

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (2/13).....No Mass

Tuesday (2/14).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Paul Howard (Mary Kay & Paul Schaffner)

Wednesday (2/15).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Albert Lecheler (Leonard & Lorraine Asher)

Thursday (2/16).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

Friday (2/17).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Elwin Brunner (Bill & Roselyn Sylla)

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (2-18).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (2-19).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Dean and Alice Adams (Joe & Karen Adams)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Percy & Rochelle Lansing (John & Nancy Ellingson)

4:00PM Mass at Elmwood

+Walter & Josephine Micek (LeRoy & Jo Keenlyne)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Michael Kelley** from Spring Valley and **Barbara Kardash** of Elmwood who died this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servants Michael and Barbara from all sins, that they who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

St. Luke's Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting: This meeting will be for the St. Luke's finance and pastoral council members and any interested members of the parish at 6:00pm on Monday, February 13 at the church to discuss the upcoming window project. If you have any questions please contact Joe Pieters at 715-643-4431.

St. Luke's: Thank you to Kathy Sabelko who has graciously used her time and talent to restore many of our nativity pieces to like new beauty. These pieces are old and replacement would be difficult as well as costly. We very much appreciate Kathy's artistic gift given for the enjoyment of all.

Elmwood Parish Confessional: Thanks to Pat Bechel we now have a special diagonal seat in each confessional for those in our Parish who have difficulty kneeling--you now have the option of either kneeling or sitting. The material for these seats were from an old church pew that is again put to good use.

Youth Rally: There will be a Rally in Rozellville for Youth on Sunday, March 5 in the Marshfield Deanery at St. Andrew's in Rozellville from 1:00-4pm. There will be a band from the Twin Cities! Free. For information, contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber at 384-3252 x233 or 659-4480 x4 or yministry@frontier.com.

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

Prayer Partner Needed:

A prayer partner is needed for every other week on Thursdays from 3-4pm for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Please contact Laura Buchal for more information at 772-4452.

St Luke's: Pot Luck today. February 12th after the 8:30am Mass. Please stay and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Spring Valley DAA: With a \$25 donation from a family & parishioner installment payments toward their pledge, our balance due is \$3,300.50. Thank you for your help toward our goal.

DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Go to your app store and search for "myParish-Catholic Life". Follow the installation prompts, select your parish and stay connected with current parish events and mass times.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

VISIT US ON THE WEB

www.svecatholic.org

***Parish Ministry Schedules are now available online! Visit the parish website and go to the Ministries tab.**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Surpassing the Scribes and Pharisees

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is taken from the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel was written primarily for Christians who were grounded in the scripture and traditions of the ancient Hebrews--or simply Christians who had first been Jews. The gospel also focused on Jews who were considering becoming Christians as well as all who wanted to learn more about this New Way as our faith was first called.

Matthew's Gospel is structured with numerous references to the Torah, the most important part of the Hebrew Scripture. We know the Torah as the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. In the Gospel of Matthew there are five main talks or discourses of the Lord modeled on the five books of the Law or the Torah. The first main discourse of the Law is the most important--the Sermon on the Mount. Just as Moses went up Mount Sinai to bring the Ten Commandments, God's Law to the people, Jesus climbs the mountain of the Beatitudes to present the New Law to the people.

Perhaps with this in mind we can understand Jesus's opening remarks in today's gospel: "I came not to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them." In the eyes of the Lord the Hebrew Scripture are not only valid; they hold a place of greater reverence than ever before. But merely fulfilling the ancient law was not enough. The attitudes and lifestyles of the Christian must reflect living the law.

It is not in the action itself but it is in the motivation behind the action where the person's true identity is found and formed. We are called to take upon ourselves the very identity of Jesus Christ. We are called to be selfless givers. We are called to be eternal lovers of the Father. We are called to rejoice in His presence in our families. We are not called to be minimalists in the faith. We are called to develop the facility of finding meaning in the laws that God gave us so that our external actions might truly be a reflection of our internal attitudes.

So, is it easier to be a modern Christian than an ancient Jew? Absolutely not. Christianity is extremely demanding upon us all because it calls us to be 100% committed to living in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we make efforts to be wholesome, sincere, than our holiness, yours and mine, will surpass even that of the scribes and Pharisees. Tall order. Absolutely. And that is why we are here today. We are here in prayer to ask God to help us be Christians.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for February 4-5, 2017

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Souper Bowl for Caring	Campaign Human Development
Spring Valley	\$2,722	\$131	\$155.65	
Elmwood	\$4,309.06	\$98		
Boyceville (1/29)	\$505	\$47		
Boyceville	\$1300	\$52		\$110

BRIEFLY NOTED

Options for Women – Nurse Needed: The pro-life clinic in River Falls seeks to hire a Registered Nurse to work 25hrs/week. Applicant must be committed to our mission and adhere to our policies and procedures. Responsibilities include pregnancy testing, options education, STI testing, treatment and education, and overseeing medical practices within the clinic. Training is required. Contact JoAnne Parks at (715)-425-8539.

This Week on FORMED: The Gospel this week-end continues the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus takes the Commandments and ups the stakes. He challenges us even more to live lives of virtue. The first reading reminds us that there are two paths from which to choose, the way that leads to live and the way that leads to death. These are some of the ideas covered in Session 2 of the Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron on Formed.org, entitled Happy Are We. Be challenged to make Jesus' teachings a part of your everyday life. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Attention Graduating Seniors: There are several church scholarship applications ready for pickup; you may find the Choir and Religious Ed. Program Scholarships on the shelf or bulletin board in the main church entrance of Sacred Heart, Elmwood. The Religious Ed. Program Scholarship is also available online at www.elmwood.k12.wi.us, hover over High School, and click on Counseling Services to access printed copies. The KC Council #6599 are offering a scholarship for any graduating senior of our three parishes. To obtain an application contact Mike Raleigh at 639-6582.

Senior Sundays: St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting Senior Sundays January-March, 1:00-4:00pm at the St. John's Fellowship Hall. All seniors in the Spring Valley Community are welcome. Different events are planned each week. Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put is a partner with St. John's to bring you this event. If anyone would like more information or a ride to St. John's, please contact Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put at 715-778-5800.

Come Sample the Lay Formation Institute Experience - NEW Class Begins in Fall of 2017

Would you like to see if the diocesan Lay Formation Institute (LFI) is right for you? What better way than to sit in on part of this exciting formation experience and "catch the spirit"? This opportunity is being offered for a limited number of inquirers the weekends of March 3-4 or March 31-April 1, 2017 at beautiful St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. If you are interested in sitting in on part of a weekend, or even just one class, contact us at ministries@diolc.org or call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 to discuss your options.

