

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (3/7).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
Restoration of health for Kathy Feucker (Pat Webb)

Stations of the Cross after Mass at Spring Valley

Wednesday (3/8).....6:00PM Stations of the Cross at Boyceville

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Bill Crownhart (KC Council #6599)

Thursday (3/9).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

Private Intention

Friday (3/10).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Elwin Brunner (Altar & Rosary Society)

7:00PM Stations of the Cross at Elmwood

Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday (3-11).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+Bill Crownhart (KC Council #6599)

Sunday (3-12).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

Missa Pro Populo

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Jeff Anderson (Anderson Family)

4:00PM Mass at Elmwood

+Albert Lecheler (Bill & Roselyn Sylla)

BRIEFLY NOTED

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

Congratulations to Harper Rae Knaapen infant daughter of **Nicholas and Amanda Knaapen** who is reborn in the *Sacrament of Baptism* at Spring Valley today. "Remember, Lord, Harper who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that she may follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit" (Roman Missal 974).

Spring Valley DAA Update: \$65 from some parishioner installment payments reduced the balance due to \$3118.50. Our target goal amount is less than last year but yet we struggle to pay it. To date, 50% of our parish families have chosen to support the DAA. If the remaining families would return a pledge card with an average of \$35, we would reach our goal.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Sunday, March 19, 2017: will be held at the Brother Michael CCD Center - S104 Sabin Avenue, Spring Valley from 11:00am -1:00pm. Cost: \$8.00/adult, \$5.00/children 6-12 yrs old; 5 & under free.

Elmwood Altar & Rosary: meets Thursday, March 9th at 7PM. If you have a copy of the constitution, please bring it to the meeting, we will be reading and making changes to the articles. Thank you. President Sharon Weber

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

Lenten Observance: *All Fridays in Lent* are a day of *abstinence from meat* for Catholics 14 or older.

Holy Week Schedule:

(4/13) Holy Thursday

7:30pm Elmwood

(4/14) Good Friday

3:30PM Elmwood

(4/14) Seven Last Words

6:30PM Boyceville

(4/15) Holy Saturday

8:00PM Elmwood

(4/16) Easter Sunday

8:30AM Boyceville

10:30AM Spring Valley

4:00PM Elmwood

Interparish Pastoral Council:

Meets on Tuesday, March 21 at the Elmwood Church basement for a 5:30pm Indian dinner cooked by Fr. Prince with the usual meeting to follow. Council members please notify the Central Office if you cannot attend.

St. Luke's Lenten Soup Supper:

A soup supper will be offered every Wednesday evening during Lent at St. Luke's Boyceville after 6:00PM Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to come and walk the way of the cross with Our Lord and enjoy a soup supper afterward.

MyParish App: Check out the new LENT button on our parish app! These daily reflections along with the Mass readings in the READINGS button are a great way of daily growing in your faith in this holy season.

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www.svecatholic.org

First Sunday of Lent

We say that the Season of Lent lasts forty days, as the Latin word, ‘Quadragesima’ suggests. When I was a young seminarian, I took the calendar and wanted to make sure for myself if there were indeed 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. To my surprise, I found there are actually 47 days. So I had a question for the teacher of liturgy, who, of course, was taken by surprise. Later he came up with a meaningful explanation: even on Sundays in Lent, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, and hence they are not counted as days of fasting and penance. So Lent does have forty weekdays of fasting and penance!

‘Forty’ is symbolic of a generation, a lifetime. The people of Israel walked in the wilderness for forty years (Dt 8:2). Practically, it was a new generation that entered ‘the Promised Land’ (Num 32:13). The number forty symbolizes a time of prayer: Moses spent 40 days in communion with God on Mount Sinai (Ex 24:17-18; 34-28). Forty symbolizes every person’s journey to the mount of God as Elijah “walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, God’s mountain” (1Kings 19:8). It is this journey that the Season of Lent reminds us of!

Forty days. Forty days to prepare for the battle of our lives. Forty days to come closer to God. Forty day to be attuned to His guidance. Forty days to grow stronger in our faith. Forty days to get a better control of ourselves. Forty days to join the Lord in the victory of life over death. Forty days to help others realize that they are not victims. Forty days to help others join Jesus as victors. Forty days to prepare to bring the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Every year on the first Sunday of Lent the Liturgy of the Word invites us to meditate on the temptations of Jesus. The synoptic gospels (Mk, Mt, Lk) capture at the beginning of the public of ministry of Jesus what John narrates as a lifetime of discernment of the will of the Father (read Jn 6:15, 30-31; 7:3). The narrative of the temptations of Jesus in the synoptic gospels resembles those of the people of Israel in the wilderness, and it is also our own struggle today. May we be blessed during these forty days! Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for February 25-26, 2017

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$2,020	\$117.86
Elmwood	\$760	\$80.93
Boyceville	\$470	\$79
Boyceville (2/19)	\$725	\$42

BRIEFLY NOTED

Position Opening: Sacred Heart Parishes of Elmwood and Spring Valley and Saint Luke of Boyceville are *seeking a new Administrative Assistant for the Central Office in Spring Valley*. This part-time (15hr/wk) position coordinates and directs the office services of the parishes providing administrative, secretarial, and clerical support to the Pastor and assisting him in maintaining an efficient and effective office operation. *Applications and job description are available from the Central Office. Application and resume with references due to Father Prince by March 19.*

This Week on FORMED: The readings this week-end give us two pictures of temptation. The first is Adam and Eve in the garden, the second is Jesus being tempted in the desert. Jesus gives us the key to resisting temptation, knowing the Word of God and having it hidden in our heart to be called upon as needed. Jesus quoted scripture when faced with the temptations offered by the devil. Want to get to know the scriptures better? Try one of the Lectio series Bible studies available on Formed.org. In particular the series on Prayer is especially relevant during lentLog in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26**

The Church Today with 50 Years: How Vatican II Affects Modern Catholicism:

Fr. John Schultz will be presenting four sessions on “The Church Today with 50 Years: How Vatican II Affects Modern Catholicism” at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI., on March 24-25. It begins with supper at 6:30PM on Friday and ends at 3:00PM on Saturday. The cost of \$90 includes overnight accommodations, delicious meals, and program fees. The first two sessions describe what happened at Vatican II (1962-65) and its sixteen documents. The second two sessions focus on the spirituality of Vatican II and implementation of the documents, particularly Liturgy. Fr. Schultz lived and studied in Rome during the four years of Vatican II. He currently is a Priest-Chaplain at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire. For more information or to register, please contact St. Anthony's at info@sarcenter.com or 715-443-2236. Or contact Fr. Schultz at schultzjohna@gmail.com or 715-271-0018

Have the Best Lent Ever: Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic group are providing a wonderful means of enriching your Lenten spiritual journey this year. You can sign up to receive a DAILY VIDEO MESSAGE by going to their site and signing up at www.dynamiccatholic.com

