

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:				
Tuesday	July 18	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Carol Sukowatey (Brian O'Connell)
Wednesday	July 19	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Marcella Weiser (Estate)
Thursday	July 20	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Newell Weiser (Estate)
Friday	July 21	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Assisted Living	+Juanita Bates Patty (Bates) Hawkins
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	July 22	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Susan Geraets (George & Stella Johnson)
Sunday	July 23	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	+Lucy Spencer (Joe & Gloria Pieters)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+LaMoine Hanson (Bill & Karen Fesenmaier)
		4:00 PM	Mass in Elmwood	Joyce Weber (Jerry Weber)

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 July 1-2 and July 8-9, 2017
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes (July 1-2, 2017)	Offertory (July 1-2, 2017)	Adult Envelopes (July 8-9, 2017)	Offertory (July 8-9, 2017)
Boyceville	\$599.00	\$24.00	\$1,215.00	\$101.00
Elmwood	\$1,805.00	\$123.75	\$1,750.00	\$143.20
Spring Valley	\$1,656.00	\$122.75	\$1,705.00	\$185.38

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading contains the Parable of the Sower. The Divine Sower is throwing seed. And not a few seeds, He is throwing out big huge handfuls. He is pouring out his Word upon us. We've got to do something more than just let the seed hit the ground. We've got to be good soil. We have to nourish the Word of God. We have to strengthen it. We have to let it take root and grow. The Divine Sower is throwing seeds. He is begging us to let his Word take root.

Matthew concludes this section by having Jesus amplify the parable of the sower by transforming the meaning of the seed from the word which initiates life in the kingdom, to the person who is called to life in the kingdom. Some persons hear the word without understanding its deeper meaning; some receive it, but fall away when tribulation comes; some hear it, but worldly anxiety and greed choke off the life it gives; some hear the word, understand it, and bear an extraordinary amount of fruit.

Jesus tells us the good news that the seeds of God's kingdom have been abundantly sown everywhere in the world. Despite all the violence and despair that threaten us, we can live in hope. God's kingdom has already come, will continue to grow, and will ultimately triumph. Henry David Thoreau remarked: "Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders."

"Lord come and heal the pains of our lives, of our world" we pray. And He gives us what we need. He gives us His Word. But the Word is a seed. What are we going to do with it?

Today we pray for the courage to be good soil.

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Boyceville News

St. Luke Joint Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting:

There will be a meeting of the St Luke's Finance and Pastoral Council members at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. We will discuss the bids for the window projects. Anyone interested is invited to attend. The meeting will be in the dining hall.

New Weekend Meal Bags Needed: It is time to make some new back packs for the Boyceville weekend meal program. The current bags have been used for two years and are getting tired. This is a team effort between the school district, WestCap, and the churches to provide food for needy families on the weekends during the school year. The Heart and Hand Quilt Guild will be hosting a work day on Saturday September 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the Methodist Church in Boyceville to make at least 30 bags. We can use your help! Please bring any colorful fabric at least 20" wide by 40" long that you may have in your stash. And bring your sewing machine for a fun day of serving. We could also use a few folks who don't sew, but can operate an iron. A pot luck lunch will be enjoyed. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." Ephesians 2:10. Contact Joe Pieters with any questions at 715-643-4431.

Elmwood News

Special Thank You: Altar & Rosary thanks the family of Luetta Schlosser for the generous donation, may she rest in peace in her heavenly home.

UFO Days Pancake Breakfast: See details below in "News for All"

Spring Valley News

Ministry Schedule: The August schedule will come out July 23rd. If you are unable to serve certain Sunday Masses in August, please notify the central office immediately by email or voice message.

News for All

Our ***deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers*** are extended to the families and friends of **Luetta Schlosser** and **Kathleen Feuker**, both from Elmwood, who died this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servants Luetta and Kathleen from all their sins, that they who believed in the Resurrection of Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect)

Thank you: A very special thank you is extended to Betty Jean Smith from Boyceville, Ben Blegen and Craig Feuker from Elmwood, and Dave Boisen and Jim Huebel, from Spring Valley; all of whom just completed their two year term of service on the Pastoral Council. We greatly appreciate your leadership, service, and dedication to our parishes.

New Pastoral Council Members: Congratulations to the following new Councilors who begin their two year-term at our next meeting scheduled for July 18, 2017: Lori Boesl, Dennis Hill, and Ben Mrdutt from Boyceville; Sara Asher, Stephanie Beyer, and Aaron Cebulla from Elmwood; and Bill Fesenmaier, Mike Graham, and Mary Lansing from Spring Valley.

Pastoral Council Meeting: The next Interparish Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Brother Michael Center in Spring Valley. There is mass before the meeting, starting at 6:30 PM for those able to attend. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please contact the Central Office as soon as possible via email at Admin@SVECatholic.org or leave a voice message at 715-778-5519.

Can We Talk About Climate Change?: A Community Conversation About Solutions & Hope –7:00 PM Wednesday July 19, 2017 at the Brother Michael Center in Spring Valley. Join Elizabeth (Sowatzke) Bagley for a conversation about climate change impacts and solutions including what you can do to help people and the planet thrive together. Elizabeth is a 1998 graduate of Spring Valley High School, and the daughter of parishioners Dave and Rosalie Sowatzke. She was recently trained by former Vice President Al Gore and the Climate Reality Project, a nonpartisan group that has trained over 12,400 leaders around the world to deliver the latest research about climate change. This discussion will showcase some of the concepts in the upcoming film *An Inconvenient Sequel*. To learn more visit: www.ClimateRealityProject.org

Elmwood UFO Days Pancake Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast during Elmwood's UFO Days. They will be located under the food tent, downtown by the auditorium on Saturday and Sunday, July 29th and 30th, from 8:00 to 10:30 AM; and will be serving all you can eat pancakes, real maple syrup, coffee, milk, and Swiss Miss Pudding. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children aged 6 to 12, and FREE for children aged 5 and under.

This Week in FORMED: This past week we celebrated the feast day of the first Native American Saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. This saint has a special place in our diocese as a statue of her graces the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. If you don't know her story, now is a great time to find out about her inspiring life on FORMED.org. For a documentary on her life check out "In Her Footsteps" found on the Watch Tab under documentaries. For kids, there is an audio drama on the Listen tab called Sr. Kateri Tekakwitha that brings her story to life. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**