

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (5/9).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+LaMoine Hanson (Tom and Kathy Birkel)

Wednesday (5/10).....Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Elmwood

6:30-7:30PM Reconciliation

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Gertrude Geraets (Estate)

Thursday (5/11).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Barry Anderson (Anderson Family and Friends)

Friday (5/12).....1:30PM Mass at Nursing Home in Elmwood

+Elwin Brunner (Marvin and Dell Jane Kannel)

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday (5/13).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

*Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday (5/14).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Gerry Lampman (Parishioners of St. Luke's)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Brody Sotona (Wade and Kristi Sotona)

4:00 PM Mass at Elmwood

+Rene Sailer, Arla Marson, and Barbara Kardash (Nieves Burke)

## BRIEFLY NOTED

**Baby Bottle Campaign To Support Options for Women:** Options for Women was in our three parishes this weekend giving a short talk about their Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby bottles were distributed after each Mass – please return them filled with coins, currency, or check. Whatever you give will make a difference! These bottles will be taken to Options for Women (formerly Pregnancy Helpline) to help women, men and families facing an unexpected pregnancy.

**Elmwood** Sacred Heart Parish would like to congratulate our high school seniors: Allison Glampe, Megan Forster, Tyrell Johnson, Abigail Larson, Sarah Larson, Kylee Sabelko, Dalton Shields, Collin Weix and Alexis Zinego. The seniors will be honored at the Saturday evening Mass on May 13th. Everyone is invited to the church basement after Mass for refreshments and fellowship. May your life continue to be a reflection of God's way...His love, joy, and peace shining brightly through you.

**St. Lukes Parishioners:** May 21 is Pot Luck Sunday! We will be specially honoring the High School Seniors in our parish who will be graduating in 2017. Please join us for good food and fellowship! All are welcome to attend.

**World Day of Prayer** will be observed on Sunday, May 7th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage ([www.usccb.org/vocations](http://www.usccb.org/vocations)).

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	5:45-6:15 PM	Spring Valley
Wednesday	6:30-7:15 PM	Elmwood
Saturday	7:00-7:45 PM	Elmwood
Sunday	7:45-8:15 AM	Boyceville

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday	6:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Boyceville
Wednesday	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Elmwood
Thursday to Friday	8:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Spring Valley

**Trinity Dome:** Next week, our parish will participate in a national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, before its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church! For more information, please visit: [www.trinitydome.org](http://www.trinitydome.org) or contact the National Shrine at 202-281-0615

**Spring Valley DAA Update:** \$525 pledged from two families & some parishioner installment payments have arrived at the Diocesan Office. With our new balance due of \$224.50, your pledge is crucial to reaching our target. 100% of the excess funds received after meeting our target will be returned for use in our parish!

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 10:00 PM.**

## VISIT US ON THE WEB

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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### 54<sup>th</sup> Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is generally termed as the Good Shepherd Sunday in our new Catholic liturgical calendar. In recent times this day has also become known as Vocations Sunday, a day on which prayers should be said for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. On this Sunday let us specially remember and pray for our parish seminarians, Levi Schmitt and Daniel Buchal.

The image of God as the shepherd of his people has a long tradition in the history of God's people. The image of the shepherd is one which appears several times in the New Testament. It is one that would be immediately understood by the people of the time.

The title "shepherd" in the Hebrew Bible refers primarily to God, who shepherds His people. This is brought out in Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd" (responsorial psalm). Here God is portrayed as a faithful and good shepherd who leads the flock into well-being and abundance ("green pastures"), and keeps them safe from every danger ("valley of darkness"), so that they want for nothing and fear no evil even as they are surrounded by their foes (wolves and lions). Kings, as God's anointed deputies, were also referred to as shepherds. But some of them only got the title, and not the qualities, of a shepherd. Instead of feeding the sheep entrusted to their care, they fed on them. God raised up prophets like Ezekiel to denounce such shepherds. That is why in our gospel today Jesus gives us the criteria of a true and genuine leadership.

First is dedication. A true leader is ready to give his life for all no matter what. A dedicated leader must possess the so-called **4 C's**. **1) Competent.** Being competent is not only referred to as competence in leading the people, one must also be competent with God. That is having knowledge of God, and for God. **2) Commitment.** Being committed is being generous, that is, donating oneself for the sake of others – a willingness to share of one's Time, Talent and Treasure. **3) Consecration,** which means that as leaders, one is set apart for the service of God. **4) Conversion.** Being converted is being ready to forgive whatever wrongdoings others have done against you.

*Rev. Prince Raja*

#### Stewardship for April 29-30, 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	\$1703.00	\$304.75	
Elmwood	\$325.00	\$149.00	
Boyceville	\$660.00	\$70.00	

#### BRIEFLY NOTED

**Elmwood Mother's Day Carnation Sale:** There will be a carnation flower sale after the Saturday May 13th 8:00 PM Vigil Mass. Free will donation or any cash contribution in memory of a loved one is welcome. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter 191. Proceeds will go to CCD program.

**Attention Boy Scouts:** Boy Scout Recognition Sunday is June 11, 2017 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in LaCrosse at 2:00 PM. All applications for Boy Scout Religious Emblems need to be in by May 11, 2017. Please send completed applications to Cindy Sjolander, Religious Emblems Chairman, W4894 N. Kinney Coulee Road, Onalaska, WI 54650. Any questions please call 608-783-4911 or email [scouting@diolc.org](mailto:scouting@diolc.org)

**Spring Valley Ministry Schedule:** A new schedule will come out May 21st. If you are unable to be scheduled for certain Sunday Masses in June or July, please notify the central office immediately by email or leave a message.

**Elmwood Altar & Rosary:** Our next meeting is Thurs. May 11th at 7:00 P.M. Discussion topics will include graduation and Fathers Day pie sale. This is our last meeting until September, so please plan to attend.

**Elmwood:** May Crowning will be held on Saturday May 6th. Sharon Weber and family will be doing the honors. Thank you Weber Family and God Bless!

**This Week in FORMED:** May 8th in the US is V-E (Victory in Europe) Day, a day to remember and honor those who have given their lives for us and for our Freedom. One such man was Fr. Emil Kapaun. If you have never heard his story before, check out his story on Formed.org. "...A priest, soldier and Korean War hero-a rare man. He was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint." It was also into the landscape of the world wars of the last century that Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three children in Portugal with her message. This year marks the 100th anniversary of those events. Check out the Movie, The 13th Day, or any of the many other resources available on Formed.org to celebrate these appearances of Our Lady. Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26**

**Celebrate Rural Life on the Feast Day of St. Isidore:**

Does your family celebrate the patron saint of farm life? The virtues found in the lives of St. Isidore (Feast Day May 15) and his wife, St. Maria, are exemplary for all couples: commitment to family, love for the land, service to the poor and a deep spirituality. This year, consider reciting the Novena to St. Isidore. To download it, and for more information, visit <http://www.diolc.org/rural-life>.