

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Tuesday	October 24	6:30 PM	<b>NO Mass</b> in Spring Valley
Wednesday	October 25	7:30 PM	<b>NO Mass</b> in Elmwood
Thursday	October 26	8:00 AM	<b>Prayer Service</b> in Spring Valley
Friday	October 27	1:30 PM	<b>NO Mass</b> in Elmwood Nursing Home

**THE 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday	October 28	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Ilene Bates (John & Mary Ausman)
Sunday	October 29	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Terry Shafer (John Shafer)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+LaMoine Hanson (Marvin & Dell Jane Kannel)

**CONFESSIONS:**

Sunday            7:45-8:15 AM    Elmwood  
 Tuesday        NONE              Spring Valley  
 Wednesday    NONE              Elmwood  
 Saturday       7:00-7:45 PM    Elmwood

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Wednesday            NONE                      Elmwood  
 Thursday to Friday    8:00 AM to 8:00 AM    Spring Valley

**Stewardship for October 14-15, 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 Perpetual Help
Elmwood	\$690.00	\$124.00	\$361.83
Spring Valley	\$1,413.00	\$102.25	

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

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

Gratitude is the virtue of being thankful to someone for benefits personally received. It creates a spirit of goodness in the giver and the receiver through a state of thankfulness. It is a human response generated by the divine grace for the favors generously given and received. The word gratitude comes from the Latin word “gratus” meaning “grace” and grace is the presence of God manifested in people through virtues.

The Readings of today tell us about the relationship between the absolute divine control and the earthly, temporal power that can serve God’s purposes. In the first reading Prophet Isaiah sees the hand of God in the events of history. The Persian king Cyrus is to be the unknowing servant of Yahweh’s purpose in releasing the chosen Israelites from the grip of the Babylonian Kingdom and is the person Israel needed for their support.

In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul joyfully thanks God for all the gifts the people have received. He recognizes that the Gospel they have received is not due only to the human preaching of Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, but also ‘in power and in the Holy Spirit’. He is conscious of the effect of God’s power through human instruments.

Today’s Gospel draws a subtler distinction between temporal power and God’s sovereignty. Jesus sees through the political trap of the Pharisees and the Herodians and draws a deliberately ambiguous distinction between the civic duty to Caesar and the essential religious duty to God. He teaches them to show loyalty to earthly rulers so long as they receive benefits from him. But their essential and primary duty is to God.

*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

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** If you have not received the 2017-2018 DAA mailing, please contact Jeff Pittman at 612-875-7095. Periodically view our progress on the DAA thermometer posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

## 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. Periodically view our progress on the DAA thermometer posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

**Eucharistic Adoration Help Needed:** We are looking for someone to fill the role of coordinating Eucharistic adoration for three months starting November 12th. Duties include: Finding substitutes for adorers when they are not able to find one and, if necessary, filling that hour yourself. There are plenty of subs so it is rarely necessary for the coordinator to fill the hour personally. The second responsibility is checking the sign in sheet to make sure that the Blessed Sacrament has not been left alone. We are also looking for long term substitutes to hold the noon-1 pm and 1-2 pm hour as well as someone to hold the 3-4 pm hour every other week for that same 3 month time period. Please contact Laura Buchal at [715-772-4452](tel:715-772-4452) for more information.

## News for All

**Marriage:** Congratulations to **Mike and Aselia (Vanasse) Runnels** who were joined in the **Sacrament of Matrimony in Spring Valley**. "Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage Mike and Aselia, 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)."

**Baptism:** Congratulations to **Aleigha Cindy Hause**, daughter of **Kimber Schlegel and Kurt Hause**, who is reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism in Spring Valley today. "Remember, Lord, Aleigha, who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that she may follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (*Roman Missal* 974).

**World Mission Sunday 2017:** Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday – our annual Eucharistic celebration for the Mission of the Church and her missionaries in the world. Pope Francis has called us to World Mission Sunday 2017 with a simple definition. He helps us see it as "a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization." There are envelopes in the pews and in the church entrance – please make checks payable to Sacred Heart. Our contributions will support more than 1,100 mission dependent dioceses, in territories covering more than half the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

**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.

**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!

**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:** October 22nd being a Sunday, the Resurrection of Our Lord is celebrated, but when not on a Sunday the 22nd is the Feast Day of Pope St. John Paul II. It is hard to underestimate all that this holy man did to bring the Good News of Jesus to the entire world. From Feature Films, to documentaries to talks about his teachings, [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) has an abundance of resources for anyone wanting to learn more about Our Holy Father who lived Christ's message of love to the world for 85 years, 27 of them as Pope. 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**

**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](http://www.regiscatholicschools.com/live)) and their Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/RegisCatholicSchools/](http://www.facebook.com/RegisCatholicSchools/)) and will be archived in both locations for future viewing.

**Lutherans and Catholics – 500 Years Later:** In conjunction with the "From Conflict to Communion" Lutheran and Catholic Prayer Service listed above, Pastor Christine Emerson, (St. John's Lutheran Church, Eau Claire) and Fr. Derek Sakowski, ( St. Mary's Church, Altoona, and St. Raymond's Church, near Brackett), will present "Lutherans and Catholics – 500 Years Later" at St. John Lutheran Church, 1804 Highland Ave., Eau Claire, on Thursday, October 26, at 6:30PM. The public is invited.