

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (10/6-10/7).....NO MASS

Wednesday (10-8).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood  
+Arlene Geraets (Richard Tiffany)

Thursday (10-9).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Don Miller (Miller Family)

Friday (10-10).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley  
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH  
+Ken and Marcella Ibach (George and Shelly Ibach)

### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (10-11).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood  
+Walter Bechel (Roger and Del Hirstein)

Sunday (10-12).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville  
*Missa pro populo*  
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Bernard Grant (Don and Theresa Kane)

### BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to **Adam and Melissa (Hartung) Blegen** who were joined in the **Sacrament of Matrimony at Spring Valley this weekend**. "Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage, Adam and Melissa, 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).

**St. Luke's Fall Dinner:** The members of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Boyceville will have their 48<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Round Hill Rosary:** In honor of Our Blessed Mother and the month of the Rosary, The Rosary will be prayed at Round Hill, near Durand, every Sunday in October at 12 noon: October 5th, 12th, 19th, and the 26th. **All are welcome to come and lift up your family intentions and our nation to the care of Our Lady & the Holy Family.** The Rosary will be followed by a potluck lunch; beverages and eating utensils will be provided.

## 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:** St. Joan of Arc Circle will meet on **October 11th at the Downing Cafe at 9AM**. We will be starting Lesson One of the Bible Study. Please see Rita Zimmerman if you do not have a book and would like one.

**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 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.

**Spring Valley Cemetery:** Please remember that it is the families' responsibility to remove all flowers and decorations from the cemetery before October 24. Thank you.

"The Mass is long,' you say, and I add: 'Because your love is short.'" Saint Josemaria Escriva (1902-1975)

## VISIT US ON THE WEB

**www.svecatholic.org**

**“STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)**

Two times each year all the priests of the Diocese of La Crosse gather to strengthen our fraternity in the priesthood of Christ, to hear presentations by various speakers, and simply to enjoy some time of relaxation together. The Fall assembly also includes our deacons and pastoral associates. This gathering in La Crosse – called the **“Fall Clergy Conference” – is Monday and Tuesday of this week.** Please pray for the priests and deacons who serve you!

Also, please keep in your prayers the young people of our parishes who have been diligently preparing to receive the one promised by the Risen Christ, the Holy Spirit. The **Sacrament of Confirmation for Spring Valley, Elmwood, and Menomonie will be conferred at Saint Joseph (Menomonie) on Saturday, October 18, at 6:30 PM** (There are no Confirmation candidate from Boyceville this year). All are welcome to assist at that Mass. Due to a scheduling conflict, Bishop Callahan has delegated me, as Dean of the Durand Deanery, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout the entire Deanery that weekend including the Mass at Menomonie.

Last week I began a multi-part answer to the question posed by a parishioner: **“Who is a person to call if somebody needs the last rites before death” if the Pastor is gone?** You will recall that the first part of the answer likened today’s parish Priest to a volunteer fireman – always on-call but not always able to personally respond to every single request. A Priest is ordained not as an isolated individual “contractor” to one or multiple communities. Rather, a diocesan priest is ordained into a presbyterate – that is, the body (or college) of priests of the Diocese. Under the direction of the Bishop the group as a *whole* serves the many and varied pastoral needs of the faithful of the Diocese. So although the Bishop entrusts a specific group of people – members of a parish – to the care of a particular Priest as Pastor, nevertheless every Priest as part of the diocesan presbyterate stands ready to meet the pastoral needs of anyone should the Pastor be unavailable. And this happens very frequently in this day and age.

Now on to part two! Just how does a parishioner request pastoral care in case of urgency? First and foremost, **right now instruct your family members that you want them to secure the pastoral care of a priest should you experience a medical emergency.** Please have that conversation with your family today and impress upon them just how important that is to you! I encourage you to instruct your family now because it is becoming more and more common that it never even occurs to family members to have a priest tend to the spiritual needs of their loved ones in a health crisis. Sometimes it is due to the stress of the moment, but most often the reason is that your family members have given up the regular practice of their Catholic faith and they no longer habitually see the events of life with the eyes of faith. **Family members themselves** can contact the Pastor by calling the Pastor’s residence or the Central Office or the Boyceville Office. In case no one picks up, the caller is given the cell phone numbers of the Pastor and Deacon so that they can be contacted by phone or text message. All of that contact information – including the cell phones of the Pastor and Deacon – is also listed each week in the printed bulletin and is available 24/7 on our parish website [www.svecatholic.org](http://www.svecatholic.org). Our Central Office and Boyceville staff as well as our Deacon are always ready to assist the family in contacting the Pastor or finding another Priest should the Pastor be unavailable. In the unusual event that the family cannot reach any of our parish staff or clergy through any of these means, then it is most appropriate to call area priests who are always ready to assist in time of need.

If the sick person is in a healthcare facility – nursing home or hospital, for example – or at home under the care of a healthcare provider, all the family need do is **notify the healthcare staff who will contact the Pastor or other Priest.** They are used to fulfilling such requests and, indeed, I receive these calls from hither and yon almost weekly. Since the hospitals used by parishioners cover such a far flung territory – from Eau Claire to Menomonie to Baldwin to River Falls to the Twin Cities to Red Wing to Rochester – keep in mind that the **larger ones have full-time Priest chaplains and the smaller ones have local Priests on-call** should the situation be critical. Even though it may be necessary to rely on the Priest chaplains or local priests for immediate assistance, I am always happy to visit parishioners who are in healthcare facilities. Also, please be reminded that due to federal privacy laws enacted several years ago, **hospitals and other health care facilities no longer automatically provide to the parishes the list of parishioners who are hospitalized or institutionalized.** The bottom line is that unless you or your loved ones notify the parish, your Pastor has no way of knowing when you are hospitalized or institutionalized. Stay tuned for part three 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 27-28**

*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)*

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Roof Fund	Don Miller Memorial
Spring Valley	\$1597	\$81.35	\$1,000	\$45
Elmwood	\$780	\$148.50		
Boyceville	\$621	\$24	\$2,000	

**BRIEFLY NOTED**

**Parish Social Ministry Convocation:** will be held on **Saturday, November 15, 2014** at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Black River Falls. This enriching day will begin at 8:30 in the morning and continue until 3:30 in the afternoon. Come join others who want to learn more about Peter’s progression from fisherman to disciple of Christ, and how we, too, can be disciples. Contact Lorraine Riedl at 608.791.2665 or [riedl@diolc.org](mailto:riedl@diolc.org) for more information.

