

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (11-8).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

Private Intention

Wednesday (11-9).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Susan Geraets (Knights of Columbus)

Thursday (11-10).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+ Dale Jensen (Dall Jane Kannel)

Friday (11-11).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Debbie Wiinamaki (Tom & Jean Schmitz)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (11-12).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (11-13).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Robert & Rick LaCrosse (Joe & Karen Adams)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Albert Bernard (Bernard Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of *Carol Sukowatey* of Spring Valley who was buried earlier this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Carol 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).

St. Luke's Potluck: As in previous years, St. Luke's will resume the Sunday Pot Luck dinners the second Sunday of each month. Therefore on November 13 we have pot luck following our 8:30am mass. Please bring a dish to pass, or just join us! All are welcome!!

St. Luke's: Please note that our mission school, Our Lady of Fatima School of India, received a donation from St. Luke, Rock Falls, and Elk Mound for ALLUMINUM CANS collected, in the amount of \$835.00. We have a new outlet and method of storing and redeeming the cans, so PLEASE continue to SAVE CANS for our mission appeal. Thank you!

Altar and Rosary Elections Coming up Soon! Ladies, please consider running as co-chair, chairman or vice president for our upcoming December officer elections. If you need more information about what the positions entail please inquire at our next Altar and Rosary Society meeting on Thursday, November 10 at 7PM. Thank you.

Altar and Rosary Thank-you: The Altar and Rosary Society would like to thank the families of Dale Jensen, Virginia Lecheler and Kathy Brown for their kind donations. May the souls of your loved ones rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon them!

Elmwood DAA Update: Our parish is at 78% of our DAA goal. If you are not pledging to the DAA, please indicate it on your card & return it.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Interparish Pastoral Council:

Meets Tuesday, November 15 at 7PM in Spring Valley at the Br. Michael Catholic Center.

DAA in Spring Valley:

\$1,150 was sent to the Diocese leaving a balance due of \$8,347. Place your pledge in the collection or mail it to the central office. Alternatively, you may do an online gift on the Diocesan website at

<http://www.diolc.org/stewardship>.

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 and enter the Parish Access Code: **CQH26N**

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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www.svecatholic.org

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He is the God of Life (Lk 20:27-38)

One of the things I enjoy most during my stay in USA is the change through the four seasons of the year which is not possible in India. ‘The Fall’ is almost over now. The sidewalks are filled with dry leaves. The leaves still left on the trees would exhibit motley of colors. The ‘Fall’, is it a sign of death or life? I ask myself this question every time I see a falling leaf. This question is more meaningful even as we keep the memory of our departed brothers and sisters in this month of November.

The liturgy of the word on this Sunday, even as we near the end of the liturgical year, invites us to contemplate on the mystery of God in relation to human death and life! Jesus assures us that there is life after death because our God is the God of life.

Jesus versus the Sadducees – belief in the resurrection of the dead

The Sadducees were probably the followers of Zadok (2Sam 15:24). They upheld the importance of the written Law, and not the oral traditions. In this, they differed from the Pharisees. And because the written Law (the Torah – ‘the first five books of Moses’) was not very clear about life after death, the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. As Josephus, the first century Judeo-Roman historian, points out, the Sadducees believed that the soul and body perish together at death.

Traditionally, the Jews assumed that at the death of a person their soul went to the underworld (‘Sheol’ in Hebrew, or ‘Hades’ in Greek). Here the dead person existed in a form that was not clear but surely lifeless. Psalm 115, for instance says, “The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any that go down into silence” (v.17). Even Prophet Isaiah has his doubts: “For Sheol cannot thank thee, death cannot praise thee; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for thy faithfulness” (Is 38:18).

When the Sadducees try to trap Jesus on his belief about life after death, Jesus comes out very clear about his stand: God, His Father is the God of Life. He cannot see human beings become silent in the depths of the grave.

Jesus and His Father – our hope in this life and the next

The Bible presents us a God who is not only a living God, but he is also a life-giving God. He shares his breath of life with us humans (Gen 1:7). He is a God who sustains our life. The Psalmist prays, “Preserve my life according to your steadfast promise” (Ps 119:159). This image of God as a life-giver is so powerfully portrayed in the vision of Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones (Ezek 37). God constantly raises us, as individuals and as communities, to new life. He raises us to new life, in the present life and in the next.

This belief in eternal life acts as the foundation of our hope in this life – a hope that provides courage and endurance. This is what we see in the story of the Maccabees brothers that we heard in the 1st reading of today. They are not afraid to be killed because of their belief in a life beyond death. They are able to endure suffering because their faith provides meaning and purpose.

I would like to conclude this reflection with this statement, “our belief in life after death provides meaning and purpose to our present life”.

Yes, even the tree that sheds its leaves this ‘Fall’ will blossom next spring. *Rev. Prince Raja*

Stewardship for October 29-30, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	World Mission Sunday	Candles
Spring Valley	\$2,051	\$136	\$25	
Elmwood	\$775	\$77.50	\$80	\$34
Boyceville (will appear next weekend)				

BRIEFLY NOTE

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.

This Week on FORMED: This past week we celebrated the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls. This Sunday’s readings also focus on our belief in the Resurrection of the Dead. As we celebrate the saints that have gone before us there are so many inspirational movies about the lives of the saints on the movie tab of Formed.org. Also, check out the great Catholicism Session 8: A Vast Company of Witnesses that is featured on the home page. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in our Parish Code: **CQH26N**

End of the Year of Mercy: The Year of Mercy will “officially” close on Sunday, November 20th when the Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman will be closed by Bishop Callahan. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to join with our Bishop in the celebration of Holy Mass at 10:30am and the meaningful Rite of Closing of the Holy Door to offer thanksgiving for the Lord’s abundant mercy showered upon us in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. However, just because the Holy Year is coming to an end we must remember that “the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are **new every morning** and great is His faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23).

