

# 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.

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Tuesday	September 11	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Joann Lavelle (Mike & Mary Lansing)
Wednesday	September 12	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Robert Weix (Anna Crownhart)
Thursday	September 13	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	Misso Pro Populo
Friday	September 14	1:30 PM	Mass At Elmwood Nursing Home	+Lon & Elaine Thompson (Pat & Wayne Nohelty)

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	September 15	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+James & Ilene Bates (Patty Hawkins)
Sunday	September 16	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Jim Raleigh (25 years) (Beth & Craig Ingli)

**Stewardship for September 1-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**  
 “How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

**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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 1030.00	\$ 134.00
Spring Valley	\$ 2103.00	\$ 221.73



**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

Dear loving parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

I sincerely thank every one of you for participating in the Holy Mass, celebrated by Most Rev. J. Susaimanickam, Bishop of Sivagangai (My Bishop) on 09.06.2018. I specially thank everyone who helped this event to be a successful one and I am grateful for your generous contribution to the mission of educating the poor children in my diocese.

In today’s reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus’ healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God’s grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman’s great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus’ own mission affirms the early Church’s mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark’s Gospel and is sometimes called the “messianic secret.”

With Love and prayers,

**Fr. Arockia Stanislaus**

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## News for All



**Marriage:** Congratulations to Kevin and Angie Fesenmaier who were joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony in Spring Valley this weekend. “Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage, Kevin and Angie , whom you have brought happily to their wedding day, that under your protection they may always be faithful in their lives to the covenant they have sealed in your presence” (Roman Missal, 1027).”

**Catechetical Sunday is September 16 :** We will be recognizing our catechists this weekend during mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

**BRAND NEW CHURCH BULLETIN!!** Starting the weekend of October 21<sup>st</sup>, our Tri Parish Community will have a BRAND-NEW Church Bulletin. It will save the Parishes time and money and have a professional look with vibrant FULL COLOR. During the weeks of September 17<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>, Rich Clark, our parish representative from the new printer, Liturgical Publications, Inc., will be in the Central Office in Spring Valley working on setting up the advertising for our new bulletin. Please consider advertising in the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parishes. It’s a terrific way to get your name in front of the parish families, business owners, and visitors at the church. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, for a family, or a sponsorship ad for a non-profit organization. This is a great way for businesses to promote what they do, while at the same time connecting with the community, and benefit the church at the same time. Please do give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! After the minimum 25 ads have been sold, the parishes will make money on any additional ads sold.

**Rural Life Day Mass and Celebration:** On Wednesday, September 19, the Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Rural Life Day on the Wall-Stone Holsteins farm, owned and operated by the family of Dr. AnneMarie Elwing, Kevin, Emil & William Walleser, located at S7414 Fortner Rd., De Soto, WI, 54624. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan and is followed by awards, recognitions, blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by the women of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa.

**Parish Festivals:** There are many local parish festival coming up in the next two months. Please see the church bulletin boards for informational flyers on them. Hope you can attend one of them.

## Spring Valley News

**Teacher Meeting:** There will be a meeting for our CCD teachers and religious education committee on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the Brother Michael Center.

## Elmwood News

**Needed** --- CCD teachers for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.  
CCD letters should have arrived or will arrive soon.  
First CCD class will be Sunday, Sept 16th at 9:15 am

**Drawing for \$200** for one of the Elmwood parishioners who have photos appearing in the new directory will be held immediately after Mass on Saturday, Sept. 8, on the front steps of the church. Father Amir will pull out the winning ticket.

**Did you know that our Tri-Parishes have a rosary-making ministry?** We send the rosaries we make all over the world!! We have been meeting for just over 3 years and have sent out **21,391 rosaries!!!**

**All are welcome** to come and learn to make rosaries. We meet in Spring Valley at the Brother Michael Center the first Wednesday of the month and in Boyceville the second and fourth Thursdays May-October and only second Thursdays November-April.

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry but are unable to come make them, donations are always accepted. The cost of making a rosary & getting it out the door is \$.16-\$.25 for beaded rosaries and about \$.75 for cord rosaries.

Contact Cindy Schlegel--715-684-3324 or Pam Burke--715-307-8312

Pray that your children would show no **partiality** based on **wealth, style** or **popularity** of peers  
James 2:1-5