

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (5-5).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood
+Shirley Ann Jensen (Dan & Janice Schuler)
Tuesday (5-6).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Bernard Grant (Jeff & Rose Brunner Family)
Wednesday (5-7).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Henry Geraets (Gertrude Geraets)
Thursday (5-8).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Viola Krings (Gordon & May Delong)
Friday (5-9).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Harlan Radue (George & Shelly Ibach)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday (5-10).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Ray & Bing Asher 65th Wedding Anniversary (Asher family)
Sunday (5-11).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Art Bonnes (Betty Garside)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa pro populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Spring Valley Home Bound Eucharistic Ministers Needed: If you are interested or available to offer your time and service to bringing Holy Communion to the home bound on Thursday mornings please contact Gene Bauer (772-4430) or Rita Johnson (778-4295).

Elmwood Centennial Planning Committee: Meets on **Wednesday, May 7** after the 7:30 PM Mass. All are invited to attend and help in planning the celebration of our parish's centennial on July 20!

Elmwood Mother's Day Flower Sale: The annual Mother's day flower sale will take place after the 8 PM Vigil mass in Elmwood on May 10. This is a free will donation with the proceeds going towards the youth of the parish to help with the cost of retreats and youth rallies. Thank you for your generous support of our youth!

Centennial memento ornaments of Sacred Heart, Elmwood, will be available for sale after the Saturday night Masses on May 3 and May 10. (These make great *Mother's Day* gifts!) The ornaments will next be offered on June 7 and 14. You can also contact Lois Freiermuth (639-3307), Sharon Weber (639-3322), or Susan Pitman (235-2827).

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 PM
Spring Valley
Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM
Elmwood
Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM
Boyceville

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Boyceville
Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM
Spring Valley

Interparish Finance Council:

Meets on **Tuesday, May 6** at 7PM in the Spring Valley CCD Center. Council members please notify the Central Office if unable to attend. Thank you.

Elmwood Altar & Rosary Society:

The next Altar and Rosary Society meeting is scheduled is on **May 8 at 7pm**. Come and join us!

Elmwood Centennial Fact: In 1946 Father John Agnew was appointed pastor. After only a few months he was succeeded by Father Louis Paquette.

St. Luke's: Potluck Brunch on **Sunday, May 11th** (Mother's Day) will honor our high school graduates and the altar servers. Please plan to attend!

St. Luke's: Roses will be available for sale after Mass on Mother's Day. Proceeds from the sale of the roses goes to Pro-Life.

OUR KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus
Council 6599
Grand Knight Mark Alfuth
Meets first Thursday
8:00 PM at Elmwood

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 3:00 PM**.

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www.svecatholic.org

“STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)

Congratulations to Deacons Billy Dodge and Charlie Richmond who were ordained by Bishop Callahan at our Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman on Saturday morning! They are ordained as so-called “transitional” deacons. However, the term “transitional” can lead to misunderstandings. They are not transitionally deacons in the sense that they will cease being deacons at some point. No, once ordained as a deacon the man always remains in his very being a deacon. The term “transitional” is used in the sense that ministering as a deacon is not the end (in the sense of “goal”) of their vocational journey. Rather, the goal is for them to be ordained to the priesthood and serve God and His people in that vocation. This is different from our own Deacon Kevin Ray whose diaconal ministry is sometimes referred to as “permanent” insofar as diaconate indeed *is* the end (in the sense of “goal”) of his vocational journey. He was not ordained with a view to him one day becoming a priest. No, he was ordained to minister as a deacon for his lifetime. We very much look forward to welcoming Deacon Billy Dodge to our parishes next weekend and prayerfully accompany him to his ordination to the priesthood, God willing, in June 2015! In the meantime, how good God is to our parishes! For the next year we benefit from the ministry of not one, but *two* deacons!

By universal and diocesan Church law there are **two bodies of consultation** at the parish level, namely, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. The basic task of the **Parish Pastoral Council**, “is to **serve**, at institutional level, the **orderly collaboration of the faithful** in the **development of pastoral activity** which is **proper to priests**. The Pastoral Council is thus a **consultative** organ in which the faithful, expressing their **baptismal responsibility**, can **assist the parish priest**, who **presides** at the Council, by offering their **advice** on pastoral matters” (Congregation for the Clergy, *Instruction on the Priest: Pastor and Leader of the Parish Community*, 26). More concretely, the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to **investigate** pastoral matters, to **consider** them thoroughly, and to **propose** practical conclusions about them. The Pastoral Council’s task is, first of all, to **study** those matters brought to its attention and shed light on them. Its second task is to **reflect** on them thoroughly, to discern their true nature, to evaluate and to ponder them. Its final task is to draw sound **conclusions**. The Pastoral Council presents these conclusions to the Pastor in the form of **recommendations**.

According to the norms for Parish Pastoral Councils in our Diocese of La Crosse (*On Consultation in the Parish and Deanery*, 19-20), two-thirds of the members are **elected** by parishioners and one-third are **appointed** by the Pastor. Members serve a **two-year term that can be renewed twice**. In our parishes, the terms of some members of the Pastoral Council are expiring. **Please give prayerful consideration to the nomination of their replacements**. To nominate a parishioner (including yourself) simply **submit the name (or names) of the nominee(s) in writing** by placing it in the offertory collection basket, mailing it to the Central Office, or emailing it to my Administrative Assistant, Becky Schmitt (admin@svecatholic.org). **Nominations close after the last Mass of Sunday, May 11. Elections** in all three parishes will be held the weekend of May 17-18.

Please keep in mind that a parishioner is **eligible** to serve on the Pastoral Council who: (1) is at least sixteen years of age; (2) is baptized, confirmed, and registered member of the parish in full communion with the Catholic Church; (3) is willing and able to serve for the elected or appointed term; (4) is a contributing member of the parish in prayer, time, talent and treasure; and (5) maintains a public posture not inconsistent with the teachings of the Church. In order to serve fruitfully on the Pastoral Council, the councilor should be **wise and prudent** – a committed Catholic with the capacity for study, for reflection, and for reaching sound conclusions. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Father Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Stewardship for April 26-27

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Easter
Spring Valley	\$1297.00	\$231.42	\$117.00
Elmwood	\$1005.00	\$99.73	
Boyceville	\$450.00	\$93.00	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Mater Redemptoris House of Formation,

LaCrosse: is hosts Summer Immersion weeks for high school age girls interested in getting a closer look at religious life. The first Summer Immersion week is June 22-28 for younger girls and those who have not been to the House of Formation before. The second Summer Immersion week is July 6 -12 and is for those who have attended House programs in the past or for juniors, seniors and new graduates. The cost is \$150 for the week. Contact Sister M. Luka at materredmptoris@gmail.com for information.

Elmwood Centennial Mass Choir Voices Needed:

On **Sunday, July 20** there will be a 9:00 AM mass at Elmwood celebrating the parish’s centennial and also the 25th year of ordination for Father Louis. Those children and adults interested and able to volunteer their voices for this mass are invited to join the choir and help it be a full and joyous celebration!

Catholic Charities provides FREE and CONFIDENTIAL Pregnancy Support Services to individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy. A team of experienced social workers are available 24/7 to listen, provide information, support and referrals in regard to financial assistance, prenatal care, parenting information and more. Contact 715.832.6644 or visit us online at www.cclse.org.

Altar and Rosary Society: All chair positions have been filled and the new chairs are as follows: St. Ann’s Group—Dana Hince, chair; Dawn Hartung; co-chair. St. Elizabeth’s Group—Lynette Bates, chair; Susan Pitman, co-chair. St. Joseph’s Group—Kitty McCardle and Karen Peterson, co-chairs. St. Rita’s Group—Mary Baier, chair; Carol Lecheler, co-chair. Thank you. ~Kathy Geraets, President.

