

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (11/17).....NO MASS
Tuesday (11-18).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Bernard Grant (Fran Ellefson)
Wednesday (11-19).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood
+Walter Allen (Dorothy Allen)
Thursday (11-20).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Gen Ducklow (Bill and Julie Richardson)
Friday (11-21).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Shirley Ann Jensen (Richard and Vergyl Fritz)

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Saturday (11-22).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa pro populo
Sunday (11-23).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Dorothy and Lyell Gleason (Joe and Karen Adams)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Don Miller

BRIEFLY NOTED

Interparish Pastoral Council: meets on Tuesday, November 18 at 7PM at the CCD Center in Spring Valley. Councilors please notify the Central Office if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

Spring Valley CCD: Due to the date change of the SV Elementary Holiday Program, **there WILL be CCD classes in the afternoon on Wednesday, December 10th.** Any questions, please call Cindy Schlegel 715-684-3324. Thank you.

Elmwood CCD Reminder: All students were provided a copy of the "Act of Contrition" prayer and should practice it for the upcoming Reconciliation program on Wednesday, December 10 in Elmwood. The students will be required to sign in for confessions. Father Louis will be available from 6:30 to 7:45 pm to hear confessions that evening. Students may come and go for confession at their leisure or may choose to stay for 8PM Mass.

Spring Valley Diocesan Annual Appeal: 61 families pledged \$11895. To meet our DAA target, an additional \$6989 is needed. If you don't have a pledge card & envelope, please call the parish office (778-5519) to have one sent to you.

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: St. Jessica Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19th, in the church kitchen, to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

Catholic Relief Services:

Help Catholic Relief Services contain the spread of Ebola and assist afflicted communities in West Africa. To donate, visit www.crs.org or the diocesan website at www.dioc.org.

Pro-Life Minute - Fact: Black Babies are aborted at 3 times the rate of white babies.

Without question, abortion is the number one killer of African Americans, surpassing heart disease, diabetes, and HIV. Abortion has a lead to genocide on a massive scale.

Pro-Life Minute is sponsored by Pro-Life Wisconsin. For more information visit ProLifeWisconsin.org

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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“STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHERN” (Luke 22:32)

For seven weeks we have been exploring the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in answer to a parishioner’s question: **“Who is a person to call if somebody needs the last rites before death?”** If you missed any of this series they are available 24/7 on our parish website www.svecatholic.org. In this week’s final installment we examine just **who and under what circumstances someone is able to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.**

Since the effects of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick include “the uniting of the sick person to the Passion of Christ for his own good and that of the whole Church [as well as] the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1532), the **one to be anointed must already have been incorporated into the Death and Resurrection of Christ through the waters of Baptism.** The *Praenotanda* or Introduction to the book that guides the Priest through the ritual of the Anointing of the Sick **exhorts all the Christian faithful that “great care should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament”** (*Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum*, 8). In other words, **it is the responsibility of the entire community to be attentive to those experiencing serious health issues ensuring that they have access to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in a timely manner.** In particular this means **the faithful must not unnecessarily delay asking the Priest to celebrate this sacrament.** In 25 years of priestly ministry all too often the seriously ill do not receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. To be extremely blunt, sometimes this happens because requesting the sacrament does not even cross the minds of the sick person or his family due to their lack of faith. Because of the way they approach life – with little or no appreciable faith – it simply does not occur to them that Christ wants to accompany them in illness and death. Other times a defective understanding of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – seeing it only as so-called “last rites” for those whose death is imminent – leads the sick person or his family to request it way too late in the dying process. In such cases, the person dies before the Priest can get to him because the sacrament was not requested in a timely manner.

When a person’s health has become **seriously** impaired due to illness or old age, the time has already arrived to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Among those who may be anointed, the *Pastoral Care of the Sick* ritual book indicates in particular: **those undergoing surgery “whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery”** (10); **the elderly who “have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present”** (11); **sick children even if there is some doubt as to whether they have attained the use of reason** (see 12; also *Code of Canon Law Annotated*, 1004). The ritual book notes that **“a prudent or reasonably sure judgment, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness”** (8). The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is one that the faithful can receive more than once. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that “if a sick person who received the anointing **recovers his health**, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If **during the same illness the person’s condition becomes more serious**, the sacrament may be repeated” (1515). The *Code of Canon Law* notes two final considerations regarding the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. “This sacrament is to be administered to the sick who, when they were in possession of their faculties, **at least implicitly asked for it**” (1006). As with the other sacraments, in order for the sacrament to have its proper effect in the life of the recipient, the person must have the intention to receive that which Christ and His Church offer through the particular sacrament. For any baptized Catholic, then, it is *presumed* that they desire to receive this sacrament even if they did not explicitly request it or they are no longer able to communicate this desire. However, “the Anointing of the Sick is **not to be conferred upon those who obstinately persist in a manifestly grave sin**” (1007). Since this is a sacrament of healing and forgiveness, if the person shows no sign of repentance or openness to reconciliation with God and His Church, then it makes no sense to offer to him something he deliberately rejects.

Stewardship for November 8-9			
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>			
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	World Mission Sunday
Spring Valley	\$1135	\$91	
Elmwood	\$1563	\$115.25	\$100
Boyceville	\$1390	\$19	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Cemetery Groundskeeper Wanted: Sacred Heart Elmwood is in need of a groundskeeper for the Farm Hill cemetery. Duties include lawn mowing and hedge trimming. If anyone is interested please contact Tom Weber at 639-3322.

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 639-4311.

Elmwood CCD Reminder: Elmwood 9th graders are required to attend the Advent night Spring Valley CCD Center on Wednesday, November 19 from 5:30-7:30PM. They are required to bring 1 or 2 students from 1st to 5th grade as their partner. The students and their parents are invited to enjoy a meal served at 5:30PM, program to follow. Any questions, contact Marilyn Bowell, CRE at 715-664-8975.

