

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-26).....NO MASS

Tuesday 9-27).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Dale Jensen (Dave and Rita Johnson)

Wednesday (9-28).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+deceased members of the Paul & Louisa Gilles Family

Thursday (9-29).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Joanne and Jennifer Parker (Bob and Una Jenny)

Friday (9-30).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Albert Lecheler (Jeff Pelzel)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (10-1).....3:00PM Nuptial Blessing at Spring Valley

(Mitchell Thompson and Ellen Larson)

8:00PM Vigil Mass with Adult Confirmation at Elmwood

+William Crownhart (Roger and Sheila Pelzel)

Sunday (10-2).....9:30AM Mass at Boyceville

Missa Pro Populo

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Jack Traynor (Doris Traynor)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of *Virginia Lecheler* of Elmwood who died last week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Virginia from all sin, that she who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Congratulations to Lukas Daniel Durrence infant son of Brandon & Jasmine Durrence who is reborn in the *Sacrament of Baptism* at Spring Valley today and, *congratulations to Emmet Reed Falde infant son of Nick & Therese Falde* who will be reborn in the *Sacrament of Baptism* at Spring Valley on Tuesday. "Remember, Lord, Lukas and Emmet who, through Baptism, have been joined to your family, that they may follow Jesus your Son, with generous hearts and willing spirit" (Roman Missal 974).

Upcoming Confirmation in our Parishes: Please keep RCIA candidate Pete Tellin in your prayers as he prepares to enter our faith community on Saturday, October 1st at the 8:00PM Mass at Sacred Heart, Elmwood. Please join us after mass for a welcome reception for Pete Tellin in the Church Basement. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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. Joe's Menomonie, reception follows in church basement.

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

Reminder: Usual Mass schedule of Saturday 8PM Mass at Elmwood and 8:30AM Mass at Boyceville resumes the weekend of October 1st and 2nd.

Parish Mass Times Update:

Thank you to all who submitted comments regarding mass times. All parishioner feedback was kept confidential and shared with the Pastoral Council who will submit proposals based off of the received comments at the next Pastoral Council meeting in November. The resumed Mass schedule will be in effect until May 2017 due to the 2016-2017 CCD program schedule already underway in Elmwood. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Central Office.

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 enjoy great food and fellowship!

Spring Valley Adoration:

We are looking to fill 2 hours every other week on Thursday, from 3-4 pm and 8-9 pm. Contact Laura Buchal at [715-772-4452](tel:715-772-4452) if interested.

Attention All Parishioners:

As you return your Diocesan Annual Appeal pledge card, please take a few minutes to make any necessary changes to your address. These changes will be recorded at the Central office and the Diocese. Thank you for your help!

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From ancient times, people have believed that immediately after death some go to heaven and some go to hell. Nothing much has been changed in this regard. Though Christians all over believe in heaven and hell, who all go where remains a mystery. As the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in today’s Gospel dwells on this topic, we offer the following interesting considerations. Interest in hell reached a climax during the middle Ages, with artists of the period taking a certain delight in portraying the righteous watching sinners being tormented by burning and other means of torture.

The most graphic portrayal of the medieval view of hell is by Dante, an Italian poet born in 1265 in Florence. Dante portrays hell as nine circles at the center of the earth, within which Satan dwells. The first circle of hell is populated by those who have died without being baptized as well as virtuous pagans. Dante declares that this is the circle which was visited by Christ during his “descent into hell” between the time of the crucifixion and the resurrection. There is no torment of any kind in this circle. As Dante advances further into hell, he discovers those who are guilty of increasingly serious sins.

The second circle is populated by the lustful, the third by the gluttonous, the fourth by the miserly, and the fifth by the wrathful. These circles, taken together, constitute “upper hell”. At no point does Dante refer to fire in this part of hell. Dante then draws upon Greco-Roman mythology in suggesting that the River Styx divides “upper hell” from “lower hell”. Now we encounter fire for the first time. The sixth circle is populated by heretics, the seventh by the violent, the eighth by fraudsters (including several popes), and the ninth by traitors. This static medieval view of hell was unquestionably of major influence at the time, and continues to be of importance into the modern period. This is an artistic presentation of hell, but whether it will be this way, it is difficult to say. The possibility of divine punishment cannot be denied, come what may.

The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man possesses the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs. The Christian conception of heaven is essentially that of the eschatological realization of the presence and power of God, and the final elimination of sin. The most helpful way of considering it is to regard it as a consummation of the Christian doctrine of salvation, in which the presence, the penalty, and the power of sin have all been finally eliminated, and the total presence of God in individuals and in the community of faith has been achieved.

The term “heaven” is used frequently in the Pauline writings. Although it is natural to think of heaven as the future entity, Paul’s thinking appears to embrace both a future reality and a spiritual sphere or realm which coexists with the material world of space and time. Thus “heaven” is referred to both as the future home of the believer and as the present dwelling-place of Jesus Christ, from which he will come in the final judgement.

One of Paul’s most significant statements concerning heaven focuses on the notion of believers being “citizens of heaven” and in some way sharing in the life of heaven in the present. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness. To live in heaven is “to be with Christ”. St Ambrose says, “For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom.”

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for September 17-18, 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	\$1,498	\$140
Elmwood	\$625	\$319.99
Boyceville	\$345	\$34

BRIEFLY NOTED

Thank You: Thank you to all of you wonderful people at St. Luke's who have been praying for me and cheering me up with cards, flowers, garden help, Fall Dinner responsibilities, visits, food, and everything else that I've (we've) needed help with in the past 8 weeks. God has blessed us in so many ways by sharing this fantastic parish family with us. May He continue to bless you as well. With deep sincerity and love, Gloria Pieters.

Fall Deanery Meeting/Assembly: Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Sacred Heart, Mondovi at 7pm. Our speaker will be Moira Kneer and her presentation is *A Call to Mercy*. This is a fitting topic as Pope Francis' Year of Mercy ends in November.

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!

SV Prayer Garden Thank You: Thank you to Dave and Julie Ducklow for their work in maintaining our parish grounds and caring for our Rosary Prayer Garden. A special thanks to Brandon Johnson of Outdoor Dimensions who supplied the new rock for the prayer garden and generously donated free labor to the parish, saving the parish \$185. Thank you Brandon and Outdoor Dimensions!

Spring Valley CCD: We are looking for a Children's Liturgy leader or co-leader for the 10:30am Masses from October through April in Spring Valley. Contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 or Cindy Schlegel at 684-3324 with questions or to sign up.

Diocesan Annual Appeal in Sacred Heart-SV Parish: If you have not received the DAA mailing by now, please contact Gene Bauer 772-4430 or Marie Cebulla 698-2882. \$850 has been sent toward our \$19,772 target. Thank you.

