

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (10-18).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Dorothy Hartung Dan & Lisa Fesenmaier)

Wednesday (10-19).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood  
+deceased members of August & Theresa Drier Families

Thursday (10-20).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Olivia Pelzel (Adeline Crownhart, Dick & Jean Zeithaml)

Friday (10-21)..... 1:30PM Mass at Assisted Living of Elmwood  
+Jim Bates (Arnie & Lori Nelson)

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (10-22).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood  
*Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday (10-23).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville  
+Dorothy & Lyell Gleason (Joe & Karen Adams)  
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+John & Marie Kannel (Bob & Una Jenny)

## BRIEFLY NOTED

Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Karon Langer** of Spring Valley whose memorial service took place this weekend. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Karon 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 the young people of our parishes** on being confirmed by the Most Reverend Bishop William Callahan in Menomonie on Saturday. Confirmation Candidates from **Spring Valley** are: Hannah Hagen, Nathan Hannack, Alex Johnson, Mason Johnson, Tyler Leach, Tajiah Miles, Isaac Nilssen and Jarod Rielly. **From Elmwood:** Rachel Fesenmaier, Hannah Feuker, Brendon Geraets, Carson Heath, and Bruce Zignego. **From Boyceville:** Anna Boesl and Cooper Boesl. *May these young adults be filled with the Holy Spirit as they go forth in life. Come Holy Spirit Come!*

**Julie Spence Kettner Liver Donor Fund:** Support Julie and Jenna as they fight to save a life! Julie (Spence) Kettner is receiving a live donor liver transplant from her stepdaughter Jenna Kettner. Please join us on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from Noon until 5:00pm at Sneakers Pub and Eatery for a benefit to aid in the October 26<sup>th</sup> liver transplant surgery costs. All funds raised will benefit "The Julie Spence Kettner Liver Donor Fund". (An account has been established at US Bank). Costs not covered by insurance include hotel stays and time off from work for Jenna while she recuperates, transplant surgery deductibles, lifelong anti-rejection medication copays and much more. We will have food, live music, raffles and a silent auction. Thank you for your support!

### Altar & Rosary Society Dues:

Ladies, a friendly reminder that Altar and Rosary member dues of \$10 are due November 1st. You may put in the box downstairs in the Church basement or send to PO Box 54, Elmwood. Thank you.

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM

Elmwood

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Boyceville

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Boyceville

Thurs. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

### DAA in Spring Valley:

This week, \$1000 was sent leaving a balance due of \$11,577. Our parish participation is at 31%. If you are not pledging to the DAA, please indicate it on your card & return it. As you return your 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.

### 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).

### Elmwood Lectors and

### Eucharistic Ministers Needed:

Our Elmwood parish needs more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. For those interested in serving in these roles please contact Becky.

### FORMED LOG-IN INFO

To setup an account visit: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter the Parish Access Code: **CQH26N**

### DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Search for "myParish-Catholic Life" in your app store. Follow installation prompts, select your parish to stay connected with parish events and Mass times.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

### VISIT US ON THE WEB

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

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wherever in the world you are, today, you can have access to emergency services just by ‘dialing’ a few numbers on your telephone. Do you know the emergency number(s) in some countries? In the UK, it is 999; in the European Union it is 112, in India I used to dial 108 and in USA it is 911. In some other countries there are separate numbers to call the police, fire services, or medical assistance. I recently read in the internet that the first emergency number system to be deployed, anywhere in the world, was in London. It was on 30 June 1937 that ‘999’ was first dialed and a special red light flashed on the telephone operator’s table. Thus began the system of emergency services.

How often have you called an emergency number in your life? If ever you called an emergency number, I am sure, it now brings to your mind some traumatic experience. Sorry about that. In any case, I suppose, the emergency number is not the most frequently dialed number on your personal telephone. What is the most dialed number in your phone, anyway? Is it that of your lover, spouse, child, parent, friend, business partner? Perhaps, these days, thanks to the mobile phones you might even call the same person more than two, three times a day! And what does that frequently dialed number say about your own priorities in life? Now, here is a more important question: how would you describe your own acts of calling on God! Are they emergency calls, or are they frequent calls?

How would you describe your own prayer life? Is it like calling emergency numbers? Or it is a constant relationship?

In the gospel text of today we have a reminder on making frequent calls to God. Though the woman in the parable of today is seeking the help of the judge because she is in need, we should not lose sight of the context of the story. Luke tells us that Jesus “told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart” (Lk 18:1, RSV).

In the first reading of today, we have a story of the prolonged hours of prayer by a leader of a nation on behalf of his people. We find Moses with hands lifted up on behalf of the people of Israel (Ex 17:8-13). Even if this story would have had some historical significance for the people of Israel, as a Christian living in the 21st century, I would like to understand it in a symbolic manner. The Amalekites were a nomadic tribe of very fierce people, known in those days for their guerrilla warfare on the neighboring tribes. They attack the people of Israel on their journey towards the Promised Land. The evil Amalekites prevent the people of Israel from realizing the plan of God in their lives. Therefore, Moses decides that Joshua should “march out to engage Amalek” (Ex 17:9). Meanwhile, Moses himself will lead a community (with Aaron and Hur) to the mountain top (Ex 17:10b) to be in union with God. This is not just a political warfare, but a spiritual one. It has to be supported by prayer – by the grace of God.

On our earthly journey, when faced with obstacles, on what type of strength do I rely on? Oh yes, I do pray. Oh yes, I do dial the emergency number? So is prayer just dialing an emergency number? Is God a mere paramedic who turns up at my door to provide me with the first-aid? Is that what I desire most? Do I not want to build a relationship with God? And if it is a relationship, how do I sustain it? Am I able to hold up my hands in prayer throughout the day? That is why, St Paul would urge us to pray “always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father” (Eph 5:20, RSV. See also Col 1:3; Phm 1:4).  
The role of community prayer

So how can I manage to pray constantly? How can I keep my hands lifted up in prayer without getting tired? The remarkable detail in the story of Moses, praying on the mountain top, is that he is supported by two people: Aaron and Hur. Interestingly, Aaron was a Levite – a priest! Perhaps we too need the help of the believing community to support us in our continued prayer life. God needs to be the most frequently dialed number in our daily lives.

*Rev. Prince Raja*

**Stewardship for October 8-9, 2016**

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles
Spring Valley	\$2,099	\$127	\$45
Elmwood	\$1,125	\$57	
Boyceville	\$792	\$50.05	

**BRIEFLY NOTED**

**World Mission Sunday 2016:** Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Your ongoing support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is vital to the missionaries serving in 1,111 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. There will be envelopes in the pews for your donation. **Please make checks payable to the PARISH.** Once all funds are gathered, the Parish will send a check for the collective total to the Diocese. God bless you for your generosity to the missions.

**Sacred Heart Spring Valley:** If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Our Tri-Parish Knight’s Council #6599 will conduct a membership drive after 10:30 Mass on October 23rd. Please consider joining the 71 men who are currently members! For more information, contact Jeff Pitman at [jefferypitman@earthlink.net](mailto:jefferypitman@earthlink.net), or phone him at [715-235-2827](tel:715-235-2827).



