

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-7).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood

+Tom Mountin (Bill and Roselyn Sylla)

Tuesday (9-8).....NO MASS

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

+Mary Pitman (Jeff and Susan Pitman)

Thursday (9-10).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Carol Olson (John and Nancy Ellingson)

Friday (9-11).....NO *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Frank Crownhart (Ann Webb and Family)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (9-12).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Clarence and Mildred Pittman (John and Barb Schneider)

Sunday (9-13).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

Missa pro Populo

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Brody Sotona (Sotona Family0)

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 CCD: begins Wednesday, September 9 at 6pm. All children grades 1-8 are welcome. We are also looking for mentors for these students. Any adults interested in helping with a child is welcome to attend on this date.

Elmwood Altar and Rosary: meets September 10 at 7PM in the Church Basement.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Beginning September 10, the hours for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley will change.

Adoration will begin following the 8AM Mass on Thursday and continue until Friday morning when the Communion service starts at 8AM. Anyone interested in signing up for an hour should contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452.

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:

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

St. Luke's Altar Society Meeting:

is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, at 9:30AM 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.

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Next weekend I resume my duties as the Director of Spiritual Formation in the Permanent Deacon Formation Program for our Diocese of La Crosse. There are 34 men in that program this year. Taking that into account along with the 32 young men studying to serve as our future Priests, we are very blessed! God is so good! *The fact that I have numerous responsibilities beyond the confines of our parishes is a reminder of the nature of the Church and a parish in particular.* Each of our parishes – like any parish – is a concrete manifestation of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church in a clearly defined geographical area of Pierce and Dunn Counties. It is laudable for people to have a great passion for and attachment to their parish! Would that every parishioner had that personal commitment! Unfortunately, in some people this passion and personal connection devolves into an incomplete and even warped vision of the nature of the Church and the parish. Their localized passion and personal investment sometimes leads to an inability to see beyond the boundaries of their parish. Their perception and understanding of the Church can become so narrow as to be circumscribed simply by their parish. They do not see and experience parish life as a reflection of the reality of the Church as communion as set forth in the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965): “The Church is in Christ as a sacrament or instrumental sign of intimate union with God and of the unity of all humanity” (1). Their understanding and experience of the Church and their parish reflects a “congregationalist” mentality rather than the Church as communion. The warning of Pope Francis to individuals applies equally to parishes: “Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor” (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 2). *A parish whose Pastor is shepherd of multiple communities and/or has extra-parochial responsibilities challenges the priest and parishioners to embrace a broader and deeper understanding and experience of the authentic nature of the Church and the parish as communion with “room for others.”*

So, for example, *it is certainly a deprivation for the parishes and the Pastor that he is not present for Masses on nine Saturdays and two entire weekends due to responsibilities in the Permanent Deacon Formation Program. However, could we also look at this from another perspective? Instead of simply seeing the negative of suffering and deprivation, with the eyes of faith are we able to also perceive God’s blessings and graces for the parishes and the Pastor?* Indeed, Pope Francis warns us against the temptation of becoming “querulous and disillusioned pessimists, ‘sourpusses’” (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 85). In his Letter to the Romans (8:32) Saint Paul challenges us: “God who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also give us all things with Him?” Do we really believe that God blesses our parishes by the very act of our sacrificing and sharing our Pastor in imitation of Him who did not spare His Son? By the sharing of our Pastor we are concretely participating in the formation of men for the priesthood and diaconate. Can we be filled with the joy of the Gospel at the graces God bestows on us by our sacrificial participation in the formation of men for ordained service to meet the pastoral needs of the faithful of our Diocese? Can we be filled with the joy of the Gospel that God has asked us through the Bishop to make this sacrifice taking up this particular cross – “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23)? Can we be filled with the joy of the Gospel that we have been invited to participate in something grace-filled and wonderful beyond our own immediate needs in our parishes? There is sacrifice and suffering but there are also blessings and graces!

One of my favorite figures in the history of the Church and a favorite author of mine is *Blessed John Henry Newman* (1801-1899). Newman was a priest of the Church of England (Anglican) serving with distinction for many years in Oxford, England. In September of 1843 he delivered his last sermon as an Anglican priest, not only leaving his pastoral assignment there, but moving in the direction of leaving the Anglican communion to become a Roman Catholic. The words of the last paragraph of Newman’s farewell sermon, which he entitled “The Parting of Friends,” are heartfelt: “And, O my brethren, O kind and affectionate hearts, O loving friends, should you know any one whose lot it has been, by writing or by word of mouth, in some degree to help you thus to act; if he has ever told you what you knew about yourselves or what you did not know; has read to you your wants and feelings, and comforted you by the very reading; has made you feel that there was a higher life than this daily one, and a brighter world than that you see; or encouraged you, or sobered you, or opened a way to the inquiring, or soothed the perplexed; if what he has said or done has ever made you take interest in him, and feel well inclined towards him; remember such a one in time to come, though you hear him not, and pray for him, that in all things he may know God’s will, and at all times he may be ready to fulfill it.”

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us! St. Luke pray for us! *Father Kevin Lous, STL*

Stewardship for August 29-30		
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>		
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1960	\$99.10
Elmwood	\$715	\$86.95
Boyceville	\$545	\$30

BRIEFLY NOTED

St. Luke’s Mission Rosary Group: We would like to thank you all for the support you are giving to our Mission Rosary Group. We are proud to tell you that in the last week 300 Rosaries went to the Living Rosary where they will go out to missionaries around the world; 200 Rosaries went to Sister Rose Vu who helps the poor in Vietnam where many would never have an opportunity to own a rosary in their life time; 120 Rosaries went to Father Victor for the poor children of Our Lady of Fatima School in India (our mission school) and 1100 World Mission Rosaries were sent to the Diocese of St. Cloud in their Mission Office. We want to thank those of you who have already donated towards the supplies and appreciate all of your continued help as our group continues to make rosaries for those in need.

