

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (7-21).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood

+John Feuker (Juanita Bates)

Tuesday (7-22).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Leo & Frances Huebel (Julie Ducklow)

Wednesday (7-23).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood

+Walter Bechel (Bob & Kathy Geraets)

Thursday (7-24).....8:00 AM MASS at Spring Valley

+Johnny and Lorraine Zignego (Ron Zignego)

Friday (7-25).....8:00AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood

+Elizabeth Schaefer (Jeff and Susan Pitman)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (7-26).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

Missa pro populo

Sunday (7-27).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+Joe Cernohous (Betty Garside)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Rosalie & Brendan Moran (Moran Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Mission Co-op Appeal: Thank you to those who generously contributed to the Mission Coop Appeal! For those who were unable to contribute last week please note that contribution envelopes for the Mission Co-op Appeal are still available and located at the entrances of Church. **Please make checks payable to the parish and in the memo line put "Mission Coop Appeal".** All gathered proceeds will be directed to the Diocesan Mission Office. You may mail in your donation to the Central Office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!

History of Brothers St. Pius X Book Sale and Book Signing: On Sunday, August 10 after the 10:30 AM mass at the Spring Valley CCD Center there will be a book sale and book signing of Br. Michael's "*History of the Brothers of St. Pius X*". A celebration will also be held for Br. Michael's 60th anniversary of his religious profession as a member of the Brothers of St. Pius x. Come and help Br. Michael celebrate!

Silver Jubilee Brunch: The Altar Society of St. Luke's is hosting a brunch following the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday, July 27, in honor of Father Louis' Silver Jubilee. All are welcome!

Spring Valley PCCW: meets on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30 PM in the CCD Center.

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

There are many hours in need of immediate prayer partners for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Contact Laura Buchal for information at 715-772-4452.

Elmwood Centennial Fact:

Father Kevin Louis, our present pastor was born February 22, 1963 in Marshfield, WI. He was ordained July 22, 1989 and he serves as pastor of Sacred Heart, Spring Valley, Sacred Heart, Elmwood and St. Luke's of Boyceville.

History of the Brothers of St.

Pius X: Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of Br. Michael Mandernach's excellent history of the Brothers of St. Pius X, please contact the Central Office.

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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“STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERN” (Luke 22:3)

Spring Valley and Boyceville welcome Father Larry Berger who celebrates Masses this weekend.

Father Berger was one of my religion teachers at Marshfield Columbus High School in the 1970s. We are most grateful for his continuing generous priestly service in his retirement!

Today Sacred Heart Parish Elmwood celebrated 100 years of faith with a special Mass at 9:00 AM. Sales for the centennial dinner have closed but **at the Village of Elmwood Auditorium there will be games, snacks, auctions, and other fun throughout the day until 3:00 PM. At 2:00 PM cake will be served in honor of my 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. All are welcome to join in the festivities!**

I thoroughly enjoyed all the science classes I had at Marshfield Columbus High School. Chemistry, physics, and biology really captured my imagination. It was fascinating to learn how **ecosystems and living beings grew, adapted, changed, and died**. Even before getting into high school I had already “caught” a love of history from my father. I devoured books chronicling various individuals, peoples, and events. Here, too, I was intrigued by **us human beings and the stories of our choices that comprise the vicissitudes of history**. My fascination with human history and with the ability of living beings to change and adapt are, in fact, intimately connected.

So, for example, **a parish – like any institution comprised of us humans marked by the sin of Adam – is a living being and the study of its history gives us some (much-needed!) perspective on challenges we must face in the “now” of our existence**. Sadly, it is possible for a parish to issue its own death sentence – both from the perspective of sociology and, more importantly, from the perspective of the spiritual life. It may happen that the individuals who are its members and the parish as a whole choose to **ignore the fact** that circumstances have changed, that the world has changed, that our nation has changed, that our community has changed – and that the pace of these and other changes continues to accelerate. It is **a choice to become ossified in yesterday as yesterday**. **“We’ve always done it this way!” is the rallying cry. Such a choice renders the individuals and the parish as a whole unable to grow – above all, spiritually – because it dismisses any intervention of God, any adaptation, any new path God may be opening up through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This choice is tragic because it does not allow the parish to move forward into a hope-filled future, the future that God desires**. A parish such as this is a corpse, or at least its death rattle is becoming loud enough for all to hear.

Such perspectives are opened up before our eyes as we rejoice in the centennial of Sacred Heart Parish in Elmwood whose “mother” is Saint Nicholas Parish of Farm Hill (1883-1949). When examining Sharon Fleming’s compilation of the Elmwood parish’s history, **it is striking how truly alive – humanly and spiritually – Saint Nicholas and Sacred Heart Parishes have been throughout more than a century! The remarkable ability of the parishes to adapt and change is evidenced by the incredible number of groups and organizations that have existed – and ceased to exist – over these many decades as well as the varied ways in which the priestly care of souls has been organized. So at different times various needs were perceived among the parishioners and then a group or organization was founded to meet those needs. And when the need no longer existed or when the group refused to adapt to changing needs, organizations died. The same is true with regard to the configuration by which the priestly care of souls is delivered – Saint Nicholas and Sacred Heart were established and served by priests coming from Plum City or Eau Galle, Saint Nicholas was suppressed and combined with Sacred Heart, and eventually multiple parishes shared one Pastor once again just like at the origins of the parishes**. In all this there has been a lively attentiveness to changing circumstances and God’s will. **Changes in our parishes are signs of life and the willingness of parishioners to follow God where He is leading today**. Our ancestors in the faith here knew this and lived it. Our history shows it. And so **we cannot be surprised by – or reject – new paths down which the Lord desires to lead us as He advances His Kingdom moving into our second 100 years in Elmwood!**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Very Rev. Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Stewardship for July 12-13				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Mission Coop Appeal	DAA Rebate
Spring Valley	\$1542	\$78.48	\$1085.25	\$630
Elmwood	\$3103.80	\$105	\$480	\$540
Boyceville	\$724	\$115	\$583	\$120

BRIEFLY NOTED

Witnesses for Christ Conference: On **August 8-9** at the La Crosse Convention Center a conference will be held featuring three tracks: 1) Evangelization 2) Parents as Partners with the Parish 3) Confirmation Program “Chosen” and “Acts One Eight” with guidance on how to implement. **Dr. Scott Hahn**, a noted speaker will be the keynote on Saturday. Contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org or call 608-791-2658. Brochures are available at entrances of Church.

You are invited: The family of Br. Michael Mandernach invites all to join them to celebrate his 60th anniversary of religious profession on **Sunday, August 3. Mass will be celebrated at 12:00PM in St. Martin Catholic Church, in St. Martin, MN followed by a reception at the Silver Spur in St. Martin**. The homily will be preached by one of Br. Michael’s former student, Msgr. Michael Gorman. All are welcome!

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille: has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For *confidential information* about or to register for the program beginning with a Weekend on August 15-17, 2014, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) or email: centralwi@retrouvaille.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The Weekend is held at the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon.

Holy Rosary Parish of Lima Fall Festival: will be held on **Sunday, August 24th** beginning with a Polka Mass at 10AM. A Roast Beef Dinner, Games, Silent Auction and Raffle are all a part of the festivities. Holy Rosary Parish is located 6 miles east of Durand off Highway 10 on County Road V. All are welcome to come and help celebrate!

