

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (8-9).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
Private Intention

Wednesday (8-10).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Andrew Cleland (Jeff & Susan Pitman)

Thursday (8-11).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Gene Moga (Dave & Rita Johnson)

Friday (8-12).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home
+Elwin Brunner (Bernard & Donald Hofacker)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (8-13).....7:00PM Vigil Mass at Boyceville
+Deloris Baudhuin (Ken & Karen Hansen)

Sunday (8-14).....8:30AM Mass at Elmwood
+ *Missa Pro Populo*
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Percy and Rochelle Lansing (John and Nancy Ellingson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to **Brian and Anna (Ebensperger) Fesenmaier** who were joined in the **Sacrament of Matrimony at Spring Valley**. "Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage Brian and Anna, whom you have brought happily to their wedding day, that under your protection they may always be faithful in their lives to the covenant they have sealed in your presence" (*Roman Missal*, 1027)."

Congratulations to Sarah Bechel who received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation this Sunday, August 7 at Sacred Heart Elmwood at the 8:30am Mass! May the Eucharistic Lord remain with her and the Holy Spirit be a source of guidance and courage to her throughout her life! Please join us after the 8:30am mass for a welcome reception for Sarah Bechel in the Church Basement. Refreshments will be served.

Spring Valley Br. Michael Center Help Needed: Help is needed on Tuesday, August 9th at 8AM to move furniture from the rectory garage back into the Br. Michael Center. Help is also needed at 6:30PM that evening to finish moving bigger items that have been stored off site.

Parish Ladies: training for the new dishwasher will be at 6:30PM on Tuesday, August 9th. During that time the kitchen will be cleaned and set back up. Contact Jack or Liz Erickson for more details: 778-4506.

Parish Mass Time Changes: Please note that 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-March. If anyone would like to submit feedback to the Pastoral Council on this mass time change, please contact Becky in the parish office.

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 9-10AM and 8-9PM. 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 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.

Elmwood CCD Teacher

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

Spring Valley CCD Teachers

Needed: We are in need of a 5th grade teacher for the upcoming 2016-17 CCD year. Anyone interested may contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452.

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is said that the great Napoleon Bonaparte lost the battle of Waterloo because of a miscalculation of time. In a fatal blunder, Napoleon waited until mid-day to give the command to attack. The delay in fighting gave the opponents sufficient time to march to Waterloo and attack Napoleon’s army by the late afternoon. In the gospel of today Jesus exhorts his disciples to vigilance. We too can make errors in judgement that can cause damage to our reputation and other losses. Unexpected events can also happen in our lives for which we are not prepared. The servants who were in tune with the master and waited for his coming were rewarded. But the servants who thought the master might delay in his coming and began to misbehave were punished by the master on his arrival. *So the key to successful living is preparedness to meet our only Lord, the Lord Jesus.*

The parable of today’s gospel focuses on the unpredictable return of Jesus and our need to be prepared for his return. He’s saying to us, “Ready or not, here I come.” Normally when we think of being ready, we usually think of being prepared for the worst that could happen: locks on the door in case of thieves, life jackets in the event of a boat accident.

Isn’t it interesting that most of us believe in preparation for many uncertainties, but not with the most important event of our lives? We carry a spare tire in our car as preparation for a flat. We have insurance in preparation for a theft, fire trucks in preparation for a fire. Airline stewards provide pre-flight instruction in preparation for turbulent weather and we seek education in preparation for a good job. Preparation in our society is a sign of wisdom. But think about this: of all the preparations that we make for the things I just mentioned, not a single one is a certainty – yet we feel compelled to prepare ourselves for them.

The return of Jesus is a certainty. We can never know precisely when he will return or when we will die, but his return is certain. We must constantly watch, being always faithful and ready so that we may be found worthy to share in the heavenly banquet he has prepared for us. So the question of the parable is not whether or not Christ is coming again, or when he is coming, or even how he is coming. The point is about being prepared for his coming and ready to receive him whenever he comes, now or later.

In the road of life which we follow, there are many uncertainties and distractions. We don’t know where the road will take us; we don’t know when it will end. But one thing is certain. At the end of life’s journey; our Lord will be there to meet us, to welcome us into the heavenly kingdom...IF we have prepared ourselves. Preparation cannot be a “sometime” thing, but living each moment of our life for Jesus. If we can do that, we will be prepared to greet our Master whenever he comes.

How can one be prepared in this matter? When Jesus talks about the last judgment, he makes it clear that this preparedness would be measured by our readiness to serve the people we meet. He said: “What you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do this unto me.” We have to complete the task entrusted to us every day and be at peace with and at the service of our neighbor now, to be ready for his second coming.

Another one is let us be faithful to the life and mission of Jesus as we await the end time, His second coming. Despite criticisms, rejection, pain and suffering, let us remain faithful to the Love of the Father as Jesus did. Let us fulfill the mission entrusted to us, that is, to proclaim God’s reign to all. God loves faithfulness and rewards those who are faithful to Him.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for July 30-31, 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	CCD Floor Project
Spring Valley	\$1,625	\$135.25	\$45	\$170
Elmwood	\$675	\$176		
Boyceville	\$440	\$42		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Retreat for Elmwood, Boyceville and Spring Valley Confirmation Students: A retreat will be held for students who are to be confirmed this fall and their sponsors or parents on Sunday, October 2nd. Retreat will be at the Brother Michael Center in Spring Valley starting after the 10:30am Mass until 4 pm. Participants are asked to attend the 10:30am Mass if possible. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at a 6:30PM Mass at St. Joseph’s in Menomonie.

Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put (SV SSP): coordinates volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities to maintain their independence and STAY PUT in their homes. **Volunteers provide:** rides to church, community events, friendly visits, help with light chores, grocery, library or pharmacy deliveries, caregivers time-out visits, activity engagement, socialization opportunity, references to services-for-hire, special projects, etc. Volunteers are involved in activities per their preference, with as many or few hours as desired. Client needs are matched with volunteer’s schedule and interests. For the protection of the clients and the volunteers, simple background screenings are done, and volunteer orientation is required.

SV SSP’s next orientation: Saturday, August 13 at the Spring Valley Library 10:30 am -12:00pm. Call to register or to inquire about services (715) 778-5800.

‘She was so kind and truly happy that anyone took time to help her...it’s that feeling you get for doing something for nothing....the gratitude and thanks is worth far more than financial gain!’ (Staying Put volunteer)

