

SACRED HEART –ST. LUKE’S 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
 Thursday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

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



The Bible presents these scenarios to us in order to highlight the travails of God’s people. Whether they be a foreign female slave, a runaway prophet, or perhaps the most famous prophet, there will be bumps in the road.

God sends unexpected help to Elijah during his time of great vulnerability. Elijah is able to overcome his great sadness through the care of the angels and the nourishment of their food. This story invites us to see how the Lord has been present to us in difficult moments. It also invites us to view our problems through a lens able to see God’s divine presence in the world. Just as God is clearly present to Elijah in order to help him overcome his travails, we must have the same confidence that God is present and will be present in our lives. Just as God has been present in our past, we must persevere in the hope that God will be present in our future.

As God accompanies Elijah, Hagar, and Jonah on their journey, Scripture invites us to consider how God has accompanied us on our journeys. We can think of Elijah going from mountain top to mountain top on his journey from Carmel to Horeb. Those mountain experiences are memorable and often fill us with life, especially when we have transcendent experiences of God. Yet Scripture stops here to focus on the horizontal experience rather than the vertical experience. This reading challenges us to see how God was present to us in the boring parts of our journey. Elijah teaches us to bring all our emotions to God. God will be present to us in different ways on different parts of the journey. We cannot experience the theophany of a storm cloud and deluge in the middle of the desert, but God finds a different way to be present to us. So, let us try to experience God’s presence in every moment of our journey.

OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	August 14	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Greg Gramer (Greg & Laura Buchal)
Wednesday	August 15	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Bill Crownhart (Bob Weix)
Thursday	August 16	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	Missa Pro Populo
Friday	August 17	1:30 PM	Mass At Elmwood Assist. Living	+Bernard Hofacker (Bob & Qwyn Huebel)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	August 18	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Rene Sailer (Ricky & Mary Sailer)
Sunday	August 19	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	+David Hill (Karen & Joe Adams)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Don & Gen Miller

Stewardship for August 4-5th, 2018
 “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	\$51.00
Spring Valley	\$ 1915.00	\$ 115.56

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear loving parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville:

Catholic Union Financial arranged a day of golf, reception, dinner and fellowship on Monday, August 6 at Drugan’s Castle Golf Course. I played golf for the first time in my life. It was a thrilling experience.

This Sunday I would focus on the first reading. Elijah asks the Lord to take his life because he endured a traumatic episode with the prophets of Baal and Asherah up in the northern region of Carmel. Although he successfully dispatched the prophets and demonstrated God’s power to Ahab, something is wrong. Elijah experiences a sense of shame or failure or some type of emotion which leaves him deflated, despondent and depressed. We can think of Hagar in the wilderness with her young boy, but God would not allow that situation to endure. We can think of Jonah under his own tree in faraway Nineveh, equally despondent.

With Love and prayers,
Fr. Arockia Stanislaus

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News for All

Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 is a Holy Day of Obligation – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be Mass in Elmwood at 7:30 PM.

Happy Birthday Father Amir: On Wednesday August 15 is Father Amir’s birthday! Thank you for sharing your message of love, prosperity, and righteousness. We are so grateful to have you leading our faith family. Happy Birthday! And may God’s blessings, grace, and guidance continue to be with you!

Elmwood's Sacred Heart Quilters group meets every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the parish basement. This group is open to all crafters, so bring your knitting, crocheting, or other hand-made projects. And, there's no need to bring your own sewing machine as there are some available for you to use.

This note is for anyone who would like to sew Little Dresses for Africa. Peggy, from Teamwork Africa. will be happy to take any dresses we have to Liberia in Sept. There are copies of the pattern in the back of church at Elmwood. These are simple cotton dresses that are not difficult to sew. Please help brighten the day for some little girls. Dresses can be dropped off in the vestibule at Elmwood. Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU: to Jeff Pitman and Darlene Vanasse for doing such a wonderful job in organizing the scheduling of our parishioners for the 2018 pictorial directory. Thank you to all who had their photo taken or submitted one for the directory. Father Amir is excited to look through it, to get to know all of us, when it is available the end of September.

El Paso Ecumenical Days: All are welcome to the El Paso Days Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, August 19th, at 11:45am at St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery in El Paso.

Elmwood News

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting: There will be a joint meeting of the Elmwood Pastoral and Finance Councils on Wednesday August 15, 2018 at 8:00 PM, immediately following Mass. The meeting will be in the church basement. If you are unable to attend, please notify the Central Office as soon as possible.

Religious Ed Coordinator needed: Would you like to share your faith with the children of Elmwood Sacred Heart parish? Marilyn Bowell is resigning from this position, we thank so much for her time and talent in coordinating our program. Please contact Father Amir, Stephanie Beyer or Sara Asher if interested.

Spring Valley News

Keys for buildings: We are currently updating our lists for who has keys for our Spring Valley buildings. If you have a key(s) please either call the central office or email with name and what keys you have. 715-778-5519 or admin@svecatholic.org

The September-October Ministry Schedule: Will come out on Sunday August 19th. If you don’t want to be scheduled for a certain mass during September and October, please notify the Central Office by August 11th, by email or leaving a message for Anne and Beth. Thank you.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting: There will be a joint meeting of the Spring Valley Pastoral and Finance Councils on Tuesday August 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM, immediately following Mass. The meeting will be in the Br. Michael Center. If you are unable to attend, please notify the Central Office as soon as possible.

New Mass Times as decided by Tri-Parish Pastoral Council

The Tri-Parish Councils met on July 24th and discussed the current mass times and voted on changing them to accommodate the needs of our three parishes. **Effective August 5, 2018** the new mass times are as follows:

April-September: **Boyceville-** Sunday mass at 8:30 am AND **Elmwood-** Saturday mass at 8:00 pm

October-March: **Boyceville-** Saturday vigil mass, time TBD AND **Elmwood-** Sunday mass at 8:30 am

Spring Valley- Sunday mass at 10:30 am (year round)



HOLY ROSARY PARISH – LIMA
FALL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2018
6 MILES EAST OF DURAND OFF HWY. 10 ON COUNTY ROAD V

Lima's Famous Poppy Seed Rolls on Sale!

ROAST BEEF DINNER
WITH POTATOES, GRAVY, CORN, CREAMED CUCUMBERS, TOMATOES, BUNS, POPPYSEED ROLLS, PIE, MILK AND COFFEE
ADULTS: \$10.00 • CHILDREN (5 TO 12 YRS) \$5.00
4 & UNDER FREE
SERVING FROM 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM – 2 SERVING LINES

POLKA MASS at 10:00 A.M.

2018 Parish Raffle
Tickets \$5.00ea

Grand Prize - \$1000	5th Prize - \$50
2nd Prize - \$500	6th Prize - \$50
3rd Prize - \$250	7th Prize - \$50
4th Prize - \$50	8th Prize - \$50

SILENT AUCTION
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
New and antique items!

Gun & Crossbow Raffles!

BOOTHS OPEN AT 11:00 A.M.
GAMES, FISH POND, BAKE AND CANDY SALE, PULL TABS, DAIRY WAGON, CAKE WALK & COUNTRY STORE