

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	May 23	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Barry Anderson (Anderson Family)
Wednesday	May 24	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Frank Binkowski (Judy Binkowski)
Thursday	May 25	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	3 year old undergoing cancer treatments (Anonymous)
Friday	May 26	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Adeline Crownhart (Ken & Barbara Cepek)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday	May 27	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Sunday	May 28	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	+Ellen Smith (James Smith)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+LaMoine Hanson (Hanson Family)
		4:00 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Clarence Pittman (Adeline Crownhart)

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 to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

Stewardship for May 13-14, 2017
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Annual Appeal Rebate
Boyceville	\$585.00	\$82.00	
Elmwood	\$575.00	\$85.25	
Spring Valley	\$1323.00	\$112.75	\$125.50

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Easter season the readings at mass are often taken from the Acts of the Apostles and focus on the rapid growth of the Church in its earliest days. In recording these events, St. Luke gave encouragement to his readers because they were largely new Christians and it was important to assure them that they had joined the "winning team". Among the foundations of Christianity which he describes, is the sacrament of baptism and the blessings it brings. When Peter and John prayed over the neophytes of Samaria, who had thus far "had only been baptized in the name of Jesus" (Acts 8:16), their initiation was completed and they received the same Holy Spirit that our Lord prophesied in the Gospel today: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the spirit of Truth (John 14:16-17).

The First Letter of Peter assures us of this, urging us: "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence" (1 Pet 3:15-16). It is the Spirit that inspires us in such moments of testimony, but we need our hearts to be open to the Spirit and indeed longing for it if we are to receive the fullness of its gifts. While the Church is no longer in its infancy, as in the days of the Acts, we can still make a contribution to its vibrancy today by taking seriously the presence of the Spirit in our midst and seeking to hold fast, teach, and live the faith we profess.

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Spring Valley News

Congratulations Graduates: Today we celebrate the young men and women of our parish who are graduating from high school this year: Mikayla Afdahl, Cody Anderson, Zachary Boisen, Sean Borgerding, Tianna Cebulla, Brett Fogarty, Sera Greifzu, Whitney Hartung, Tatum Huntress, Savanna Klinger, Colton Langer, Grace Larson, Seth Schlegel, Cooper Stevens, Samuel Verges, and Sonja Zupancic. Please join us after Mass in the Brother Michael Center for fellowship and doughnuts. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

Congratulations and Thank You to Tara Huebel, Lynn Johnson, and Jason Nilssen who are being installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during the 6:30 PM Mass on Tuesday May 23.

Thank You from Catholic Charities: To the Parishioners of Sacred Heart-Spring Valley. Thank you so much for supporting Catholic Charities. Your support of the Catholic Mission by our hands means very much to us. We acknowledge and appreciate your sacrifice. The staff and volunteers of the St. Lawrence Community Services Program greatly appreciate your generous participation in the care of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. May God bless you for your goodness!

Mother's Day Flower Sale: Thank you to the Nilssen Family for donating the flowers, and to those who purchased flowers on Mother's Day. We raised \$179.35 to be used for maintenance of our Prayer Garden.

A Joyful Thank You: A special thank you to Joyful Noise for providing such wonderful music during our Sunday Liturgy. What a blessing to have so many talented youth actively involved in the Mass. Joyful Noise 2017 Members: Mikayla Afdahl, Brady Bednarek, Tyler Bowman, Tianna Cebulla, Connor Ducklow, Braedon Dumond, Elijah Dumond, Kenny Fesenmaier, Haley Graham, Kate Groskreutz, Mason Johnson, Merrick Johnson, Colton Langer, Walker Langer, Waylon Langer, Grace Larson, Angela Nilssen, Isaac Nilssen, Zachary Nilssen, Paige Peabody, Jarod Rieley, Lizzy Shafer, Morgan Smetana, and Aivery Stein. Thank you to Beth Deutsch (Director), Gregg Deutsch, Debbie Bowman, and Aarynn Bosshart for helping to lead this great group!

Boyceville News

Potluck Sunday TODAY! Please join us after Mass today for good food and fellowship as we honor the high school seniors from our parish who are graduating in 2017: Brooklyn Hellmann (daughter of Nick and Angie Hellmann) and Paul Boesl (son of Mike and Lori Boesl).

Weekend Meal Bags: We will be packing weekend meal bags in the WestCap building at 1:00 PM on Wednesday May 24. Contact Joe Pieters with any questions at 715-643-4431.

Elmwood News

Shoes-Shoes-Shoes!! Please check your closets – do you have any new or gently used shoes that you don't wear anymore? If so, please donate them to help Katie Feuker go to the Steubenville retreat in Rochester, MN. The shoes are sent to Funds2Orgs, who will send them on to Micro-Enterprises, for distribution to other countries for people to sell and help them make a living. They can be any kind of shoes from flip-flops to work boots, high heels to baby shoes. Be sure they are clean, with no holes, or damaged soles. The shoe drive will end on June 1, 2017. Shoes can be placed in the large box in the church entrance closest to Father's house. Please call Marilyn Bowell at 715-664-8975 or Katie Feuker at 715-639-3100 with questions.

News for All

Memorial Day Mass: There will be a Memorial Day Mass celebrated on Monday May 29, 2017 at 9:30 AM at the Sacred Heart-Farm Hill Cemetery in Elmwood. All buried in the cemetery will be specially remembered. The American Legion will have a service following Mass at 10:30 AM.

Baby Bottle Campaign To Support Options for Women Please return the baby bottles filled with coins, currency, or check by May 28. Whatever you give will make a difference! These bottles will be taken to Options for Women on May 30th. Your generous donations will be used to help women, men and families facing an unexpected pregnancy. <http://www.ofwrf.com>

Trinity Dome: Thank you for your generous support of the Trinity Dome collection. Your participation will bring to completion the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, our church, America's Catholic Church. For more information, please visit: www.trinitydome.org or contact the National Shrine at 202-281-0615

This Week in FORMED: Last week-end we focused on Motherhood as one vocation for women. This week, we take a look at consecrated life. There are several excellent documentaries on Formed.org. One, "Beloved: The Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia," looks at the life of the "Nashville Dominicans" and what it means to be espoused to Christ. Another, "No Greater Love," looks at a year in the life of an order of cloistered Carmelites and give a portrait of their life praying for all of us. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26**

Announcement from Bishop Callahan: The Reverend **Billy J. Dodge**, Associate Pastor of Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman Parish, in La Crosse, is released from his responsibilities and is appointed Director of Vocational Recruitment and Director of Continuing Education and Formation, with residence at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, effective June 29, 2017. *(Many of you will remember Rev. Dodge, who spent time in our parishes learning from Fr. Louis, while still in the Seminary).*

Parish Karnival: St. John the Baptist Parish is having their 48th Parish Karnival: Sunday, June 4, 2017 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the American Legion Park, Plum City, WI. There will be Holy Mass at 10am (at the Park), music by Jeff Bechel, BBQ Chicken Dinner, hot dogs, and homemade pie. Raffles, ball drop, silent auction, and kids' games. Fun for the whole family!!