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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (8-24).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood

Private intention

Tuesday (8-25).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Marie DeMuth (Yvonne DeGross)

Wednesday (8-26)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Harvey and Bernetta Probst (Jeff and Susan Pittman)

Thursday (8-27).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Milton Sowatzke (Wayne and Lucy Lindbom)

Friday (8-28).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Juanita Bates (Jerry and Julie Hannack)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (8-29).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Clarence, Alice and John Koch (Bill and Anna Crownhart)

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

+Ed Hobbick (Joan Bisson-Harris)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to Kensey Ann Keenlyne infant daughter of Michael and Hayley Keenlyne who is reborn in the ***Sacrament of Baptism*** at Elmwood. "Remember, Lord, Kensey who through Baptism has been joined to your family, that she may follow Christ, your Son, with a generous heart and a willing spirit" (*Roman Missal*, 974).

Congratulations to ***Brandon and Jasmine (Bauer) Durrence*** who were joined in the ***Sacrament of Matrimony at Spring Valley*** this weekend. "Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage, Brandon and Jasmine, whom you have brought happily to their wedding day, that under your protection they may always be faithful in their lives to the covenant they have sealed in your presence" (*Roman Missal*, 1027).

Congratulations to ***James and Berneice (Asher) Krings*** who will be joined in the ***Sacrament of Matrimony at Elmwood*** this week. "Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage, James and Berneice, whom you have brought happily to their wedding day, that under your protection they may always be faithful in their lives to the covenant they have sealed in your presence" (*Roman Missal*, 1027).

Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley: Anyone interested in signing up for a regular hour of adoration can fill out one of the forms located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection. Contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 or ssf@wwt.net for more information.

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

Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM

Spring Valley

Interparish Finance Council:

will meet on Tuesday, September 1 at 7PM in the Brother Michael Center in Spring Valley. Councilors please alert the Central Office if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

Heritage of Elmwood Pie & Ice Cream Social:

The Heritage of Elmwood invites everyone to attend the Pie and Ice Cream Social, being held on Wednesday, August 26th from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. We will be serving Barbeques and Pie and Ice Cream. Free Will Offering. Rich Schroeder will be entertaining. We look forward to seeing you there.

Elmwood CCD Program:

New parish families interested in registering their children in our CCD education program, please contact Marilyn Bowell, CRE at 715-664-8975.

St. Luke's Rosary Makers:

will meet September 3rd and 17th at 6:30PM in the church dining hall. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Spring Valley DAA Update:

We were short of our target goal by \$1,671.95. The parish paid in that amount. If you haven't mailed in your pledges yet for the Diocesan Appeal, please do so as soon as possible

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We are happy to have with us many *guests present for the dedication of the Brother Michael Catholic Center* of Sacred Heart Parish in Spring Valley. We especially welcome many former members of the Brothers of Saint Pius X as well as family of Brother Michael. It is also a joy to have with us Monsignor Michael Gorman, the Moderator of the Curia of our Diocese of La Crosse and long-time friend of the Brothers. In the renaming of the Catholic Catechetical Center we *honor our beloved Brother Michael Mandernach as well as all those who have been a part of our diocesan community of consecrated life, the Brothers of Saint Pius X*. The very public display of Brother Michael’s name and the shield of the Brothers of Saint Pius X on the Center is *not meant merely as an acknowledgement of their many years of service or their wonderful humanity*. Oh, yes, it is that, but it is so much more! *Every time we pass by the Center or enter it for some parish or community function, the radicalness of the Gospel lived by Brother Michael and his religious community should challenge us to live more deeply our relationship with Christ through His Body, the Church.*

I borrow that phrase “radicalism of the Gospel” from *Saint John Paul II* in his *I Will Give You Shepherds* (1992). Our late great Holy Father spoke of the radicalism of the Gospel as a summary of Jesus’ proclamation in the synagogue of his home town of Nazareth: “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*” (Luke 4:18). Saint John Paul II explains: “*The Spirit is not simply ‘upon’ the Messiah, but He ‘fills’ Him, penetrating every part of Him and reaching to the very depths of all that He is and does*. Indeed, the Spirit is the *principle of the ‘consecration’ and ‘mission’* of the Messiah: ‘Because He has anointed me and sent me to preach good news to the poor’ (see Luke 4:18). Through the Spirit, Jesus *belongs totally and exclusively to God and shares in the infinite holiness of God, who calls Him, chooses Him, and sends Him forth*. In this way the Spirit of the Lord is revealed as the *source of holiness and of the call to holiness.*”

What does this have to do with us? Saint John Paul II continues: “*This same ‘Spirit of the Lord’ is ‘upon’ the entire People of God, which becomes established as a people ‘consecrated’ to God and ‘sent’ by God to announce the Gospel of salvation*. The members of the People of God are ‘inebriated’ and ‘sealed’ with the Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12:13; 2 Corinthians 1:21ff; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30) and called to holiness. In particular, the Spirit *reveals to us and communicates the fundamental calling* which the Father addresses to everyone from all eternity: the *vocation to be ‘holy and blameless before Him . . . in love’ by virtue of our predestination to be His adopted children through Jesus Christ* (see Ephesians 1:4-5). This is not all. By *revealing and communicating this vocation* to us, the Spirit becomes within us the *principle and wellspring of its fulfillment*. He, the Spirit of the Son (see Galatians 4:6), *configures us to Christ Jesus and makes us sharers in His life as Son, that is, sharers in His life of love for the Father and for our brothers and sisters*. ‘If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit’ (Galatians 5:15). In these words the Apostle Paul reminds us that *a Christian life is a ‘spiritual life,’ that is, a life enlivened and led by the Spirit toward holiness or the perfection of charity.*”

The saintly Pope from Poland summarizes: “*For all Christians without exception, the radicalism of the Gospel represents a fundamental, undeniable demand flowing from the call of Christ to follow and imitate Him by virtue of the intimate communion of life with Him brought about by the Spirit.*” As consecrated religious, the Brothers of Saint Pius X embraced what Saint John Paul II calls “a particularly significant expression of the radicalism of the Gospel: the different ‘*evangelical counsels*’ which Jesus proposes in the Sermon on the Mount (see Matthew 5-7), and among them the intimately related counsels of *obedience, chastity, and poverty.*” The witness of the Brothers of Saint Pius X in living this radicalism of the Gospel in the vows of obedience, chastity, and poverty is meant to inspire us to also live the radicalism of the Gospel according to our particular vocation in life – as a married person, as a person living a dedicated single life, or as a Priest or Deacon. *As we are reminded of their witness of life through the Brother Michael Catholic Center, may each of us follow Brother Michael and the Brothers of Saint Pius in living more deeply in our own lives the radicalism of the Gospel – life in the Holy Spirit who is upon us.*

Last week it was announced that *our Deanery is losing yet another Pastor beyond recently-departed Father Matzek of Big River. Father Nathan of Ellsworth will be returning to his native India at the end of September.* Father Nathan has been so incredibly generous in celebrating funerals in my absence as well as covering the Saturday Vigil Mass on those weekends when I am in Marathon for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program. He has been an inspiration for us with his joyful love of the Lord especially in the celebration of the Holy Mass. We have the opportunity to thank Father Nathan before he leaves as he celebrates Mass in Elmwood one last time on September 12. Please remember in your prayers Father Nathan and our neighbors at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

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

Stewardship for August 15-16				
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles	Roof Fund
Spring Valley	\$1296	\$149.31		\$20
Elmwood	\$825	\$104.34	\$37.88	
Boyceville	\$545	\$60		

BRIEFLY NOTED

St. Luke's: Volunteers needed for Parish Work Days

Wednesday, August 26th - 9 a.m.- Painting of dining hall

Thursday, August 27th - Demolition of concrete entry area and reform

Friday, August 28th - Pour new concrete entry area

For more information contact Joe Pieters at 715-643-4431 or Ben Mrdutt at bmrdudd@gmail.com

