

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (7-26).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Newell Weiser (Estate)

Wednesday (7-27).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Debra Wiinamkai (Nancy Ousley)

Thursday (7-28).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Marcella Wesier (Estate)

Friday (7-29).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home
+Joanne Schwebach (Craig and Andrea Feuker)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (7-30).....7:00PM Vigil Mass at Boyceville

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (7-31).....8:30AM Mass at Elmwood

+Tom Mountin (Jerry & Julie Hannack Family)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Don Miller (John & Nancy Ellingson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Parish Mass Time Changes: Please note that as of next week July 30 and 31 the weekend mass schedule will be 7PM Vigil Mass on Saturday at St. Luke's Boyceville and 8:30AM Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, Elmwood. This mass change will be in effect until October when we will go back to our current schedule for the winter months from October-May. If anyone would like to submit feedback on this mass time change, please contact Becky in the parish office.

Congratulations to Anna Ebensperger who received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation this Sunday, July 24 at Sacred Heart Spring Valley at the 10:30am Mass! May the Eucharistic Lord remain with her and the Holy Spirit be a source of guidance and courage to her throughout her life!

Upcoming Confirmation in our Parishes: Please keep RCIA candidate Sarah Bechel in your prayers as she prepares to enter our faith community on Saturday, August 7 at the 8:30AM Mass at Sacred Heart, Elmwood. Please warmly welcome her into our family of faith!

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!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

Saturday 6:00-6:45 PM

Boyceville

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Elmwood

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.

St Luke's: Time and old age have worked their magic on the dishwasher and so we are in the process of replacing it before the Fall Dinner. If any parishioner desires to help defray the cost (\$6,376.00) please place donations in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Dishwasher". 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 CCD Teachers

Needed: We are in need of a 9th grade teacher for the upcoming 2016-17 CCD year and will be looking for a 10th grade teacher for the 2017-18 CCD year. Anyone interested may contact Becky in the Central Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday’s Gospel presents the Lord’s Prayer. Something is wrong, though. It’s not the Our Father that we learned as children and that we pray during Mass. It doesn’t sound quite right: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.”

Today’s Gospel is the Lord’s Prayer as it is found in the Gospel of Luke. The Our Father we learned and pray at Mass is the Lord’s Prayer as it is found in the Gospel of Matthew.

So, why the difference? First of all, the Holy Spirit, the ultimate author of Sacred Scripture, used the evangelists, the writers of the Gospels, to present the teachings of Jesus to the various groups of people and to incorporate into these presentations an inspired understanding of the Lord’s words. Matthew was addressed to Christians of Jewish origin. Luke was addressed to Christians of Gentile origin. The Lord’s Prayer in Luke is ultimately a prayer to the Holy Spirit to empower us to live in the holiness of God’s name, to receive worthily the Eucharist, to forgive those who hurt us and to choose God before any other solution to the problems of life.

What do we mean by prayer? It is the expression of men and women’s desire for communion with God. Some spiritual writers would define it as: “the lifting up of mind and hearts to God” or “the communication between God and human being.”

The need to pray, however, is not only for saints. It is for all of us. Even Jesus, who is God Himself and always in communion with the Father, He prayed. Mary, the Mother of God who is sinless, prayed. There are occasions when prayer becomes the easiest thing to make excuses with. We have so many reasons and excuses for not praying and faithful into it. When we are too busy with our work at the office or at home, we cancel or delete from the planned schedule our prayer time or our bible reading schedule.

Speaking of prayer as a father-child affair finally reminds us that prayer is an activity that flows out of a relationship. We do not learn how to pray better, we become better women and men of prayer when our relationship with God becomes more intimate like that of father and child. If you want to improve your prayer, focus on improving your personal relationship with God, our Father.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for July 16-17, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Missionaries of St. Francis
Spring Valley	\$2095	\$69.60	\$721
Elmwood	\$745	\$137.36	\$757
Boyceville	\$615	\$70.82	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Brother Michael Center Floor Project: Will start July 18 – August 5. Asbestos floor tiles are being removed and replaced throughout the entire building. Reset up of the building will be August 1-5. 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.

Elmwood Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed: Our Elmwood parish needs more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. For those interested in being trained as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Becky.

Thank You From the Wolterstorffs: Dear St. Luke’s Parishioners, Thank you for your gracious welcome and warm congratulations on Sunday, July 10th for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We appreciated Father Prince A. Raja’s kind remarks and blessing. So good to see friends of my parents, Cliff and Bernice Wolterstorff! Your hospitality made our 50th celebration memorable. Thanks again, Georgene Wolterstoff Hauser

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Tri-Parish Request: We saw our three churches pull together for the bus trip to the Shrine, both financially and in other ways, that made that trip not only possible but was accomplished with such a feeling of community and grace. I would now like to encourage us as a tri-parish, to do other things together because when we multiply our efforts we can accomplish so much more. There are some of us who have been responsible for praying for our priest once a week on a certain day ever since Father Louis was here. It is called the Seven Sisters and we pray before the Blessed Sacrament (or the tabernacle) for one hour and throughout the rest of the day we continue to hold him up in prayer and cover him in grace. We are short 2 days (Friday and Saturday) if anyone would be willing to take up this devotion on those days, please contact me. –Rita Zimmerman 715-643-2211

