

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (8-15).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood

+Albert Lecheler (Lorena Sailer)

Tuesday (8-16).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Michael Mousel Family (Theresa Mousel Schwartz)

Wednesday (8-17).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Frederick Griswold (Jeff & Susan Pitman)

Thursday (8-18).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Art and Flora Rayment (Estate)

Friday (8-19).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Assisted Living

+James Bates (Ray & Joan Weisenbeck)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (8-20).....7:00PM Vigil Mass at Boyceville

+Joanne Schwebach (Schwebach Family)

Sunday (8-21).....8:30AM Mass at Elmwood

+Patrick Flynn (KC Council #6599)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa Pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Spring Valley Br. Michael Center Update: Thank you to those who helped move furniture back into the Br. Michael Center and set everything back up again! May God bless you for your generosity of time and service!

St. Luke's Parishioners: Please pick up your raffle ticket books in the back of church. These sales will help greatly in the maintenance needs of our church. Every single sale helps. See Gloria Pieters or Barb Hellmann if you have any questions.

Elmwood Assisted Living Mass: Beginning this month, every third Friday of the month the mass that is usually celebrated at the Elmwood Nursing Home at 1:30PM will be celebrated at the Elmwood Welcome Home Assisted Living Facility instead. Mass will be the usual time of 1:30pm. Please watch the bulletin schedule and the parish calendar online.

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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

Interparish Finance Council:

will meet on Tuesday, August 16 at 7PM in the Brother Michael Center in Spring Valley.

Councilors please alert the Central Office if you are unable to attend. 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.

El Paso Ecumenical Days:

All are welcome to the El Paso Days Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, August 21, at 11:45am at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in El Paso.

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!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus during his public ministry announced that he has come to establish the Kingdom of God and told people that it is here and now. Jesus invited every person to be part of this Kingdom, to be signs of unity and harmony in him. The Church is the external expression of the Kingdom.

The passage from the prophet Jeremiah in our first reading gives a glimpse of his sufferings in the days before Jerusalem was conquered. God had given him a message for the king that was sadly disregarded and tragedy would follow with the fall of Jerusalem and the subsequent deportation of the Israelites to Babylon for two generations. Jeremiah, like many of the prophets of the Old Testament, was frequently persecuted during his lifetime.

The second reading of today from the Letter to the Hebrews invites us to “fight against sin” as we “keep running steadily in the race that we have started” (Heb 12:1). This fight against sin is not just the obedience to the commandments, but something deeper than that. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us, “Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection” (Heb 12:2). Obedience to the law could make us complacent, but the journey towards perfection disturbs us. It is a challenge to “keep running steadily.” This is the fire that Jesus is talking about – the energy within us that motivates us to keep running despite the inner resistances. At this the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: “Those who hope in the Lord God will regain their strength, they will sprout wings like eagles, though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire” (Is 40:31).

Jesus uses the word “fire” in a symbolic term. It is because in the Old Testament, fire is a symbol of God’s presence. Like for example this text from the Old Testament: “The Lord our God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.” Thus, fire is a symbol of God’s presence among His people.

In the New Testament, “fire” became a symbol of God’s cleansing, purification or transformation of a person to a more perfect state. The best example, of course, is the Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire on the apostles and all of us know the effect of this great event. The apostles transformed from a fearful men into courageous missionaries and preachers of the gospel.

Another person that came back to me as I read the gospel of today was Pope Francis. I have heard mixed reactions from people about Our Pope who is casting fire on the earth in his own inimitable style – simple and spontaneous, yet powerful and contagious. Most people are drawn to his ways – even if they are challenging. Some people feel challenged and don’t want to take up that challenge. It is just too much for them. They think, the Church is alright as it is.

Jeremiah disturbed the complacent people of his day. Jesus disturbed the people of his time with his language of fire and conflict. Pope Francis disturbs us with his simplicity and sincerity. He wants to embrace the sinner without condoning sin. So let’s make this prayer, “Disturb me, Lord. Disturb my false security so that I might focus my attention solely on you.”

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Stewardship for July August 6-7, 2016

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

| | Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Candles | Missionaries of St. Francis |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Spring Valley | \$1,536 | \$131 | \$36.42 | |
| Elmwood | \$1,365 | \$259 | \$60 | \$120 |
| Boyceville | \$915 | \$33 | | |

BRIEFLY NOTED

Confirmation Students Important Dates:

Sunday, October 2- Confirmation Retreat - starting with 10:30am Mass and going until about 4:00PM. SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you. Sign up for Confirmation liturgy.

Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm - Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Joes Menomonie SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you.

Saturday, October 15 @ 6:30pm - CONFIRMATION @ St. Joes Menomonie, reception follows in church basement.

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)

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

Parish Mass Time Changes: If anyone would like to submit feedback to the Pastoral Council on the recent mass time change, please contact Becky in the parish office either by phone (778-5519) or by email: admin@svecatholic.org.

