

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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<b>OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:</b>				
Tuesday	August 1	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+TerryShafer (John & Nancy Ellingson)
Wednesday	August 2	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Thursday	August 3	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
		10:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley Nursing Home	+Tom & Gloria Ryan (Ryan Family)
Friday	August 4	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Carol Sukowatey (Brian O'Connel)
		1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Jeanne Mountin (Don & Mary Schmitz)

<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>				
Saturday	August 5	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Frank Binkowski (Judy Binkowski)
Sunday	August 6	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	+Ron Bastian (Joe & Gloria Peters)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Percy & Rochelle Lansing (John & Nancy Ellingson)
		4:00 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Marion Radle (Steven Radle)

**CONFESSIONS:**

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM Spring Valley  
 Wednesday 6:30-7:15 PM Elmwood  
 Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM Elmwood  
 Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM Boyceville

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Monday 6:00 AM-6:00 PM Boyceville  
 Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM Elmwood  
 Thursday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

**Stewardship for July 22-23, 2017**  
 “How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Boyceville	**	**
Elmwood	\$765.00	\$164.50
Spring Valley	\$881.00	\$107.30

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**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's readings begin with Solomon's request for Wisdom, and conclude with a summation of the Lord's teaching on the parables.

We are given three parables in our gospel today. They are: the Parables of the search of treasures buried in the field, the pearl of great price, and the dragnet. Today we are encouraged to choose the real treasure. The joy over the found treasure of the Kingdom and the pearl of great price enable us to sell everything to get in to the kingdom of God.

Today's readings invite us to ask ourselves this important question: What is the one desire of my life that once found will bring all my other legitimate desires in its fulfillment? The gospel calls this **summum bonum**, or Supreme good as the "kingdom of God." "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you," Matt 6:33. These parables invite us not only to seek first the kingdom of God but also to seek only the kingdom because with the kingdom of God comes every other good thing that we desire and long for.

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St. Benedict too, not surprisingly, gets in on the act, beginning his monastic Rule with the words: "Listen carefully with the ear of the heart...", and urging his monks to have a great esteem for silence and attentiveness. The wisdom that arises from careful listening enables us to discern what is truly important in life and in our faith; this is what Jesus was trying to explain in the parable of the buried treasure and that of the pearl of great price. We do not sell everything we have and use the proceeds to buy an object if that object is not of truly compelling worth.

*Rev. Prince Raja*

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## Spring Valley News

**Coordinator of Religious Education:** Thank you to Laura Buchal and Cindy Schlegel for their generous service to our CCD Program! We are grateful for their hard work in the religious education of our parish children and wish them well as they step down from the position. We are in need of a CRE for the upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

**August Ministry Schedules:** The Ministry Schedules for August are available at the entrances of the church.

**Joint Meeting:** Father Prince has requested a joint meeting of the Spring Valley & Elmwood Finance and Pastoral Councils. This meeting will take place on Tuesday August 15, 2017 in the Brother Michael Center at 7:00 PM, following the 6:30 PM Mass in Spring Valley. Finance and Pastoral Council Members, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Central Office either via email or voicemail.

**Please Join Us After Mass on August 6:** We have several books and a few other “relics” that will be offered for a free will donation in the Brother Michael Center after Mass on Sunday August 6. Proceeds will go to Steubenville retreat 2018. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served.

## Boyceville News

**St. Luke Joint Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the St Luke's Finance and Pastoral Council members at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday August 1, 2017. The meeting will be in the dining hall.

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## News for All

**Shopping Van Service:** The Pierce County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Shopping Van Service can take seniors and adults with disabilities to any local business for shopping or running errands, such as going to the grocery store, the bank, the post office, or general shopping. This service runs from the Spring Valley/Elmwood area to Menomonie on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday afternoons each month. Reservations are required and space is limited. With our local grocery store closing very soon, this may be a good option. To make a reservation, or with questions, please call ADRC at 715-273-6780 or visit their website at <http://www.co.pierce.wi.us/Human%20Services/ADRC.html>. The information is also posted at the Church entrance.

**This Week in FORMED:** Today's Gospel reading is the Parable of the Pearl of Great Price. That Pearl that we have is our Faith. We sometimes forget what a great treasure it is, or neglect to open the treasure chest to see what's inside. Need a refresher? Check out the program Symbolon on the STUDY tab at Formed.org. This series walks the viewer through what we believe in why in a visually beautiful and easily understood way. Your faith will be enriched by these great videos. Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

**Relics of Saint Padre Pio:** Celebrating the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Padre Pio's birth, and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his canonization, relics of Saint Padre Pio will be available for public veneration in the Diocese of La Crosse on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main Street, La Crosse. Veneration of the relics will be offered from 9:00 am until 11:45 am and 1:15 pm – 6:30 pm. Mass will be offered at 12:10 and 7:00 pm. The 7:00 pm Mass will be in honor of Saint Padre Pio and will be celebrated by the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan. Confession will also be available throughout the day. The Diocese is in need of many volunteers to assist with this special event. If you or someone you know would be interested in giving a few hours of time that day to assist, please contact Debbie at [dbrannon@diolc.org](mailto:dbrannon@diolc.org) or call the Bishop's Office at **608-791-2686**. Individuals are needed to assist with parking, directing traffic, directing visitors and the guest area.