

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (9-29).....8:00 AM Mass at Elmwood
+John Feuker (Bob and Kathy Geraets)
Tuesday (9-30).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Jack Traynor (Traynor Family)
Wednesday (10-1).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood
+Frank Crownhart (Steve and Carol Lecheler)
Thursday (10-2).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Johnny and Lorraine Zignego (Ron Zignego)
10:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center
+Leo and Frances Huebel (Julie Ducklow)
Friday (10-3).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Shirley Ann Jensen (Dan and Janice Schuler)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (10-4).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Bill Baier (Tom and Tony Baier Families)
Sunday (10-5).....9:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
Missa pro populo
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Donald Krause (John and Nancy Ellingson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Duane Kelley** of Spring Valley who was buried this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Duane 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).

St. Luke's Fall Dinner: The members of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Boyceville will have their 48th Annual Fall Dinner on **October 5, 2014 after a 9:30AM mass**. All are welcome to come enjoy a wonderful homemade dinner!

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!

St. Luke's Fall Dinner News: There will be a meeting of the Fall Dinner Committee on **Sunday, September 28th, at 6PM** in the home of Lois Johnson.

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

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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.

Elmwood Church Window

Greeting cards: If you are interested in purchasing greeting cards with images of the stain glass windows on the front, please contact Anna Crownhart at 715-639-4311.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 3:00 PM**.

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www.svecatholic.org

“STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)

We have joined our fellow Catholics throughout the Diocese of La Crosse in the **2014-2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal**. The Appeal is the major source of funding for the ministries, programs, and services of our Diocese. Some people grumble about the Diocesan Appeal and refuse to take part: “The Diocese is not getting any of my money! Why should I give my hard-earned money to the Diocese anyway?!” Why indeed! Think about it this way. Do you want priests to take care of your spiritual needs? **How do you think Deacon Billy Dodge and Elmwood’s own Levi Schmitt are paying for years of study for the priesthood?** Wishful thinking? IOUs? Not hardly. It costs cold hard cash to educate a priest. And lots of it. **Guess who is helping Deacon Dodge and Levi pay for their seminary training? That’s right, those who give money to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Funding of the education of the young men studying to be priests for our Diocese comes chiefly from monies raised through the Diocesan Annual Appeal.** Have you assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass this week? Has a priest absolved you of your sins recently? Have you received the Anointing of the Sick at the hands of a priest? Do you wish to continue to have access to these and all the Sacraments in the future, access that only comes through the ministry of the priest? Well, then, **justice demands that you do your part to pay for the training of the priests who so generously serve you now and will serve you in the future!**

Pray for Bishop Callahan and for the success of this year’s Appeal. Also, I encourage you to give prayerful consideration to your own financial gift. Please return your pledge card at your earliest convenience. Besides payment by check, note that you do have the option to have an automatic withdrawal made from your checking account or you may use your credit card. With your generosity, we can meet and even surpass our target. **As always, one hundred percent of any funds beyond our goal are returned to us at our parishes for our own needs right here!**

Recently, someone asked: **“Who is a person to call if somebody needs the last rites before death” if the Pastor is gone?** This question surfaces a number of very important issues that will take several weeks to answer. So here goes part one! **The first thing to note is the context in which pastoral care of souls is exercised in our day and age.** Every once in a while people will make a comment to me that assumes that the priest sits in the parish house (rectory) all day long just waiting for them to phone or stop by to conduct business. In other words, such people think that the priest is like a full-time fire and rescue professional in a city. Basically, such fire and rescue professionals remain at the station with their equipment 24/7 waiting to be called to an emergency. In fact, **the priest of today is more like the volunteer fire and rescue personnel in our rural communities.** These dedicated volunteers are out and about busied with many and varied responsibilities pertaining to their family, their work, and the community. In the midst of this busyness these volunteers make themselves available should an emergency arise. However, sometimes volunteers are not able to respond to a particular call because their other responsibilities have taken them out of the area or other duties must take precedence (such as caring for their sick baby!). Yet there are other volunteers in the area who *are* able to respond to the emergency. Pastors today – just like the priests who served our area from afar in the late 19th and early 20th century – spend lots of time moving between the communities they serve. Not only that, but extra-parochial responsibilities require the priests to be away from their parishes traveling to places far beyond the parishes given to their care. A priest in our day and age is literally a moving target! But the more things change, the more they remain the same. **So as pastoral emergencies arise today the solution is the same as it always has been at every time and in every place – another priest of the area steps in for the Pastor who is unable to minister to those in urgent need in his parishes.** In fact, almost weekly I am contacted by area parishes or hospitals or nursing homes or families to assist in an emergency because their Pastor is unavailable. That is the life of a diocesan priest. We are ordained not for the service of one specific parish or even grouping of parishes. A diocesan priest is ordained into the body of priests – the presbyterate – to serve the faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse under the direction of the Bishop. So whenever and whatever the need of any of the faithful, as part of that presbyterate, we priests serve God’s people. We all pitch in to meet the pastoral needs of the faithful of our beloved Diocese. Stay tuned for part two next week!

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	Roof Fund
Spring Valley	\$833	\$182.00	
Elmwood	\$1055	\$171.00	
Boyceville	\$530	\$165	\$500

