

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome new parishioners into our parish family. Please contact the Central Office for information on how to join.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM Elmwood

CONFESSIONS:

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



shall not have strange gods before me." We never even thought of adoring a false god, we will say, we would never think of setting up a statue of Mars or Jove or Venus and bowing the knee before it. Yet, every time we break the law of God, we are setting up an idol—one more absurd than any false god of the pagan world. We are setting up our own self, our own will, our own authority in the place of God. We will not have him rule over us!

We are living today in what is politely called the permissive age—the age when God's laws are shamelessly flouted and despised; the age when men and women, old as well as young, do what they like regardless of whether or not their actions offend God and neighbor. This is a false philosophy, not of life, but of death; this is a philosophy or whim which has the ripe seeds of destruction of human society breaking through its crust. How long can we go on living together on earth, if each one claims the right to do as he pleases? If, with impunity, we can lay our hands on all the wealth and property we feel we want, what of our neighbors whom we despoil? If we can drive a coach and four through the laws of the state, which are themselves applications of the laws of God, how long can our state last? If, outside of marriage, we have every right to enjoy all the sexual pleasure of which we are capable, who is going to take on himself the responsibilities of married life: Who will produce the next generation of citizens and who will feed and educate them! If we have the right to all possible comfort, pleasure and ease in this life, then abortion, euthanasia for the old and defectives, in fact, the quiet removal of anyone who stands in our way, who interferes with our absolute freedom, is not only lawful but absolutely necessary! How many will survive this regime?

Of course, those who approve of and demand permissiveness do not encourage going to such extremes—except when it suits them. But if there is no divine authority the state laws will have to be enforced with the gun. They will collapse, however, once a sufficient number of citizens opt for permissiveness. He who does the will of God is the brother and kinsman of Christ and only his true brothers will get to heaven. We must keep the commandments of God. Not only are they the guides that will keep us on the road to heaven, but they are our only guarantee of survival during our short sojourn here on earth.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*, Cycle B, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	June 12	6:30 PM	NO Mass in Spring Valley	VBS in church
Wednesday	June 13	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Virginia Lecheler (Tom & Sharon Weber)
Thursday	June 14	8:00 AM	NO Mass in Spring Valley	VBS in church
Friday	June 15	1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Asst. Living	+Leroy Keenlyne (Cyril & Esther Bauer)

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 16	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Jeanne Mountin (July & Jerry Hannack)
Sunday	June 17	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Arthur Cepek (Ken & Barb Cepek)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Milton & Louise Sowatzke (Dave & Rosalie Sowatzke)

Stewardship for June 2-3rd, 2018
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 1210.00	\$ 204.00
Spring Valley	\$ 2817.00	\$ 153.75

PASTORAL REFLECTION

"pride goeth before destruction" (Prov. 16:18)

While we can thank God that perhaps none of us has the same exalted opinion of himself as had the Scribes and Pharisees, there is still much pride in even the best of us. It is still the root of all the evil that is in our world. If faithfully observed the Ten Commandments of God would make the journey of all men to heaven easier, safer and surer. But they are violated daily. Why? Because proud men refuse to be restricted in their actions. They cannot admit that any higher power has the right to regulate their lives; they are the sole arbiters of their fate; they will do as they please.

Which of us would admit to violating the first commandment? "I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before me." We never even thought of adoring a false god, we will say, we would never think of setting up a statue of Mars or Jove or Venus and bowing the knee before it. Yet, every time we break the law of God, we are setting up an idol—one more absurd than any false god of the pagan world. We are setting up our own self, our own will, our own authority in the place of God. We will not have him rule over us!

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News for All

Parish Pictorial Directory : Families are also be able to sign up on line on our website at <https://svcatholic.org> after masses on the weekends. Our scheduled photo dates are: Thursday – Saturday, July 12 – 14 (At Sacred Heart Elmwood) and Thursday – Saturday, July 26 – 28 (At Sacred Heart Spring Valley) .

Adoration Notice- We are looking for partners for the 1-2 pm hour of adoration in Spring Valley. Please contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 for more information.

This Week in FORMED: God's Mighty Servant: The Most Powerful Woman in the Vatican. This week on Formed.org meet Sr. Pascalina Lehnert, Pope Pius XII's most trusted confidante and the first woman to ever work in the Vatican. In this feature film, watch her life unfold through the events of World War II, and be inspired by her amazing influence on the course of history. Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Pro-Life : The greatest destroyer of peace today is ABORTION ... because it is war against the child." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Mark your calendars: There will be a farewell potluck picnic for Father Prince on Sunday, July 1st, at the Brother Michael Center in Spring Valley after the 10:30 am mass. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Elmwood News

Father's Day Pie Sale Saturday night, June 16. Whole pies are \$8.00. The pie and ice cream social after the Sat night Mass will be free to all as a farewell for Father Prince. Everyone is welcome. Chairs and Co-chairs will be calling the Altar and Rosary members for pies or an \$8.00 donation. Our annual \$10.00 dues can also be paid that night.

Spring Valley News

Custodial Services Needed: We are in need of someone /couple willing to perform custodial duties (vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, set up for events in Spring Valley , etc.) 10-15 hours a month. Please contact the Central Office for more information.

Religious Ed Coordinator needed: Becky Hannack has resigned as Coordinator of our Religious Education, and we are in need of someone to fill these shoes. If you are interested in taking on this important role in our parish or would like more information, please contact the Central Office.

July-August Ministry schedule is available in the back of church and on our website.

The adoration chapel will be closed the week of vacation bible school June 10-14th.

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– SOCRATES

As was previously announced, the Diocese of LaCrosse is reassigning several priests effective July 5, 2018. As part of that reassignment, Father Prince will be leaving us. Our parishes, as well as St. Luke's in Boyceville, will be served by Father Amir. Since we are once again a Tri-Parish, our mass times need to be adjusted. We know this is never an easy change. The pastoral council members of all three parishes, along with Father Prince and Father James (current Pastor of St. Luke's in Boyceville and St. Joseph in Menomonie), met to discuss the options.

Many things were discussed, but those of most importance were maintaining the stability and viability of all three parishes. It has been proven in our parishes that when there is only a Saturday night vigil mass, and no option for a Sunday mass, the parish suffers – attendance drops, contributions drop, CCD programs suffer, and there is a snow-ball effect on every aspect of the parish. Some of the other items considered were the travel of Father Amir, CCD Programs, and the population of our parishes (the elderly, families with children, farmers) and how mass times would impact them.

There was no perfect option, and your pastoral council members made the best decision possible for the sake of our parishes. If you have questions, please feel free to contact a pastoral council member in your parish. Councilors in Elmwood – Sara Asher, Stephanie Beyer, Aaron Cebulla, Joe Schmitt, and Katja Weix. Councilors in Spring Valley – Gregg Deutsch, Bill Fesenmaier, Mike Graham, Anne Helmer, Connie Kannel, and Mary Lansing. The new schedule goes into effect the weekend of July 7-8, 2018. St. Luke's in Boyceville will have 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday Mornings. Elmwood and Spring Valley will alternate weekends with Saturday Night Vigil Mass and Sunday Morning 10:30 AM Mass. The First and Third Sundays – Sunday Mass in Spring Valley at 10:30 AM, Saturday Vigil Mass in Elmwood at 8:00 PM. The Second and Fourth Sundays – Sunday Mass in Elmwood at 10:30 AM, Saturday Vigil Mass in Spring Valley at 4:00 PM.

We have attached to the bulletin a July calendar with the Mass schedule. Going forward, calendars will also be available in the main church entrances, posted on the doors of the church, and published on the church website. The Mass schedule for the upcoming week will continue to be published in the bulletin. Thank you.