

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	August 8	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	3 Year Old with Cancer (Private)
Wednesday	August 9	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Gertrude Geraets (Estate)
Thursday	August 10	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Barry Anderson (Anderson Family & Friends)
Friday	August 11	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Joanne Schwebach (Scott & Melissa Johnson)

THE NINETEETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	August 12	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Virginia Lecheler (Lecheler Family)
Sunday	August 13	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	+Dean & Alice Adams (Joe & Karen Adams)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Shirley Flaksrud (Schlegel Family)
		4:00 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Olivia Pelzel (Craig & Andrea Feuker)

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday 5:45-6:15PM 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 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
Boyceville	\$444.00	\$69.00
Elmwood	\$625.00	\$141.00
Spring Valley	\$1,453.00	\$85.00

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Gospel account of the Transfiguration is a very colorful one that conveys to us the meeting of Heaven and Earth and how the glory of Heaven powerfully touches those who enter into it. How can anyone adequately describe an encounter with God? Jesus took Peter, James and John to a mount top. These were three of the original apostles who left everything to follow Jesus. They were invited to share in this glorious and somewhat intimate moment in which the infinite glory of Heaven broke through the finite reality of this world. Jesus becomes dazzling white and his face shines like the sun. Out of nowhere Moses and Elijah appear to Jesus and the three have a conversation of which we are not told its' subject. The Apostles know that something extremely beautiful and important is taking place and Peter says, "Lord, it is good that we are here."

For Peter, James and John, this was the mountain top experience that affirmed their closeness to Jesus, and prepared them for what was to come. They would not truly comprehend the significance of this until after the resurrection, and even then could never find the words to adequately express what they experienced. When someone has a powerful religious experience it is sometimes referred to as a mountain top experience.

These are experiences that we sometimes seek, but that more often occur when least expected. It could be at a Mass while we struggle to be attentive, a Baptism or Wedding, or during the Sacrament of Confession. It could be while on a retreat or day of recollection, or listening to a song on the radio. It is not necessary to climb a mountain in order to have a mount top experience, all one has to do is be attentive so that we don't miss the time and place when God wants to enter more deeply into our lives. We might never find the words to describe our experience, but we will know that we had an encounter with God.

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Spring Valley News

Coordinator of Religious Education: We are in need of a CRE for the upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

Joint Meeting: Father Prince has requested a joint meeting of the Spring Valley & Elmwood Finance and Pastoral Councils. This meeting will take place on Tuesday August 15, 2017 in the Brother Michael Center at 7:00 PM, following the 6:30 PM Mass in Spring Valley. Finance and Pastoral Council Members, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Central Office either via email or voicemail.

Please Join Us After Mass Today: We have several books and a few other “relics” that will be offered for a free will donation in the Brother Michael Center after Mass today. Proceeds will go to Steubenville retreat 2018. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served.

Boyceville News

Altar Society Meeting: There will be an Alter Society Meeting Thursday Aug 13, 2017 at 6:20 pm before the Rosary Makers meet. We will decide on the requests the Fall Dinner Committee regarding some additional purchases. If you have questions and are unable to attend please call Betty Garside [715-643-2930](tel:715-643-2930)

Elmwood News

Special Thank You: The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their support during UFO Days!

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Sunday August 20 – There will be NO 4:00 PM Mass in Elmwood. We have a visiting priest that weekend for a Mission Appeal.

News for All

Change to Our Parishes: The Diocese has announced that effective September 1, 2017, St. Luke Parish will be joining with St. Joseph's in Menomonie. Details will be announced as they are finalized. At this time, there are no changes to scheduled Mass, Confession, and Adoration times in our parishes.

This Week in FORMED: This past week we celebrated the Feast Days of several well-known saints in the Church, including St. Ignatius of Loyola. You can find more information about many of them on Formed.org, just type his/her name in the Search bar for great resources. St. Ignatius gives us his spiritual exercises as practical ways to grow in holiness. There are a lot of audio and video resources to learn about these exercises on Formed.org. As we celebrate a glimpse of Jesus' glory in the Transfiguration this week-end, we can use these exercises to be prepared (by His grace) to meet Him one day face to face. Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Beatification Mass of Father Solanus Casey: On May 4, 2017, Pope Francis announced that Friar Solanus Casey would be elevated to the status of “Blessed”. The Beatification Mass will take place November 18, 2017, at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan. Join the Very Reverend William Dhein on pilgrimage from the Diocese of La Crosse to Detroit to attend this special occasion. Originating from the Diocese of La Crosse, Fr. Casey was baptized in Prescott, WI and attended Mass at St. Mary's, Big River. More information can be found on the church bulletin boards. To register contact Debbie Brannon at [608-791-2686](tel:608-791-2686) or dbrannon@diolc.org.

Fall Festival at Holy Rosary Parish in Lima: Sunday August 27, 2017 All are invited to attend the annual Fall Festival at Holy Rosary Parish in Lima. Located 6 miles East of Durand off Hwy 10, on County Road V. Polka Mass at 10:00 AM, booths and games open at 11:00 AM – fish pond, BINGO, bake and candy sale, pull tabs, dairy wagon, cake walk, and country store. Silent Auction of new and antique items from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Lima's famous poppy seed rolls will be on sale. More information can be found on the church bulletin boards.