

SACRED HEART –ST. LUKE’S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

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



OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	August 28	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ JoAnn Statz (Greg & Laura Buchal)
Wednesday	August 29	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Robert Weix (Joe & Laurie Schmitt)
Thursday	August 30	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	Misso Pro Populo
Friday	August 31	1:30 PM	Mass At Elmwood Nursing Home	+Kathy Feuker (Ken & Barb Cepek)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September 1	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+ Bernard Hofacker (Dave & Amy Bechel)
Sunday	September 2	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Don & Gen Miller (Phil & Florence Jakes)

Stewardship for August 18-19th, 2018
 “How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 530.00	\$ 179.00
Spring Valley	\$ 1753.00	\$ 233.02

PASTORAL REFLECTION
 “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”(Jn 6:68)

Dear loving parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,
 Parish and Finance councils of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville had meetings as individual parish and discussed many things. As a Pastor, I would appreciate that every registered member should own **“This is my parish and I ought to support both spiritually and financially”**. Let every member be part of any activities of the parish. Don’t be observers but become participant.

A few months ago I had the privilege to hear a powerful testimony from a man searching for the truth. Through the gospel his eyes were opened to the eternal and he was able to redirect his life. At the same time I learned that a faithful member of the Church had distanced himself from the gospel and had changed his beliefs. Both men had tried with good intentions to find out to whom they should go but arrived at opposite conclusions and, therefore, went diverging paths. What can be the cause for such opposing actions?

I believe that the two men chose different paths because their way of thinking and their understanding of God are different. It is essential to know God so that we can gain eternal blessings and salvation through living in accordance with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In order to go the right direction in life and receive the blessings of God, it is important to be willing to accept the gospel in all its fullness. In addition, it is important to accept God’s divine authority and the authority of his servants.

Further, we must keep God’s commandments without compromises or exceptions. We are at times tempted to place less importance on the teachings of Christ in our lives for the sake of convenience, or we let external circumstances pollute our faith.

To follow his commandments will bring freedom, independence, strength, and true happiness. I therefore ask everyone this day, “To whom shall we go?” Let us decide to follow Christ and be his true disciples.

With Love and prayers,
Fr. Arockia Stanislaus

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News for All

A “Moral Catastrophe” and a Test of Virtue- From Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week I begin my annual retreat with my brother bishops from Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. This is usually a welcome event for us to simply “come aside and rest a while” with Our Blessed Lord. I doubt, however, that we will be finding quiet rest and prayer as much as we will be sharing our deepest and profoundly sad feelings concerning the events that once again plunge the Church into a dark hour of shame and disappointment—especially in Her leadership.

The first news about Archbishop McCarrick was indeed shocking and upsetting. That sad news was followed by the revelations concerning the unraveling of the incredible and disgusting stories of sexual molestations that took place over the decades in so many parts of the Church in Pennsylvania. Of course, I am personally touched and deeply grieved by these events—not only because I am a bishop, but because so many of the faithful are being struck with the tragedy of having their faith assaulted once again.

I don’t know how many bishops and/or priests should or will be affected by the darkness of this new wave of scandal. I do believe that all of us need to try to remember that the devil never sleeps. He works some of his most diabolical evil on those who are weak and have lost their recognition of God’s Grace and care in human life. Never forget, the devil works in little things—he tells half-truths and lures us with tantalizing manipulations. Be aware of the deceiver’s work in this horror. St. Peter reminds us as he reminded our ancestors: “Be sober, be watchful; your adversary the devil prowls about the world seeking someone to devour: resist him, steadfast in the faith!” (1 Peter 5:8-10)

My brothers and sisters, be strong in your faith in these difficult days. Yes, there is sin and evil action abounding around us. Sadly, that evil has come about from some of the very shepherds who were supposed to protect us.

Yes, there still is sin in the world, even though the devil has been defeated by the power of the Cross of Christ. More than ever, we must cling to the cross, pray with the Scriptures, and receive the Sacraments. Continue to pray for good and holy priests. They need your prayers to remain courageous in these days. If we want good priests (and bishops) we must pray for them! Jesus told His First Priests that they were the salt of the earth—the light of the world. He called them to courage and virtue in living and preaching the Gospel.

I pray for you, dear brothers and sisters, especially for all who have been sadly touched—once again—by the sin and sadness of abuse in the Church and in the world at large. Remain faithful and strong—Jesus Christ has conquered evil. His is the Power. His is the Glory!

Elmwood News

Coffee and Rolls: Please join us for fellowship, after 8:00 pm mass on Saturday, August 25th for coffee and rolls in the church basement.

Spring Valley News

The September-October Ministry Schedule: Is available to pick up in the back of church.

Family Life News: Many years ago we had families bring up the offertory gifts. At the pastoral council meeting this past week, it was discussed and they would like to bring this back to our parish. Please contact Mary Lansing, 715-778-5832, if you would like to participate. Thank you.

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

Mark Your Calendars

The Bishop of Sivagangai India, the Right Rev. Jebamalai Susaimanickam, is coming to visit Father Amir and all are invited to join us for mass and supper on Thursday, September 6th.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm in Spring Valley with a light supper of hot pork sandwiches, salads, and desserts following at the Brother Michael center.

If any parishioners wish to participate in the liturgy or music for this special mass, please contact the Central Office.

A free will offering will be taken during mass for the Missions in India.

We hope to fill the church that evening. ☺

A Few Items from the Elmwood and Spring Valley Pastoral Council meetings:

- The committees of Sacred Worship, Catholic Education, Family Life, and Social Justice are structured under the Pastoral Council and are looking for members to help bring people and activities back to our parishes. These committees have been idle for a few years and Father Amir is asking that we start again with meeting and planning as parishioners. If you currently serve on a committee or have some ideas and would like to get involved, please contact the Central office. 715-778-5519 or email- admin@svecatholic.org
- The prayer chains we have in place are a wonderful way to help those needing prayers. These requests are private and are only prayed through the prayer chain. It has been suggested that we start a “PLEASE PRAY FOR” section in our weekly bulletin. If you would like prayers from our Tri-Parish Faith Community please contact the Central office and we will include your name, or your request in the bulletin.
- Are you a registered parishioner of our parish? We would like to get our records updated before October 1st. If you are enjoying our faith community and would like to join us, please contact the Central Office to register.

