

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Tuesday	September 26	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Alyssa Spence (Bob & Una Jenny)
Wednesday	September 27	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Jeanne Mountin (Marge Leehe)
Thursday	September 28	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	3 Year Old with Cancer (Private)
Friday	September 29	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Greg Doverspike (Lorraine Weber)

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**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday	September 30	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Carol Olson (Altar & Rosary)
Sunday	October 1	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Dick Baier (Altar & Rosary)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Elwood Burke (Paul, Pam, & Tommy Burke)

**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 16-17, 2017**  
*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)*

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Hurricane Harvey Relief
Elmwood	\$940.00	\$165.20	\$520.00
Spring Valley	\$1,126.00	\$120.50	\$375.00

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

A major theme that is running through the whole of the Old and New Testaments is that of ‘justice’. God is wholly just and we are called, both individually and corporately, to lives of justice. The Readings of today refer to how much God’s wisdom surpasses our human categories of value and judgment.

In today’s gospel, the workers who were hired in the morning complained and protested that they were paid the same wage as those hired in the afternoon. “A gross injustice and it is unfair!” they complained. But did an injustice happen? Legally, there was no injustice because the agreement was covered by a personal contract. There was mutual agreement between the workers and the employer on the wage - the employer would pay the laborers one denarius per day - and he fulfilled it. As we reflect on today’s gospel, we should keep in mind that the passage is not about justice and social injustice. The practice of the employer doesn’t work, especially in business, it would court strikes and labor unrest among his regular employees. The gospel passage is about God’s generosity.

Today’s parable teaches us that nothing God gives to us is due to us. Everything he gives us is from his free bounty and we cannot possibly earn it or deserve it. What God gives us is not pay, it is gift, and God is generous to us all. We cannot be envious or jealous because God is generous to someone else. His divine freedom sometimes sets aside our human expectations in a display those results in a God of surprises.

Let us bear this in mind, that for God all services of love, whether they are big or small, are important and accounted for in His eyes. And because God is so generous, we must be very grateful to Him. God is so kind, and so we must be thankful to Him. If God is only just, then all of us will end up outside God’s kingdom.

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## Elmwood News

**Altar & Rosary:** Elmwood Altar & Rosary is in NEED of a treasurer. Must have access to a computer. All records are on a flash drive. Please call Sharon Weber [715-941-1811](tel:715-941-1811) ~ we DO need you!

## Spring Valley News

**CCD Classes Starting:** CCD Classes start this week! Grades 1 through 5 starts on Wednesday September 27, 2017 from 3:15 to 4:30 PM. Grades 6 through 12 starts on Sunday October 1, 2017 from 9:00 to 10:15 AM, followed by Mass at 10:30 AM.

**Liturgy Rack:** Have you ever noticed, paid attention to, or browsed the liturgy rack in the Church entrance? It is full of wonderful resources to help us pray, learn, grow, and develop in our faith. Please take a look!

## News for All

**Position Opening:** Anne Helmer in the Central Office needs to cut back on hours, so Sacred Heart Parishes of Elmwood and Spring Valley are **seeking someone for the Central Office in Spring Valley**. This part-time (7-10 hr. /wk.) position coordinates and directs the office services of the parishes providing administrative, secretarial, and clerical support to the Pastor and assisting him in maintaining an efficient and effective office operation. **Applications and job description are available from the Central Office. Application and resume with references are due to Father Prince by October 7.**

**Fall Deanery Meeting/Assembly:** Sacred Heart Spring Valley is hosting the Fall Deanery Meeting on Tuesday September 26. We will begin with Mass at 6:30 PM followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM, with Father John Schultz as our speaker. Father Schultz is a Senior Priest of the Diocese and during the last year and a half has helped out at Spring Valley, Elmwood, Boyceville, Durand, Lima and Mondovi. Last fall Father participated in an immersion trip with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in Kenya and Tanzania, Africa. He will share this journey of faith with us at our Fall Assembly. Everyone is welcome!

**St. Luke's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Dinner:** All are invited to the Annual Fall Dinner at St. Luke's in Boyceville on Sunday October 1 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Mass is at 9:30 AM. The menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries, dressing, gravy, coleslaw, sweet corn, rolls, and pies. There will be a silent auction, cake walk, Country Story and Garden. Lots of fun for the whole family! See the poster on the bulletin board in the church entrance for full details.

**This Week in FORMED:** This week-end we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, better known to most as St. Padre Pio. This great saint had a love for God and a love for sinners that led to him spending hours each day in the confessional where it was said by many that he knew details of their lives that they never mentioned. To learn more about the life of this modern-day saint, check out the movies on his life on [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org). Find all of this content and so much more on [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.menofthecross.org)

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**National Marriage Encounter Weekend in Eau Claire:** A two day National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in Eau Claire. The program, which is presented by local couples from the Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, will be held at Americas Best Value Inn across from Sacred Heart Hospital. Renew the bonds of mutual understanding and love brought about by better communication in your marriage. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend will begin on Saturday morning with 7:30 registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45 pm. For more information regarding the upcoming Marriage Encounter weekend, contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, 127 E. Mac Arthur Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701; phone at [715-832-3296](tel:715-832-3296), e-mail at [rippsk@charter.net](mailto:rippsk@charter.net) or through our website at [www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm](http://www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm)