

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SACRED HEART, Spring Valley †  
N108 Sabin Avenue

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-12).....NO MASS

Tuesday 9-13).....6:30PM Communion Service at Spring Valley

Wednesday (9-14).....NO MASS

Thursday (9-15).....8:00AM Communion Service at Spring Valley

Friday (9-16).....NO MASS

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (9-17).....7:00PM Vigil Mass at Boyceville

*Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday (9-18).....8:30AM Mass at Elmwood

+Bill Crownhart (Pat & Wayne Nohelty)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Jacqueline Bernard (Bernard Family)

### BRIEFLY NOTED

**Mass Notice for Week of 9/12-9/16:** Fr. Prince will be out of town for a mission appeal in Salt Lake City, UT this week. Please contact a neighboring parish priest for any pastoral emergency.

**St Luke's:** FOR SALE - Stainless steel sink and tables \$250 or best offer. To view see Jerry Smith or Joe Adams

### 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.

**A Heartfelt Thank You from LeRoy Keenlyne:** Prayers do come true; God has answered so many on my behalf I feel blessed and thank Him. I returned home 2 months ago after a nearly 4 month hospital stay. I continue to improve each week with therapy. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who took part in my recovery, to the doctors, nurses and hospital staff.

For prayers offered up by prayer chains, friends and relatives, our church family, the CCD students, priests, and Father Louis who came and prayed over me. Thank you all for the messages and hugs given to my family to relay to me, for all the cards, phone calls and visits, they were a comfort to me, brought me joy, lifted my spirit, and encouraged me to get well. To my wife, children, and grandchildren, very special thanks for your love, being by my side, never given up on me, for keeping the faith and trusting God during this difficult time. Sincerely from my heart to yours, LeRoy Keenlyne.

## CONFESSIONS

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 Pastoral Council:

Meets on Tuesday, September 20 at 7PM in the Br. Michael Center in Spring Valley.

**Spring Valley Adoration:** We are looking to fill 3 hours every other week on Thursday, from 9-10 am, 4-5 pm, and 8-9 pm. Contact Laura Buchal at [715-772-4452](tel:715-772-4452) to sign up for an hour.

### St Luke's Annual Fall Dinner:

Sunday, October 2 with a 9:30AM mass and a Turkey dinner from 11-1:30PM. All are welcome to come and celebrate!

### St. Luke's Parishioners:

Please pick up your raffle ticket books in the back of church. See Gloria Pieters or Barb Hellmann if you have questions.

### 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.

### Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers:

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

### FORMED LOG-IN INFO:

Visit: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter the Parish Access Code: **CQH26N** (all caps). Set up a username & password for an account.

### VISIT US ON THE WEB

[www.svecatholic.org](http://www.svecatholic.org)

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today’s Gospel we are presented with an overwhelming picture of God. He is a God who is all loving and all forgiving. We might feel more comfortable with the God depicted in the First Reading, which is from the book of Exodus. This is a God who seems to be more like us while reacting to the infidelity of the people. He is angry with his chosen people and only by a kind of blackmail on Moses’ part that God is moved. How can God, asks Moses, wipe out a people he has chosen and go back on his solemn promise.

The First Reading from the Book of Exodus we hear Moses on Mount Sinai talking to God. He was preparing to be with the people in a special way. But even as he spoke with Moses on the mountain the people encamped at the base violated the first commandment. They could no longer wait for Moses to return. They demanded Aaron to fashion an image to go before them on the journey. Their request was granted in the making of the golden calf. The Lord was upset because His chosen people were acting perversely.

In the Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy, we heard how the mercy of God sanctified Paul because he had a sincerity of heart. By the mercy of God, Paul, formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence, was made an example to those who would come to believe in Jesus. Paul first expresses his gratefulness to Jesus for the call he received to preach the Gospel. He was deeply aware that he was a sinner since he persecuted the church of God. Therefore he had all the more reason to be grateful for the grace that united him to Christ and made him a minister of the Gospel.

In this Gospel passage of today Luke has put together three parables all stressing the dynamic of lost and found. The point the evangelist is making in each case is the generous willingness God demonstrates in accepting back the repentant sinner. In the first parable the repentant sinner is symbolized in the lost sheep. The second parable focuses on the lost coin. The third parable presents a younger son and an elder son both of whom are lost.

Once he is forgiven, the prodigal is able to share once again in the family meal. For us that is symbolic of the Eucharist. This is why the Church teaches us that if we have mortal sin we may not receive Communion again until we go to Confession and confess our sins.

The Vatican II document “Lumen Gentium” has a beautiful description of sin, that sin is before all else an offense against God and a rupture communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God’s forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. So as we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us pray for those who have fallen away from the grace of God so that Divine mercy and forgiveness may reach out to them before it is too late. May their ears be opened so they will hear that Jesus is welcoming them back home!

*Rev. Prince Raja*

**Stewardship for September 3-4, 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	\$2,116	\$32
Elmwood	\$990	\$141
Boyceville	\$1,190	\$31

**BRIEFLY NOTED**

**SV Eucharistic Ministers to Homebound Needed:**

Thank you to Rose Hovde for serving more than 30 years as an extraordinary minister bringing Communion to the Catholics at the Care Center and to the homebound members of our parish! We are now in need of someone to serve in this ministry as a substitute. Rita Johnson, Eugene Bauer, Rosalie Sowatzke, and Mary C Anderson are current extraordinary ministers, along with Br. Michael. Please consider serving; contact the office.

**Fall Deanery Meeting/Assembly:** Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Sacred Heart, Mondovi. Our speaker will be Moira Kneer and her presentation is *A Call to Mercy*. This is a wonderful talk and a fitting topic as Pope Francis' Year of Mercy is coming to an end in November. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7pm. The Sacred Heart Parish Council of Catholic Women looks forward to seeing you there!

**Maintenance Position:** St. John the Baptist Parish Plum City is seeking a person to fill a “part-time” maintenance position. For information or to submit a resume contact us: 11stjohn@centurylink.net 715-647-2901.

**Birthday Card Shower:** for LeRoy Keenlyne who is turning 88 years old. Send cards to: E902 150th Ave, Elmwood WI 54740. Thank you!

**Durand Fall Festival:** Sunday, September 25 at St. Mary’s Durand with **10am Mass** followed by food, games and activities at 11am. Kids games, silent auction, cash raffle and country good store. Watch the Packer Game on the parish’s big screen at Noon! All welcome!

**“Chalice of Mercy in the Year of Mercy” – St. John the Baptist Parish, Marshfield:** You are invited to the annual diocesan Gospel of Life Celebration on Oct. 13. Hear the inspiring Valentyna Pavsukova, who immigrated to the U.S. from Ukraine at the age of 18, underwent a powerful conversion and founded Chalice of Mercy, a beautiful pro-life mission to Ukraine. Valentyna will speak of God’s abundant graces in her life and mission and the latest initiatives of Chalice of Mercy. The 7pm talk (parish school, lower level) will be preceded by 6pm Mass at St. John the Baptist Parish, 201 W. Blodgett St., Marshfield. There will be a free-will offering to benefit Chalice of Mercy. To read a feature article on Valentyna or view some short videos, visit [www.dioc.org/respectlife](http://www.dioc.org/respectlife).

