed: Thank you to Kaity Rosno for her generous service to our CCD Program! We are grateful for her hard work in the religious education of our parish children and wish her well as she steps down from the position. We are in need of a CRE for the upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

