

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (10-25).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Olivia Pelzel (Bill Schmidt)

Wednesday (10-26).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood  
+Albert Lecheler (Ruth & Randy Hartung)

Thursday (10-27).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Adeline Crownhart (Catholic Financial Life #191)

Friday (10-28)..... 1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH  
+Dorothy Hartung (Bob & Roxanne Taplin)

### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (10-29).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood  
*Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday (10-30).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville  
+Dean and Alice Adams (Joe & Karen Adams)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Gen Miller (Dave and Rita Johnson)

## BRIEFLY NOTED

***Congratulations to Breelyn Nicole Krause infant daughter of Mitchell and Nicole Krause*** who is reborn in the ***Sacrament of Baptism*** at Elmwood today. "Remember, Lord, Breelyn who, through Baptism, have been joined to your family, that she may follow Jesus your Son, with a generous heart and willing spirit" (Roman Missal 974).

**Attention St. Luke's:** St. Luke's will be packing weekend meal bags at the Westcap building on Wednesday, October 26th at 1:00pm. If you have questions, see Joe Pieters.

**St. Luke's:** St Jessica's Circle will meet Oct. 26th at 9:30 a.m. in Brother Michael's Gathering Place. Please bring ideas.

**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, \$1950 was sent to the Diocese toward our \$19,772 DAA target. 51% has been paid. Thank you! If you are not pledging to the DAA, please indicate it on your card & return it to the Central Office.

### 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)

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The theme of today’s liturgy is prayer. “If Christians spend as much time praying as they do grumbling, they would soon have nothing to grumble about,” says an anonymous proverb. The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax collector teaches us that we have no business to despise, find fault or ridicule another human being based on his appearance, behavior, status, Profession, nationality, language or any other factor. And yet this is something that we constantly keep doing for it is a human tendency to think oneself superior to the other when in reality it may be the opposite.

Consider the following anecdote: A stooped old man and a lively young man happened to meet one day. The young man bragged to the old timer, “Why don’t you walk straight, like me? That’s no way to grow old. It’s all a matter of habit at least, that’s what I’m told.” The old man gave a look of pity and said, “My dear young friend, have you ever noticed a grain field and noticed which heads are bent and which ones stand up straight? If you take a good as the harvest time draws near, you will notice that the heads which are empty are standing tall and high. But the heads that make a good harvest are the ones that are filled and bending low.” The young man heard those words and passed by, slowly bowing his head. No doubt he pondered many a day on what the old man had said.

Norman Vincent Peale writes, “When you are in an upsetting situation, pray for everyone involved. Pray hard and be open to the power of God.” Prayer is a gift that blesses you and those for whom you pray and it is something that can be done at any time, in any place, whenever you have moment to give.

There is an old Hindu story about an elephant in India. He had gone to take a bath in the river. Now the elephant is a symbol of power and strength. He is self-reliant in pulling and pushing and fighting and making his way through the forest. He is fearless and independent. But this time he was in trouble: an alligator in the river got its jaws around the elephant’s back leg and was pulling him into the water. The elephant pulled for all he was worth. But to no avail. He just kept slipping in the mud. He was out of his element and helpless. He pulled and pulled to save his life and save his reputation as the strongest beast of the forest. But the stronger he pulled, the more ground he lost. Seeing that he was soon going to disappear under the water, in desperation he changed his tactics. He thought of God and prayed, as even elephants can in Hindu legends, “God, help me,” he pleaded, “My strength is unable to save me.” Then the Lord sent an eagle that saved the elephant from the alligator and his own pride. Divine help appeared when the strongest animal on earth had accepted its own limitations. That is a parable of grace, or God’s help. It comes when we acknowledge our limitations. Only when we give up our pride, we are ready to believe in grace. And at that moment real life begins.

Merlin R. Carothers (author of “Prison to Praise) says, “The very act of praise releases the power of God into a set of circumstances and enables God to change them if this is His design... I have come to believe that the prayer of praise is the highest form of communication with God, and one that always releases a great deal of power into our lives.”

*Rev. Prince Raja*

**Stewardship for October 15-16, 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	\$1,913	\$176.23
Elmwood	\$805	\$47.50
Boyceville	\$747	\$63

**BRIEFLY NOTED**

**World Mission Sunday 2016:** This weekend 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. There will be envelopes in the pews and at the entrances of Church 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.

**St. Luke’s:** It's time again to help support the Christmas Boxes for Children. If you have shoe boxes, no boot boxes please, we need them to pack in. There will be a container in the back of church to put donated item for the boxes. Small toys. no guns or things that represent violence. Coloring books, crayon, small cars, puzzles, pencils and paper, personal care products, A list will be in back of church.

**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.

**This Week on FORMED:** The psalm response this week says "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." However, the readings do not speak of just physical poverty. The Gospel shows a different kind of poverty, spiritual poverty. Sometimes we sin, but God, in His mercy, hears our cry also, and is quick to forgive. If it's been awhile since you've been to Confession, then Forgiven, the newest program on Formed.org is for you. Sneak peaks of the full program launch starting November 1st. If you're looking for something right away, check out the Answering Common Objections Series on the Audio tab. Dr. Scott Hahn talks about all the things that keep us away from this powerful Sacrament of Healing. Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in our Parish Code: **CQH26N**

