

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:				
Tuesday	November 21	6:30 PM	NO Mass in Spring Valley	
Wednesday	November 22	7:30 PM	NO Mass in Elmwood	
		7:00 PM	Spring Valley Community Ecumenical Service	at Sacred Heart Spring Valley
Thursday	November 27 Thanksgiving	8:00 AM	NO Prayer Service	
Friday	November 24	1:30 PM	NO Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	

CHRIST THE KING				
Saturday	November 25	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Hank Hince (Elmwood Altar and Rosary)
Sunday	November 26	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Rene Sailer (Nick and Amy Johnson)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Paul Howard (Howard Family)

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 November 11-12 , 2017
“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$1655.00	\$258.30
Spring Valley	\$1281.00	\$208.75

Elmwood News

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 in the church entrance.

Spring Valley News

Ministry Schedule for Spring Valley: The schedule for Dec - Feb is available for pick up in the back of church today.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: The Diocese has recorded \$10,685 contributed toward our \$20,375 target. Thank you so for your generosity. You can view our progress on the DAA thermometer posted on the bulletin board.

The adoration chapel will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 23-24. It will be open on December 21-22 and December 28-29.

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News for All

Father Prince Traveling to India: Father Prince is gone to India and will be out of the country 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 you have a pastoral emergency while Father Prince is gone, please contact Father James Kurzynski at St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie at 715-232-4922.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service: Please join us for the Spring Valley Community Ecumenical Service 2017 This year it will be at our own Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday November 22, 2017, 7:00PM This is a great way to celebrate Thanksgiving with the other churches in our community, and hear some great music as well. The service is usually under an hour, followed by hot cider, coffee and desert at the Brother Michael Center.

CATHOLIC AND LUTHERAN CONTINUING EDUCATION: The planning group for the October 29 "From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017" Prayer Service has scheduled four sessions of Catholic/Lutheran continuing education. The third session is Tuesday, November 28, Notre Dame Catholic Church, 117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls at 7:00PM. Enter the former school which is between the Church and the Hyde Center from Allen St. Presenters are Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones, Associate Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, and Fr. John Schultz, Chaplain at HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Hospitals. Content includes a historical sketch of the Lutheran Reformation and the Catholic response plus basic themes of Luther's theology in light of Lutheran/Catholic dialogue. The public is invited. The final sessions will be December 5.

The St. John's Men's 17th Annual Chili & Oyster Stew Supper: Wednesday, December 13th 4:30pm – 8pm @ St. John's Lutheran Church Spring Valley STH 29/Church St. Meal includes Oyster Stew, Chili, rolls, bars and beverages "Free will offering" Also a Bake and Craft Sale and Quilt Raffle. Sponsored by the WELCA

Parenting Webinar Series – Becoming a Family: Becoming a family isn't difficult. But, becoming a great family takes effort. Join Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen on Tuesday, November 21st at 7PM to find out what four tasks great families have in common and how to incorporate them into your home. Register at diolc.org/marriage/webinars/ today.

Spring Valley Health and Rehab Center Circle of Love: Everyone is invited to the lighting of the Circle of Love wreaths will be December 2nd at 4:30 pm at the Spring Valley Health and Rehab Center. If you wish to make a donation please see the flyers in the back of church.

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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