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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-22).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood

+Albert Lecheler (Bernard and Donald Hofacker)

Tuesday (9-23).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Private Intention

Wednesday (9-24).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood

+Elizabeth Schaefer (Jeff and Susan Pitman)

Thursday (9-25).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley

Friday (9-26).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (9-27).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

Missa pro populo

Sunday (9-28).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+Len Jordan (Paul and Rita Zimmerman)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Don Miller (Miller Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Macin Olson** of Spring Valley who was buried this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Macin from all sins, that he who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Congratulations to **Eric and Lindsey (Shafer) Hofmann** who were joined in the **Sacrament of Matrimony at Spring Valley this weekend**. "Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage, Eric and Lindsey, 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).

Spring Valley: The Durand Deanery Workshop for the Council of Catholic woman hosted by Spring Valley on September 13 was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the accommodations and food and thought the Prayer Garden was lovely. Thanks to all those who helped with the workshop. Your hard work is appreciated! Thank you!

St. Luke's Fall Dinner News: We are in need on clean plastic containers to be used for the sale of food from the Fall Dinner. Please drop off the containers in the kitchen. To donate items for baskets for the silent auction, contact Lois Johnson 715-643-7242 or Sue Anderson 715-455-1404.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 PM

Spring Valley

Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM

Elmwood

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Boyceville

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Boyceville

Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM

Spring Valley

St. Luke's Altar Society: will meet on **Wednesday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m.** in the church dining hall. St. Jessica Circle will meet immediately following the Altar Society meeting.

Fall Deanery Meeting: is **Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7pm** at St. Francis in Ellsworth. All women of the parish and guests are invited to attend.

Spring Valley CCD Program: is looking for a Snack Coordinator and a 3rd and 5th grade teacher during the Wednesday afternoon CCD sessions. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Schlegel at 715-684-3324 or Anne Helmer at 715-778-4883.

Spring Valley Quilting: Quilting will start on **Wednesday, September 24** at 9AM at the CCD Center. Anyone interested is welcome to come and join us!

Elmwood: If you haven't gotten your church centennial memorabilia: Centennial Book \$15.00 - Ornaments \$15.00 or the 8 church window note cards \$5.00; **they will be on sale after mass on October 18 and November 15.** Thank you. Centennial committee.

Elmwood Cemetery: Please remember that it is the families' responsibility to remove all flowers and decorations from the cemetery before October 1st. Thank you.

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“STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)

Cardinal Francis George, the Archbishop of Chicago, gave an incisive analysis of events in our world and our nation and their implications for us as Catholics. The first part of his September 7 article I included in my column last week. Here is the conclusion of the Cardinal's article that appeared in the newspaper of his Archdiocese: ***“The inevitable result is a crisis of belief for many Catholics. Throughout history, when Catholics and other believers in revealed religion have been forced to choose between being taught by God or instructed by politicians, professors, editors of major newspapers and entertainers, many have opted to go along with the powers that be. This reduces a great tension in their lives, although it also brings with it the worship of a false god. It takes no moral courage to conform to government and social pressure. It takes a deep faith to ‘swim against the tide,’ as Pope Francis recently encouraged young people to do at last summer’s World Youth Day.”***

“Swimming against the tide means limiting one’s access to positions of prestige and power in society. It means that those who choose to live by the Catholic faith will not be welcomed as political candidates to national office, will not sit on editorial boards of major newspapers, will not be at home on most university faculties, will not have successful careers as actors and entertainers. Nor will their children, who will also be suspect. Since all public institutions, no matter who owns or operates them, will be agents of the government and conform their activities to the demands of the official religion, the practice of medicine and law will become more difficult for faithful Catholics. It already means in some States that those who run businesses ***must conform their activities to the official religion or be fined, as Christians and Jews are fined for their religion in countries governed by Sharia law.***”

“A reader of the tale of two churches, an outside observer, might note that ***American civil law has done much to weaken and destroy what is the basic unit of every human society, the family. With the weakening of the internal restraints that healthy family life teaches, the State will need to impose more and more external restraints on everyone’s activities.*** An outside observer might also note that the official religion’s imposing whatever its proponents currently desire on all citizens and even on the world at large inevitably generates resentment. An outside observer might point out that ***class plays a large role in determining the tenets of the official State religion. ‘Same-sex marriage,’ as a case in point, is not an issue for the poor or those on the margins of society.***”

“How does the tale end? We don’t know. The actual situation is, of course, far more complex than a story plot, and there are many actors and characters, even among the ruling class, who ***do not want their beloved country to transform itself into a fake church.*** It would be wrong to lose hope, since there are so many good and faithful people. ***Catholics do know, with the certainty of faith, that, when Christ returns in glory to judge the living and the dead, the church, in some recognizable shape or form that is both Catholic and Apostolic, will be there to meet him. There is no such divine guarantee for any country, culture or society of this or any age.***” Thank you, Cardinal George, for reminding us who we are and just what is at stake.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Very Rev. Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Stewardship for September 20-21					
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>					
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles	Roof Fund	Centennial Fund
Spring Valley	\$1063	\$99.63		\$1,000	
Spring Valley (9/7)	\$2366	\$138.18	\$104.01		
Elmwood	\$1009	\$74			\$500
Elmwood (9/6)	\$830	\$152.70			
Boyceville	\$656	\$157		\$250	
Boyceville (9/7)	\$1415	\$140		\$2100	

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Elmwood Moola for Milk: During the month of September we will be collecting donations for Moola for Milk. Moola for Milk is a milk program through the Salvation Army to provide milk coupons to families that visit the Elmwood Food Pantry. Please donate by putting any monies in the milk jug at the front entrance to the Church in Elmwood. Thank you.

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society: Altar & Rosary 2014 dues are due by Nov. 1st. Dues are \$10.00 and can be paid by mail to: P.O. Box 54, Elmwood, or put in the A & R box in the church

basement. If you do not remember if you paid your dues, you may call Sharon Weber or your group leader. If you are a member of Sacred Heart, you are a member of Altar & Rosary.

Elmwood Save the Date: To further celebrate our Centennial Altar & Rosary will be hosting a Soup & Sandwich supper on **Saturday, Nov 15 from 5:00pm-7:30pm.** It will be a free will offering. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm and again at 8:00pm as that will be the Youth mass. We hope you plan to join us on that date! Thanks from Altar & Rosary Society.

