

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (8-31).....NO MASS

Tuesday (9-1).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Milton Sowatzke (Wayne and Lucy Lindbom)

Wednesday (9-2)7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Joseph and Elizabeth Schaefer (Jeff and Susan Pitman)

Thursday (9-3).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Matthew Marvel (Dave and Rita Johnson)

10:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley Health Care Center

Private Intention

Friday (9-4).....NO *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Virginia Fischer (Adeline Crownhart)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (9-5).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

Missa pro Populo

Sunday (9-6).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+Ellen Smith (James Smith)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Joanne and Jennifer Parker (Una Kannel-Jenny)

BRIEFLY NOTED

St. Luke's Council of Catholic Women Durand Deanery Fall Meeting: The Durand Deanery Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, at 7 pm. The host PCCW is Holy Rosary, Lima. The guest speaker will be Matthew Canter. His presentation will be "Evangelizing the Faithful: Reengaging Catholics in the Pews." If you can attend, please contact Betty Jean Smith 715-265-7157.

Confirmation Students Important Dates:

Sunday, September 27 - Confirmation Retreat - starting with 10:30 am Mass and going until about 4:00PM. SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you. Sign up for Confirmation liturgy.

Sunday, October 4 - Spring Valley Students Confirmation interviews: schedule handed out at retreat. Sign up when you hand in your materials.

Wednesday, October 14 @ 7:00 - 8:00 - Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Joes Menomonie SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you.

Saturday, October 17 @ 6:30 - **CONFIRMATION** @ St. Joes Menomonie, reception follows in church basement.

St Luke's: St Joan of Arc Circle will meet at 9AM on Saturday, September 5th at the Downing Café. We begin our second year of bible study with an introduction "Being Disciples of Jesus."

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM

Elmwood

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Boyceville

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM

Spring Valley

No Adoration at St. Luke's on Monday September 7 due to Labor Day. Adoration will resume Monday, September 14.

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.

Spring Valley CCD

Registration: will take place on Sunday, September 13 after the 10:30AM mass in the Brother Michael Catholic Center.

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.

St. Luke's Altar Society Meeting:

A quarterly Altar Society meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the dining hall. All women of the parish should try to attend. Thank you.

St. Luke's: Knights of Columbus is starting at St. Luke's Church.

Starting immediately, we are looking for members of St Luke's Parish to join the Tri-Parish Knights of Columbus council. All meetings will be at Boyceville or Elmwood. For information contact Paul Zimmerman or Pat Flynn.

Elmwood Altar and Rosary

Society: will meet on September 10 at 7PM in the Church Basement.

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There are many voices in our culture and in the Church who, by word and example, proclaim and defend the truth about the *dignity of every human being* – a truth we can come to affirm by reason as well as by the light of faith. In recent weeks, I have highlighted some of these voices. This week I offer you the most recent weekly column of *Bishop Thomas Paprocki* who is a very talented hockey player and the chief shepherd of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. In his column (dio.org), Bishop Paprocki quotes extensively from Abraham Lincoln. Bishop Paprocki writes: “In his Proclamation calling for ‘*A Day of National Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer in the United States of America*’ on April 30, 1863, *President Abraham Lincoln* said that ‘*it is the duty of all nations as well as of men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.*’ President Lincoln went on to ‘request all the People to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of their religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.’ President Lincoln lived in a time when many people thought that *African-Americans* were not fully human. The *United States Supreme Court* in fact declared as much in its infamously erroneous Dred Scott decision of 1857. But in our own time the Supreme Court continues to make wrongful decisions, as it did in 1973 in *Roe v. Wade* in deciding that *unborn babies* do not deserve the protection of the law, as well as this past June in attempting to *redefine marriage* contrary to the plan of God as described in the Book of Genesis.”

Bishop Paprocki asserts that, “as a result, our nation is in need of ‘national humiliation, fasting and prayer’ now as it was in the time of President Lincoln’s Proclamation. He said then, and we may say it even more strongly now, that *we ‘have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!’* So let us *humble ourselves and pray to Almighty God to forgive our sins*, especially the sins of abortion, sins of racism, sins against the divine and natural law of marriage, sins of greed, gluttony, anger, envy, lust, laziness and pride.

Let us ask forgiveness for our nation giving half a billion dollars every year of taxpayer money to Planned Parenthood, founded by Margaret Sanger, a proponent of eugenics who urged Americans to ‘restrict the propagation of those physically, mentally and socially inadequate’ and said that the “most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.’ We must pray for husbands and wives not to say ‘no’ to having children, but rather a profound ‘yes’ to the total giving of themselves to each other in the intimate expression of love that is open to the sacred gift of human life. We ask God to help them to see the overwhelming ‘yes’ to true and authentic love, the ‘yes’ to the other person, and the ‘yes’ to God and his beautiful plan for this great gift through which we have been given the privilege of sharing in his work of creating his greatest and most beloved treasure, human life.”

Bishop Paprocki concludes: “The Bible points us to the truth of what lies at the heart of every moral teaching of Jesus Christ and his church. In the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians, we hear him warn the people to ‘watch carefully how you live’ (5:15). He does this not because he wants to control their lives, dictating what they can and cannot do. Rather, he provides this guidance to them so that they can *experience the joy of living a Gospel-centered life*. Saint Paul knew well that those to whom he was writing were living in a culture that was not rooted in Christian values. The message that they were receiving from the world around them, the popular opinion if you will, is the same message being promoted today in our secular culture: to live for themselves, to strive for those things which will maximize their satisfaction and happiness. But that happiness is rooted in the things of the world, and not on those of God, which promise true and lasting joy. Saint Paul therefore encourages the people to ‘try to understand what is the will of the Lord’ (Ephesians 5:17). He is encouraging us to *set aside what so-called worldly knowledge and understanding propose as truth, and seek to see things from the perspective of God and his loving design for the world and human life.*”

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us!

Father Kevin C. Louis, STL

Stewardship for August 22-23

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

| | Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Roof Fund |
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| Spring Valley | \$1575 | \$276 | \$50 |
| Elmwood | \$400 | \$102 | |
| Boyceville | \$770 | \$46.25 | |

