

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:				
Tuesday	September 12	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Mass of Thanksgiving in Honor of all the Poor Souls (Br. Michael Mandernach)
Wednesday	September 13	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Bill Crownhart (Berneice Asher)
Thursday	September 14	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Ann Coughenour (Dave & Rita Johnson)
Friday	September 15	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Carol Olson (Robert Weix)
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	September 16	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Peter & Virginia Lecheler Wedding Anniversary (Lecheler Family)
Sunday	September 17	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Joyce Weber (Jerry Weber)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Joanne & Jennifer Parker (Bob & Una Jenny)

CONFESSIONS:

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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

Stewardship for September 2-3, 2017
“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Our Lady of Fatima School Mission
Elmwood	\$925.00	\$102.00	\$0.00
Spring Valley	\$1,728.00	\$51.00	\$130.00

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

As Christians we are responsible and are made accountable for the welfare of those under our care, be it children, parents, elders, or even friends. People holding any office of responsibility have the need to be accountable for the work they do, be it a doctor, a lawyer, an officer or a Pastor. In each occupation, there is a responsibility and full accountability is required of the individuals. As Christians we are not individuals but members of the Body of Christ that is the Church. The readings of today tell us of God’s command of spiritual responsibility and accountability that each one of us have towards our neighbors. It speaks of our responsibility of correcting our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in error.

This obligation always existed in the Catholic Church, from the early days of the Christian community right up to the present time. They challenge us to care for our brothers and sisters and protect them in their physical and spiritual needs.

Today in the church Jesus places on us the painful obligation of fraternal love in the watchful love we show towards others. To approach this painful duty of fraternal correction, it requires many qualities: courage, compassion, patience, gentleness, humility, sincerity, reverence, a desire to preserve the other’s good name, prudence, delicacy, tact, mutual dialogue, true listening and mercy. The readings tell us that we will be held responsible for the silence and our unwillingness to speak.

If somebody had hurt us, talk to God first about that person. If somebody needs correction, talk to God first. If somebody needs to be criticized, consult first God about the criticism you want to say.

The most effective way of correcting other people is by prayer. We must realize that it is not our good words that change the hearts of others. It is not our beautiful words that make people change their ways. It is only by the grace of God. Only God can change people, not us. It seems that this is our belief. It is only God who can correct hearts, not us.

So we will pray during this Mass for those people we want to correct and we want to criticize. Let us also pray that our minds and hearts be one in forgiveness.

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Elmwood News

Altar & Rosary: Altar & Rosary meets Sept. 14th at 7:00 P.M. in the church basement. Items for discussion: Hostas on south side of church ~ funeral lunches at Welcome Home ~ A & R treasure. A & R \$10.00 dues for 2017 are due Nov. 1st. Thank you - President Sharon Weber

Spring Valley News

Spring Valley CCD Program: Registration for CCD classes is scheduled for TODAY in the Brother Michael Center immediately following Mass. Classes will start on Wednesday September 27, 2017 for Grades 1 through 5, and on Sunday October 1, 2017 for Grades 6 through 12.

News for All

Help people devastated by the flooding of Hurricane Harvey: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested a special collection for Hurricane Harvey relief. There are special envelopes in each pew. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish, and we will send one check from the parish. The envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets. The funds will be used to directly help our brothers and sisters in the affected areas. You can also donate through Catholic Charities online or by mail. Visit: <http://cclse.org/donatecc/> for instructions.

Baptisms: Congratulations to **Hunter William Pieper**, infant son of Jared & Jacqueline Pieper, who is reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism in Spring Valley today. Also congratulations to **Addilyn Joy Falde**, infant daughter of Nick and Therese Falde, who was reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism this past Tuesday in Spring Valley. "Remember, Lord, Hunter and Addilyn who, through Baptism, have been joined to your family, that they may follow Jesus your Son, with generous hearts and willing spirits" (Roman Missal 974).

Marriage: Congratulations to **Harvey and Denya (Ottinger) Rutherford** who were joined in the **Sacrament of Matrimony in Spring Valley**. "Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage Harvey and Denya, whom you have brought happily to their wedding day, that under your protection they may always be faithful in their lives to the covenant they have sealed in your presence" (Roman Missal, 1027)."

Our Condolences: Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Henry Winzig** from Spring Valley, who died this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Henry from all his 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)

Fall Deanery Meeting/Assembly: Ladies of our parishes – please mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 26, 2017. This year's meeting will be held in Spring Valley. Details on our speakers will be coming soon. The Sacred Heart Parish Council of Catholic Women looks forward to seeing you there!

This Week in FORMED: The Gospel account this week-end talks about the difficulties sometimes encountered in relationships. Sometimes we are wronged or we wrong another. How are we to move forward through these times of difficulty and pain. These are some of the topics discussed in the presentation "Anger and Forgiveness" on Formed.org. Also helpful is the talk "Calming Emotional Storms: For Keys to Finding Emotional Peace." Both of these talks aid the listener in drawing close to Christ who is the ultimate source of Peace. 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**

Men of the Cross Conference: The 2017 Men of the Cross conference will be held in Chippewa Falls at McDonell High School on October 28th. Speakers include John Pridmore, Fr. Richard Heilman, Jesse Romero and David DeWolf. For more information about the conference and to register, please go to: www.menofthecross.org

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Rural Life Day - Thursday, Sept. 14: The Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 37th annual Rural Life Day hosted by St. Florian Parish in Hatley of the Wausau Deanery. This event will be held on the farm of Mike & Sue Fischer. The day begins with 10:00am Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop William Patrick Callahan, and is followed by awards, recognitions, a blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by the women of the parish. The Fischer farm is at 1731 Esker Rd, Hatley, WI 54440. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, yministry@frontier.com, or via phone: [715-384-3252x6](tel:715-384-3252x6).