

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (5-16).....NO MASS

Tuesday (5-17).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Wednesday (5-18).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Tom Mountin (Dorothy Mountin)

Thursday (5-19).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Paul Howard (Ron and Caroline Kannel)

Friday (5-20).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home
+Viola Krings (Bob and Kathy Geraets)

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Saturday (5-21).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (5-22).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+Frances Reynolds (Jeanette Friess)
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
Graduating Seniors of Our Parishes

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Sacred Heart Graduates: The Elmwood Parish is proud to recognize our highschool graduates: Damon Erickson, Elizabeth Feuker, Elizabeth Fredrickson, Darek Nelson and Andrew Webb at the 8:00 pm mass on Saturday, May 14th. Congratulations seniors and may God be with you every step of the way as you continue your life's journey! Everyone is invited for refreshments in the church basement following the mass.

Totus Tuus: A Totus Tuus team will be coming to St. Bridget (211 E. Division St., River Falls, WI) July 10-15. Totus Tuus is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith with young people entering grades 1 through 12. Thanks to the Joany Shepherd Fund, Totus Tuus is FREE for all attending this summer! For more information and to register check out our website: www.saintbridgets.org/totustuus.cfm.

Pilgrimage to La Crosse: A tri-parish bus will be departing for a pilgrimage trip on Friday, June 3rd to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (*being that our diocese was consecrated to the Sacred Heart by then Bishop Burke, it is an extra grace to go on this day). Touring the Cathedral of the diocese and walking through the Year of Mercy Holy Doors will also result in special graces.

The schedule is to leave St. Luke's, Boyceville at 7:30am with a second pickup at Spring Valley. Arrive for Confessions and the 12:15pm Mass at the Shrine, eat lunch, and be at the Cathedral for the hour of Divine Mercy at 3PM. A lunch will be provided. ***Space is limited so please reserve your seat right away!*** Sign-up sheets are available at the main entrances of church.

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

Pot Luck at St. Luke's:

There will be a May Pot Luck on Sunday, May 15 after the 8:30am mass. Altar Boys & Graduates of the parish will be honored. Please share this delicious event!

Interparish Pastoral Council:

Meets on Tuesday, May 17th at 7PM at the Brother Michael Catholic Center in Spring Valley. Council members, notify the Central Office if unable to attend.

Vacation Bible School Needs

Teacher Leaders: The annual summer VBS hosted at Sacred Heart Spring Valley is in need of more teacher leaders for all grades and volunteers for the June 5-June 9th "Deep Sea Discovery" themed bible school week. The program begins Sunday, June 5 from 3:00-5pm and continues M-TH, June 6-9 from 6-8pm. Contact Julie Webb at 715-772-3114.

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Solemnity of Pentecost

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Apostles in the image of tongues of fire and thus began the mission of the Church in the world. Once they received the Spirit, they went out boldly and preached to all in Jerusalem and elsewhere. Today is also the birthday of the Church. This Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church.

Pentecost means fiftieth day. It was the second of three great Jewish Feasts. For the Jews it was a day of gratitude. It was a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest. However, on this day a great transformation took place in the small group of disciples. They were persons perplexed, scared, dumfounded and disappointed, that kept them closeted in a little upper room. Rightly, we are not told where that room was situated. We only know that the room was in a house in Jerusalem and people had come to Jerusalem from every nation to express their gratitude for the harvest.

The story of the Tower of Babel is the first reading for the vigil Masses of Pentecost. It is meant to set up a radical contrast to the events of Pentecost. In the first reading for the Masses of Pentecost day, the disciples of Jesus received the Holy Spirit and then proclaimed the Gospel of Christ to the people who were in Jerusalem. People from all over the known world heard the disciples in their own language. The apostles were really just talking, but the Spirit they had received was speaking.

According to the Acts of the Apostles, three thousand people became Christian that day. They were united by their determination to spread the Gospel. They were united by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is also powerful in our time. We have received this Power at our own personal Pentecosts, our confirmations. We are now capable of transforming lives, even capable of transforming the world.

The church tells us of the seven gifts of the Spirit. The Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are the following: **Wisdom** – desire for the things of God, and to direct our whole life and all our actions to His honor and glory. Here we see God at work in our lives and in the world. Second, **Understanding** – enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith. It perfects a person’s speculative reason in the apprehension of truth. Third, **Counsel** – warns us of the deceits of the evil one, and of the dangers to salvation. With the gift of right judgment, we know the difference between right and wrong, and we choose to do what is right. Fourth, **Fortitude (courage)** – With the gift of courage, we overcome our fear and are willing to take risks as a follower of Jesus Christ. It strengthens us to do the will of God in all things. Fifth, **Knowledge** – With the gift of knowledge, the Spirit enables us to discover the will of God in all things. Sixth, **Piety (Reverence)** – With the gift of reverence, sometimes called piety, we have a deep sense of respect for God and the church. And finally the seventh, **Fear of the Lord (awe of God)** – With the gift of wonder, prayerful respect and awe we are aware of the glory and majesty of God. A person with such awe and wonder has perfect knowledge, perfect goodness, perfect power, and perfect love.

In the Upper Room Jesus said to them, His disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit. This week, let us reflect upon the purpose of the Holy Spirit in the Church. He can guide and teach us according to the purpose that He has been sent by the Lord God.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for May 7-8, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Br. Michael Center
Spring Valley	\$1273	\$85	\$25
Elmwood	\$720	\$93	
Boyceville	\$1350	\$132.35	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Thank You from Deacon Ray:

Greetings to all. This is just a note to say Thank You to all the great people of the three parishes I had the honor to serve for 3 years and to say how much I appreciated the many cards and gifts I received. My time among you was most enjoyable and spiritually fulfilling, as you are a people of great faith and wonderful hospitality. I enjoyed getting to know many of you and I want you to know that I will continue to pray for you and your communities, as I hope you will do for me. I would ask you to continue to support Fr. Prince, who will soon, I hear, be appointed as your pastor. I also want to especially thank Becky Schmitt, who helped me learn the ropes and guided me through the various parish nuances.

Finally, a special shout out to Brother Michael, a truly good and holy man. I consider myself to have been extremely blessed to have worked with him and to come to know him as a friend.

Again, thanks and God Bless you all!

-Deacon Kevin Ray

Part-Time Maintenance Position: St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum City is seeking a person to fill a part-time maintenance position. For more information and to submit a resume, please contact the parish at 11stjohn@centurylink.net 715-647-2901.

