

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (11-16)..... 8:00PM Mass at Elmwood  
+Joseph Jensen (Dale & Mary Ann Jensen)  
Tuesday (11-17).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Marie Demuth (Yvonne Degross)  
Wednesday (11-18) .....NO MASS  
Thursday (11-19).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Gertrude Geraets (Estate)  
Friday (11-20).....8:00 Communion Service at Spring Valley  
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH  
+Frank Crownhart (Dave & Marie Rhiel Yonkovich)

### Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Saturday (11-21).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood  
+Don Miller (anonymous)  
Sunday (11-22).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville  
+Ed Hobbick (Joan Bisson-Harris)  
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
*Missa pro Populo*

### BRIEFLY NOTED

**Download Our New Parish App!** Our new Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Spring Valley app, Sacred Heart Parish Elmwood app and St. Luke's Boyceville app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones! Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. *Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.* Help foster a stronger parish life and better engage the New Evangelization.

**Instructions for Installing:** Download our app today in your iPad or smartphone by going to the iTunes App Store (Apple) or Play Store (Android) or search your phone's app store and search for: "myParish app – Catholic Life." Go through the install prompts for the app and when you have the option, select your parish from the suggested list of parishes. (You will see an exterior photo of your parish church as the background for the app.) Any questions or problems with downloading the app, please contact Becky in the Central Office.

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 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. 8 AM to Friday 8AM  
Spring Valley

**Spring Valley Adoration Chapel: The Adoration Chapel will be closed November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.** Normal Adoration hours will resume the following week.

**Spring Valley Confirmation Class: Photos are ready for pickup** on the table in the main entrance of Church.

**St. Luke's:** Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyceville, WI on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7 p.m. For more information you may call 715-643-3821

**St. Luke's:** The mitten tree is up again for mittens and hats. Tiffany Creek Elementary needs larger size gloves for the older children as well as, medium and small size mittens. Thank you.

**Year of Mercy Resource:** Catholic author Pamela Patnode will be discussing her book *The Confession of Grace* on **November 23**, on the EWTN television program "At Home with Jim and Joy." Be sure to watch on television or view the program online at: [www.ewtn.com/tv/live/athomewit/hjmandjoy](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/live/athomewit/hjmandjoy).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

## VISIT US ON THE WEB

[www.svecatholic.org](http://www.svecatholic.org)

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – The Last days of Hope**

We are moving towards the end of the liturgical year. Next Sunday will be the feast of Christ the King. And the following Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent – the new year in the liturgical calendar. The Liturgy of the Word today takes advantage of this time of the year to remind us of a difficult theme, namely, the end of times! The theme of ‘the end of times’ or ‘the end of the world’ is indeed a difficult one. So are the readings of today. Similar passages from the Gospels, together with the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelations, are the most misinterpreted texts in the Bible.

The passages that we heard read in today’s first reading and the gospel are known as ‘apocalyptic literature’. As we can see, then, the context where these texts (of the Apocalyptic literature) get written is very difficult and negative from the point of view of human experience. But the purpose of these passages is not to threaten the people more, but to offer hope drawing their attention to the action of God even beyond the present history. Apocalyptic literature would always talk about ‘new heaven and new earth’ and the triumph of good over evil

Many people – often the elderly but also those who are not so old – might believe that the world is becoming worse day by day. Some people think that humanity has lost its direction. And often this image is built by the media, because, much of what we hear and see in newscasts is negative. This can contribute to some despair.

When you live outside your own country you are curious to know what is going on in your country. But unfortunately most often it is the negative event that gets reported. For instance, the present situation in my Southern India, because of heavy rain, lot of floods and, due to mosquitos’ bites, several people are suffering from fever and so many sicknesses. This is what I get from the media. But when I call my home to ask about the situation, they say rescue and rehabilitation works are going on with the help of numerous good people.

We should not be deceived by the impact of the modern media. *We should not allow ourselves to despair. Christian faith is built on hope!* God is still in control of the world. God is still part of our history. And even amidst human frailty God still loves the world.

This sense of hope is seen in the last lines of today’s first reading: “And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever” (Dan 12:3). In the gospel passage it is the reference to the “Son of Man” that brings the sense of hope (Mk 13:26).

Therefore, we do not wait for the last days with fear and trembling, but we wait with eager longing. We wait with hope.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Rev. Prince A. Raja*

<b>Stewardship for November 7-8</b>				
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	World Mission Sunday	Candles
Spring Valley	\$1152.00	\$131.35		
Elmwood	\$890	\$205	\$25	\$205
Boyceville	\$1376	\$66	\$100	

**BRIEFLY NOTED**

**Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse:** The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by a priest or deacon. Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Bishop William P. Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. The form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse, Office for Clergy; or on the diocesan website at: [www.dioceseoflacrosse.com](http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or [rdkunuz@diolc.org](mailto:rdkunuz@diolc.org)

**Spring Valley Parish Advent Night:** We will be hosting Advent Night on Wednesday, November 18 in Spring Valley at the Brother Michael Center. Dinner will begin at 5 pm followed by crafts and activities centered around Advent and preparing for the birth of Christ. Families are welcome to attend together. The activities are geared to, but not exclusively for, children ages 5-11. Please contact Laura Buchal at [ssf@wwt.net](mailto:ssf@wwt.net) or 715-772-4452 for more information.

**St. Luke's:** Again we will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please place your donations in the container in back of church by Nov 18th. Sheets will be in the back for item accepted. Thank You for your generosity.



