

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	October 31	6:30 PM	NO Mass in Spring Valley	
Wednesday	November 1 All Saints Day- Holy Day of Obligation	5:30 PM 7:30 pm	Mass in Spring Valley Mass in Elmwood	+Lamoine Hanson (Iolene Grant) +Virginia Lecheler (Bob and Sandra Weix)
Thursday	November 2	8:00 AM	Prayer Service in Spring Valley	
Friday	November 3	1:30 PM	NO Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	

THE 31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	November 4	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Debbie Wiinamaki (Tom and Jean Schmitz)
Sunday	November 5	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Clarence, Alice and John Koch (Anna Crownhart)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+LaMoine Hanson (Lloyd and Jean Greenway)

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday	7:45-8:15 AM	Elmwood
Tuesday	NONE	Spring Valley
Wednesday	NONE	Elmwood
Saturday	7:00-7:45 PM	Elmwood

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday	NONE this week	Elmwood
Thursday to Friday	8:00 AM to 8:00 AM	Spring Valley

Stewardship for October 21-22, 2017
“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$560.00	\$126.00
Spring Valley	\$1505.00	\$90.50

Elmwood News

Altar & Rosary:
 * Altar & Rosary 2017 Dues are due by November 1, 2017. Dues are \$10.00. If you are unsure whether your dues have been paid, please contact Sharon Weber at 715-941-1811

*Altar & Rosary meeting is Nov. 9th at 7:00 P.M. in the church basement. We will discuss our Christmas party, group activities, basement rent and much more. It's a busy agenda this month, your input is important. President Sharon Weber

Diocesan Annual Appeal: If you have not received the 2017-2018 DAA mailing, please contact Jeff Pittman at 612-875-7095. Periodically view our progress on the DAA thermometer posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

Spring Valley News

Diocesan Annual Appeal: If you have not received the 2017-2018 DAA mailing, please contact Gene Bauer at 715-772-4430 or Marie Cebulla at 715-698-2882. Periodically view our progress on the DAA thermometer posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance. The Diocese has recorded \$4395 contributed toward our \$20,375 target. Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration Help Needed: We are looking for someone to fill the role of coordinating Eucharistic adoration for three months starting November 12th. Duties include: Finding substitutes for adorers when they are not able to find one and, if necessary, filling that hour yourself. There are plenty of subs so it is rarely necessary for the coordinator to fill the hour personally. The second responsibility is checking the sign in sheet to make sure that the Blessed Sacrament has not been left alone. We are also looking for long term substitutes to hold the noon-1 pm as well as someone to hold the 3-4 pm hour every other week for that same 3 month time period. Please contact Laura Buchal at [715-772-4452](tel:715-772-4452) for more information.

11th ANNUAL TRICK-OR-TREATING FOR CANNED GOODS
 Students will be going door to door collecting food pantry items on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 in the Village of Spring Valley, to benefit the SPRING VALLEY FOOD PANTRY!
 We will begin collecting items at 5:30 pm Feel free to leave them on your doorstep if you will not be home. Sponsored By: Spring Valley High School Student Council and National Honor Society.

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News for All

Father Prince Traveling to India: Father Prince is gone to India and will be out of the country through November 24, 2017. Substitute priests have been arranged for the weekend Masses. While he is gone, there will be no weekday masses - they will resume on Tuesday November 28. If you have a pastoral emergency while Father Prince is gone, please contact Father James Kurzynski at St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie at 715-232-4922.

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

November 1st is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation : This day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. There will be mass in Spring Valley at 5:30 pm and mass in Elmwood at 7:30 pm

Diocesan Annual Appeal: As you prepare to return your Diocesan Annual Appeal Pledge Card, please take a moment to make any necessary changes to your address. Thank you!

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Gospel today reminds us of the movie "Fiddler on the Roof." In the movie TEVYE, a devout Jew, prays the Shema: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, with all your soul and all your mind," and, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself," each morning and each evening. Also he prays it every time he enters his home as he touches the doorposts. In the Gospel today Jesus quotes the "Shema" as the greatest of the Commandments. Jesus is reminding us of the readings from the Book of Deuteronomy (Deut 6:4-9)

The Commandment of Love: Love is always rewarding and demanding. Paul tells us today to be "imitations of us and the Lord." To do what Jesus calls us to do can certainly be challenging, but that is what an active, creative, challenging Christian is required to do. Remember the phrase, "What would Jesus do?" In the book of Exodus, God is telling us, He is compassionate.

As I look at these three beautiful readings for today, I am reminded of the Book called "Homilies for an active Christian." Live the message of Jesus as given in the Scripture today, during the coming week. What witness can I be as a person who is loving in mind, heart, and being and have a true love for my neighbor? Will I be an "Imitator of Jesus in thought, word, and deed?" Will I be compassionate to those who are suffering? The following story will help us understand how we can be an active Christian and try to live its message. It was a cold winter day, a 7 year old boy who didn't have much of a home, was looking into a store window and a lady came along and said, "What are you looking at?" "I am looking at shoes," the boy replied. The lady noticed that the boy's shoes were worn and tattered and the boy was shivering.

"Come with me," the lady said. The lady took the boy by the hand and they went into the store. "Give me two pair of socks for the boy," the lady told the clerk. The lady bought the socks and said to the clerk, "Give me a basin with warm water and a towel." The boy sat down on a chair and the lady took off his shoes and socks. He put his feet into the warm water and it felt so good. She washed his foot slowly and then dried them with the towel slowly, almost a massage-like. The boy's face was brightening up as he looked at her. Then she put on one pair of socks and then the other pair for extra warmth.

"Would you like some shoes?" the lady asked. "Yeah", the boy smiled. They looked and he tried on pair after pair. Finally he put on a pair of boots. They fit perfectly. "Do you like them?" the lady said. "Oh, yes," the boy beamed.

The lady paid the clerk and as they were walking out of the store, the boy with tears in his eyes, touched the lady's hand and said, "Are you God's wife?" No, she was not God's wife, but she was an instrument of God's goodness. The little boy recognized that the goodness of God so often comes to us through other people. Was she not being an imitator of Jesus, a compassionate person, and a lover of God and neighbor?

This week all of us, young and old, will be given many opportunities to spread the goodness and love of God to others. This week be an "ACTIVE CHRISTIAN."

Brother Michael Mandernach