

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (7-19).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Tim Statz (Dave and Rosalie Sowatzke)

Wednesday (7-20).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Juanita Bates (Patty Bates Hawkins)

Thursday (7-21).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Adeline Crownhart (John and Nancy Ellingson)

Friday (7-22).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home

+Wilma Weber (Robert Weber)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (7-23).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+Clarence and Mildred Pitmman (John and Barb Schneider)

Sunday (7-24).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

Missa Pro Populo

10:30AM Mass with Confirmation at Spring Valley

+Andrew Fesenmaier (Fesenmaier Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Pastoral Council Election Results: Newly elected and appointed councilors for the Pastoral Council of our parishes are as follows: Arnie Bauer Jr., Joe Schmitt and Katia Weix for Elmwood; Gregg Deutsch, Anne Helmer and Connie Kannel for Spring Valley and Tom Humpal, Joe Pieters and Vince Kujawa for Boyceville. Members still remaining on the Council are: Sarah Asher, Ben Blegen and Craig Feuker for Elmwood. Dave Boisen, Jim Huebel and Mary Lansing for Spring Valley. Lori Boesl, Betty Jean Smith and Ben Mrdutt for Boyceville. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parishes!

Upcoming Confirmations in our Parishes: Please keep our RCIA candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Anna Ebensperger will join our faith community on July 24th at the 10:30AM Mass in Spring Valley and Sarah Bechel will enter our faith community on August 6 at the 8PM Mass in Elmwood. Please warmly welcome them into our family of faith!

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 Bowell, 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 Bowell DRE & Youth Minister; [715-664-8975](tel:715-664-8975).

Reminder: Return your baby bottles filled with change, cash or a check for the Options for Women clinic of River Falls! Collecting bins are located at the entrance of each parish.

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

Mission Appeal July 16-17:

Father Joshy Matthew will celebrate the weekend masses in our parishes July 16-17th. Please give him a warm welcome!

Interparish Pastoral Council:

meets Tuesday, July 19th at 7PM in Spring Valley *in the Central Office*. New pastoral members are requested to attend. Councilors please notify Becky in the office if you cannot attend.

Altar Server Review:

New Altar Servers review training for Spring Valley parish is Sunday, July 24 at 9AM before the 10:30am mass. Please let Becky in the office know if you are attending. Thank you.

Elmwood CCD Program:

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

Elmwood CCD Teacher

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

Spring Valley CRE Needed:

We are in need of a CRE for the upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested in the position of may contact the Central Office.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Serving those in need and providing hospitality is considered an important Christian virtue. The readings of today reveal the unique insight of generosity given in hospitality that finds its fulfillment. Hence the main theme of today’s Mass is hospitality where a person seeks to discover the divine presence in the other.

The First Reading from the book of Genesis is part of the story about Abraham happily welcoming the heavenly visitors. The three unidentified men arrive in front of Abraham’s tent at the hottest time of the day. Immediately on seeing them, Abraham rushes forward to greet the strangers, bows before them, addresses them as “Lord” and, invites them to partake of his hospitality. He gives them water, washes their feet and let them rest in the shade while he offers to prepare a substantial meal for them to eat. What Abraham does is just a normal expression of hospitality to guests observed during his time. The visitors accept his invitation.

In the second reading Paul writes to the Colossian community about his own suffering and the joy with which he accepts them. His appeals to them follow patterns that were familiar in his time and world: his personal experience of suffering, his devotion to the Gentile mission, his hard work and especially his divine commission to preach God’s “mystery”.

In the Gospel passage, we see the true model of hospitality where Jesus is the guest. The house of Mary, Martha and Lazarus seems to have been a place where Jesus was always welcome and where he could find shelter when things were getting too hot in nearby Jerusalem. Luke indicates that Jesus was welcome there as he was a constant visitor and the presence of Lazarus is not mentioned. The incident described concerns the two sisters only.

Our Lord, in today’s gospel, tells us to spend moments of silence before God. Listening to Him like what Mary did. It is in those moments of silence before God that he can speak to us. It is where we can rediscover the value and meaning of our life and work. It is there we can find strength and guidance from him. Yes, we need “a time to be silent,” (Eccl 3:7).

“Mary has chosen the good portion,” (Lk 10:42) Jesus said. Mary’s choice was adoration and prayer. All who follow vocations in the world must embrace the active life of service while still remembering that prayer and communion with God are important too in the active part of Christian life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church said something about this: “The acts of faith, hope, and charity enjoined by the first commandment are accomplished in prayer. Lifting up the mind toward God is an expression of our adoration of God: prayer of praise and thanksgiving, intercession and petition. Prayer is an indispensable condition for being able to obey God’s commandments. “[We] ought always to pray and not lose heart.”[15] (CCC 2098)

Martha did good things at the wrong moment. There is a time to work and a time to learn and listen. Just like us, we too can be drawn to the danger of too much activity. We work and work as if there is no tomorrow. There is times that our presence and simply giving time to listen are the ones that matter most. We need time to listen to each other to know what hurts and where comforts are needed; to know what gives them joy and where their presence is appreciated; to know their dreams and help them come true.

But above all we should strike the balance between contemplation and action. We both need Martha, the active one, and Mary, the contemplative one, in our lives as Christians. One cannot do without the other. From the presence of God, we go to the presence of people. We come out from the presence of people in order to seek the presence of God. Let the words of Samuel, “Speak Lord, your servant is listening,” (1Sam 3:9) be our guide.

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Stewardship for July 9-10, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1333	\$194.50
Elmwood	\$1460	\$143
Boyceville	\$1115	\$218

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. 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.

Congratulations: On Sunday, July 10th at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the District Deputy's for the Knight's of Columbus for all districts of Wisconsin, were installed by Bishop Callahan. Our own Paul Zimmerman from our tri-parish (Boyceville) was installed as the District Deputy of our district. Let us congratulate Paul and pray that his time in leadership of the Knight's of Columbus will bear much good fruit.

