

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	October 17	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Barry Anderson (Anderson Family & Friends)
Wednesday	October 18	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Bob Bock (Altar & Rosary)
Thursday	October 19	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Mary & Kathy Jenny (Bob & Una Jenny)
Friday	October 20	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Jeanne Mountin (Altar & Rosary)

THE 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	October 21	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Evelyn Fisher (Altar & Rosary)
Sunday	October 22	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Kathy Brown (Altar & Rosary)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+John & Marie Kannel (Bob & Una Jenny)

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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 October 7-8, 2017
“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$2,145.00	\$201.40
Spring Valley	\$1972.00	\$140.06

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Scriptures present the life in the Kingdom of God as a marriage feast, as a banquet in which delicious food and drinks are served, where the people are invited to eat and drink and make merry. To think of Christianity as a gloomy giving up of everything that brings laughter and sunshine and happy fellowship to life, is to mistake its whole nature. It is to joy that a Christian is invited; and it is joy he misses if he refuses the invitation.

The parable in the Gospel passage is about a king who invites the people of the kingdom to a wedding feast that he is holding for his son. Back in Jesus’ day the custom was to send two invitations: the first was to tell everyone that the event was being planned and the second was to tell everyone that everything was ready and about to begin.

The parable offers us a few important lessons. First of all, those that go out to extend God’s invitation to His kingdom can expect a variety of responses. Some simply ignore the invitation. Others neglect to go to the feast because they are too busy. There are a lot of people today that are just too busy to worry about their need of salvation, just too busy to think about their relationship with God. Secondly, we should note that everyone is invited to enter God’s kingdom. The invitation went out to the good and the bad. Thirdly, we need to respond to the invitation on God’s terms, not our own. Everyone was invited, but in order to be admitted, they had to choose to put on the wedding garment that was provided by the king. Lastly, we find that refusing to accept God’s invitation will result in punishment.

Rev. Prince Raja

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Elmwood News

Altar & Rosary: Altar & Rosary 2017 Dues are due by November 1, 2017. Dues are \$10.00. If you are unsure whether your dues have been paid, please contact Sharon Weber at 715-941-1811

Spring Valley News

Diocesan Annual Appeal: If you have not received the 2017-2018 DAA mailing, please contact Gene Bauer at 715-772-4430 or Marie Cebulla at 715-698-2882. To date, the Diocese has recorded \$280 toward our parish goal of \$20,375. Periodically view our progress on the DAA thermometer posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

News for All

Welcome Beth Ingli: Beth Ingli has accepted the position to work in the Central Office with Anne Helmer. The two will be working a combined total of 15-20 hours per week to coordinate and direct the office services of the parishes, providing administrative and clerical support to Father Prince and assisting him in maintaining an efficient and effective office operation.

Father Prince Traveling to India: Father Prince will be traveling to India and will be out of the country from October 23 through November 24, 2017. Substitute priests have been arranged for the weekend Masses. While he is gone, there will be no weekday masses - they will resume on Tuesday November 28. If there are pastoral emergencies while Father Prince is gone, priests from the surrounding communities will lend assistance.

Congratulations: On Saturday October 14, 2017 at St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie, the following students from our parishes received the Sacrament of Confirmation. From Elmwood: Tyler Bee, Jordan Brunner, and Nicholas Forster. From Spring Valley: Lauren Anderson, Audrey Bigaouette, Braeden Dumond, Kenny Fesenmaier, Rachel Hartung, and Santana Schlegel. Congratulations to all of you! May you use the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit to be a light in the world! "Fill me with the fruits of your Spirit, Lord. Fill me with **love**, so that I seek to understand and appreciate the rich variety and diversity of life that surrounds me. Fill me with **joy**, so that I celebrate your presence in each and every moment I am on this earth. Fill me with **peace**, so that I know how to ease those angry and sometimes violent urges that well up inside of me. Fill me with **patience**, so that I stop rushing long enough to witness your miraculous work taking place all around me and within me! Fill me with **kindness**, so that I take the extra time to help the one in need, even when it isn't convenient for me. Fill me with **faithfulness**, so that I place my mind, heart, and all that I do in the service of your Gospel. Fill me with **gentleness**, so that others know that I believe in a God who loves and cares for all people. Fill me with **self-control**, so that I act not on my impulses and urges, but rather on my beliefs and values which are rooted in you. Fill me with these **fruits of your spirit**, Lord! Amen!" (Galatians 5:22-26) From the New American Bible-The Catholic Youth Bible.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: As you prepare to return your Diocesan Annual Appeal Pledge Card, please take a moment to make any necessary changes to your address. Thank you!

Food for the Poor: Please welcome Rev. Robert J. Karris, O.F.M. to our parishes this weekend. He is here to speak at all of the masses in our parishes about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Karris will share personal witness about **Food For the Poor's** mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Father Karris was ordained for the Franciscan Order in 1965. Before preaching on behalf of **Food For the Poor**, he taught at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, was Provincial Minister of his Province, was General Councilor of the Order and was stationed in Rome. Father Bob is Professor Emeritus of St. Bonaventure University in New York where he worked for over 16 years. He has published more than fifteen books and continues to write and edit from his new home at St. Peter in the Loop of Chicago. Thank you Father Karris for visiting our parishes, celebrating Mass with us, and telling the story of Food for the Poor!

Balance & Fall Risk Assessment: Winter is coming, and you know what that means - ice and slippery surfaces become a danger to those with compromised balance. October is Physical Therapy month and Midwest PT is offering FREE balance and fall risk assessments for anyone that is concerned about their safety and independence. These assessments will be carried out by our therapy staff at Spring Valley Health & Rehabilitation Center on Thursday October 26, 2017 at 12:30 PM. Assessments will include a brief medical and fall history, individualized balance test that will determine level of fall risk, basic balance exercises, and how to prevent future falls. Call 715-778-5545 to schedule your time!

This Week in FORMED: St. Teresa of Avila, whose Feast Day is October 15th, is considered a doctor of the Church and a master of the spiritual life and prayer. If you are looking to go deeper in prayer, check out the Audio Book "Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer", by Fr. Thomas Dubay on FORMED.ORG. In this book he gives solid, practical advice for a deepening moral and spiritual conversion, and a radical growth in holiness, based in part on the writings of St. Teresa of Avila. Not at that level yet, no problem, Peter Kreeft also has a great book on Prayer called "Prayer for Beginners" available on the Read tab of FORMED.ORG. 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**

Catholic-Lutheran Prayer Service: On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther proposed his 95 Theses in a desire to reform the Church. This year marks the 500th anniversary of that historic event. The last 500 years have seen both helpful reforms and sad divisions. We pray for unity while staying committed to the truth. Throughout the world, Lutherans and Catholics will be gathering to pray together and commit together to the things we share in common. Locally, a Prayer Service will be at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, [1712 Highland Ave., Eau Claire](http://1712_Highland_Ave.,_Eau_Claire), on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00PM. A choir of over 200 will lead the music. Food and fellowship will follow immediately at St John Lutheran Church, right across the street. All Lutherans, Catholics and others are welcome. The Prayer Service will be live streamed on both the Regis Catholic Schools website (www.regiscatholicschools.com/live) and their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/RegisCatholicSchools/) and will be archived in both locations for future viewing.