

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	January 30	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	Kathy Sabelko (Jerry Sabelko)
Wednesday	January 31	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Mary Weix-Shimek (Robert Weix)
Thursday	February 1	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley Mass at SVHCC	+Mickey Traynor (Dave & Rita Johnson) +Tom & Gloria Ryan (Ryan Family)
Friday	February 2	8:00 AM 1:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home	+Louise Sowatzke (Kathy & Tom Birkel) +Leroy Keenlyne (Wayne & pat Nohelty)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	February 3	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+ Tom Mountain (Marge Leehe)
Sunday	February 4	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Adeline Crownhart (Steve & Carol Lecheler)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Lorne Hanson (Hanson Family)

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 January 20-21st, 2018
“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 700.00	\$ 157.25
Spring Valley	\$ 1761.00	\$ 111.57

PASTORAL REFLECTION
Jesus taught them with authority (Mk 1:21-28)
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Recently, I came upon the acceptance speech of Mother Teresa when she was awarded the Nobel Prize for peace in 1979. She too speaks with much authority. But she begins her speech with the prayer for peace attributed to St Francis of Assisi: “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!”

So, it seems that there are different types of authority. There is the authority that is arrogant, domineering and life-threatening. There is the type of authority that is gentle, inviting and life-giving.

In the gospel passage of today, Mark tells us that Jesus “taught them with authority” (Mk 1:22), and again after the cure of the man possessed by an unclean spirit, the Gospel tells us: “The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. ‘Here is a teaching that is new’ they said ‘and with authority behind it’” (Mk 1:27). What type of authority did Jesus exercise? ‘Authority’ can be understood in different ways. When someone delivers a good lecture on a topic that they are an expert in, we could say, they are an authority in that topic. Then, there is the political authority. But surely, Jesus’ authority is neither of the two, though there is some reference to his wisdom in the admiration of the people.



In any case, as we see in the gospel text of today, the authority of Jesus was a life-enhancing authority. He uses his authority to bring wholeness to the man possessed by unclean spirit. He uses his authority to assure in the Kingdom of God.

The authority of Jesus that we are invited to share is not like of a large imposing tree, which suppresses all other shrubs under its shadow not allowing any form of life around it. But it is like an elegant slender tree that welcomes different forms of life to thrive around it.

Jesus’ authority was like that elegant slender tree. It had its root in God. It was gentle, inviting and life-giving.

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Elmwood News

Fazoli's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Hosted by the Elmwood CCD Program and Co-Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 191. The event will be at the Elmwood Auditorium on Wed. Feb. 7th from 5-8 PM. The meal is your choice of spaghetti/fettuccine, breadsticks, garden salad, beverages, and enjoys homemade desserts and Culver's custard. Take-out is available. Tickets are being sold at this time. \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Cash donations are welcome. Please purchase tickets by Feb. 1st; there will be a limited number of tickets available at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Elmwood CCD Programs. For information please contact Marilyn Bowell, DRE at 715-664-8975. (Please contact Marilyn if you or your business would like to donate a door prize for the event.)

Altar & Rosary: Please join us for Coffee and Rolls after 8:30 am Mass today in the Church Basement.

Our Prayer Circle is in need of more people. When prayers are requested, we call the next person on the Circle. If we get a recording, we call the next name and leave a message until we actually talk to a person. If anyone is interested in joining the Circle, or is presently on the Prayer Circle and would like to be removed, call Anna 715-639-4311

The Sesquicentennial Anniversary of our LaCrosse Diocese (1868-2018) 'Feed My Lambs' book is available. A sample of the book is in the back of each church to look at. Cost for the book is \$30. Please see Father to receive your copy of the book. Make checks payable to "Elmwood Sacred Heart Church"

Our churches old snow blower (two stage electric start) is for sale---any offer will be considered. Call Tom Weber at 715-941-1811.

Spring Valley News

10th Annual Right To Life Breakfast will be Sunday, January 28th 9am-12:30pm in the Brother Michael Center. Free-will donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the financial, emotional, and spiritual support of area women in need of pregnancy assistance. Please join us for a great cause and share in a delicious breakfast with wonderful community fellowship! Public welcome!

Annual PCCW Meeting : Will be held, Monday, January 29 at 6:30pm in the Brother Michael Center. All are welcome to participate come with your ideas for the coming year. Looking for someone to head the committee for the St. Patrick's dinner. Please contact Liz Erickson or Peg Vorlicek by January 29.

Eucharistic Adoration: We are looking for two or more people to permanently take over the noon - 1:00 hour and the 1:00 - 2:00 hour of Eucharistic adoration on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Laura Buchal at 715-772-4452 for more information.

The Sesquicentennial Anniversary The Diocesan 150th Anniversary Books - Feed My Lambs - The cost is \$30. Please make checks payable to the parish. Contact the parish office if you would like to purchase a copy.

DAA Update: With a recent pledge, \$18346.01 of our \$20375 Diocesan Annual Appeal target has been paid. Thank you so much.

SVSSP Social Sunday's event: Will be today, Sunday, January 28th. Aarynn Bosshart will be providing live music with a "Java Jive" feel. There will be soup and chili served with bread and crackers, dessert, and coffee. Lunch served at noon, with activities to follow. Join us at St. John's Fellowship Hall Noon-2pm. Please find the SV Seniors Staying Put February events flyer at the entrances of the church.

Spring Valley Community Food Shelf: Sacred Heart Parish is responsible for donating items in the months of February and July. Please leave non perishable food items in the back of church. Monetary donations should be made out to the "Spring Valley Food Shelf". We will deliver the monies and items to the food shelf on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in February. Thank you.

News for All

This Week in FORMED: This week we celebrate the Feast Day of St. John Bosco. Discover the inspiring story of this brave priest who, inspired by Our Lord, cared for the homeless, outcast boys of Turin, Italy with incredible creativity and profound charity. Through his love for them he was able to introduce them to Christ. See the incredible joys and trials of great saint in the movie St. John Bosco: Mission to Love, featured on the home page at 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**

Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast- St Henry Parish Center – Eau Galle, WI Saturday, Feb 10th – serving from 7:30am-11:30am \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, children 5 and younger eat free For tickets, contact Gary Asher – 715.283.4451 Proceeds will be used by St Henry Watermark Mission for natural disaster recovery efforts. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Ins.. Branch #191

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018, and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for all those in consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

"**Human life** must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11).

