

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (12-29).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood
+Joseph Jensen (Dale and Mary Ann Jensen)
Tuesday (12-30).....NO MASS

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Wednesday (12-31).....4:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Spring Valley
+Percy and Rochelle Lansing (John and Nancy Ellingson)
8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa Pro Populo

Thursday (1-1).....**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**
Friday (1-2).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday (1-3).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa pro populo

Sunday (1-4).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+John Knops (Judy Knops)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Homebound, Nursing Home Residents, Military & Religious People

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to Andrew Isaac Piazza infant son of Victor and Leah Piazza who is reborn in the **Sacrament of Baptism** at Boyceville. "Remember, Lord, Andrew who through Baptism has been joined to your family, that he may follow Christ, your Son, with a generous heart and a willing spirit" (Roman Missal, 974).

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Clarence Pittman** of Elmwood/Plum City who died this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Clarence from all sins, that he who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Spring Valley Diocesan Annual Appeal update: 84 families pledged \$16,750. An additional \$2,134 is needed to meet our DAA target.

St. Luke's Diocesan Annual Appeal Update: We have collected \$5720 toward the goal of \$5986 or 95.5%. Thank you to all who have contributed so far and encouraging others to join us in attaining our goal!

St. Luke's: Thank you to those who furnished the Christmas tree, helped decorate and donated money to purchase poinsettias. The beautiful decorations add so much to worship!

CONFESSIONS

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

Spring Valley Adoration Chapel will be CLOSED Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2.

Thank You: Tom & Sharon Weber would like to thank the Sacred Heart Quilters for the beautiful quilt Tom won in the Altar & Rosary raffle drawing on Dec. 11th. It will be treasured for years to come. Thank You.

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society:

Listings for our beautiful memorial Altar flowers this year can be found by the church entrances. Thank you for all who donated in memory of your loved ones and to St. Elizabeth's group for all their work in making our church so special to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

St. Joseph's, Prescott: Msgr Mark Pierce will be speaking on the Bible at St. Joseph's in Prescott on Wednesday evening, **January 7th**. Evening will start at 5 pm with a supper and presentation will start at 5:30PM. For more information call Barb Schneider at 715-647-2122.

Lay Formation Institute: Registration is underway for the next 2 year cycle of the Lay Formation Institute. Classes begin Fall 2015. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at www.dioc.org/layformation. For more information, contact Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, at (608) 791-2664.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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www.svecatholic.org

Thank you to all those who made the *liturgical celebration of our Savior’s birth* so prayerful and beautiful at our parishes – cleaners, decorators, custodians, sacristans, readers, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, musicians, vocalists, and instrumentalists, Brother Michael, Deacon Kevin Ray, and each one of you through your participation! May the many graces the Lord Jesus bestowed upon us at Christmas bear much fruit in our parishes in 2015!

On behalf of Brother Michael, Deacons Kevin Ray and Billy Dodge, and in my own name, thank you for your *kindness and generosity to us* during this sacred season. We are most grateful for the many cards, notes, and gifts (many gifts being edible and quite delicious!) that have been delivered to the rectories. We appreciate, too, your words of encouragement written in so many cards and the assurances of your prayers. May you and your loved ones have a very blessed New Year! You are daily remembered in our prayers.

In 1981 Saint John Paul II made the following observations on the **Holy Family of Nazareth** in his *Apostolic Exhortation On The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*: “Through God’s mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the **prototype and example for all Christian families**. It was unique in the world. Its life was passed in anonymity and silence in a little town in Palestine. It underwent trials of poverty, persecution and exile. It glorified God in an incomparably exalted and pure way. And it will not fail to help Christian families – indeed, all the families in the world – to be faithful to their day-to-day duties, to bear the cares and tribulations of life, to be open and generous to the needs of others, and to fulfill with joy the plan of God in their regard” (86). To promote family life and build up devotion to the Holy Family, **this Sunday’s Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** was established for the Church in 1921. May we frequently invoke the intercession of the Holy Family that our families may, too, be holy. **Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for our families!**

Besides, of course, being the beginning of a new calendar year, January 1 is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, a holy day of obligation for us to assist at Holy Mass. “Called in the Gospels ‘the mother of Jesus,’ Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her Son, as ‘the mother of my Lord’ (Luke 1:43; John 2:1; et. al.). In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s Eternal Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Hence, the Church confesses that Mary is truly ‘Mother of God’ (Θεοτόκος)” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 495).

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, are **New Year’s Eve, Wednesday, December 31, at Spring Valley at 4:00 pm and at Elmwood at 8:00 pm**. May the Virgin of Guadalupe – Mother of God and our mother – intercede before her Divine Son for us in 2015! *Very Rev. Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Stewardship for December 20-21			
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>			
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Christmas
Spring Valley	\$1375	\$163.41	
Elmwood	\$2040	\$474.50	\$175
Boyceville	\$370	\$129	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Are you called to be a Permanent Deacon? A Discernment Retreat for men who feel they may be called will be held Friday-Saturday, February 6-7 at St. Anthony’s Spirituality Center in Marathon. Those attending will gain first-hand experience of the program since it will coincide with a regular weekend of deacon formation. The retreat is mandatory for anyone who may wish to apply for the new class of deacon formation to begin in the fall. Spouses are asked to attend the retreat as well. To obtain an overview of the Discernment Retreat, the schedule, and a registration form, visit www.dioc.org/diaconate, or contact Christopher Ruff, Director of the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, at cruff@dioc.org or 608-791-2664.

Pro-Life Action Alert: The State of California has mandated that all health plans in its jurisdiction, including those used by churches and religious institutions cover any and all abortions. Incredible but

true. Other states are also considering such a mandate. This violates the federal Weldon Amendment, but that amendment has lacked effective enforcement. Therefore, please urge your U.S. Senators and Representative to vote for the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA) as part of must-pass funding legislation. To make your voice heard, visit www.nchla.org and click on “Action Alerts.”

Natural Family Planning Classes: The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at St. Bridget’s Church in River Falls, WI. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body.

Classes begin on Saturday, January 24th, at 9:00AM. Register at <http://twincities.ccli.org>. For more information, call 612-721-3791 or email: twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com.

