

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (7-20).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood

+Carol Olson (Pederson Family)

Tuesday (7-21).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Milton Sowatzke (John and Nancy Ellingson)

Wednesday (7-22).... 7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood

Private

Thursday (7-23).....8:00 AM MASS at Spring Valley

+Brody Sotona (Luetta Schlosser Family)

Friday (7-24).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Juanita Bates (Adeline Crownhart, Dick and Jean Zeithaml)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (7-25).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Francis Kirby (Brian Kirby)

Sunday (7-26).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+Ed Hobbick (Ron and Mary Hellendrung)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood and Spring Valley Interparish Pastoral Council Meeting: The Pastoral Council members of Elmwood and Spring Valley will meet on Tuesday, July 21 at 7PM in the Brother Michael Catholic Center for orientation of new members and for group assignments. Councilors please alert the Central Office if you are unable to attend.

Spring Valley Fundraising Meeting: The Spring Valley PCCW is hosting an open meeting on July 27 to explore ideas for raising funds for the church roof and future projects. Everyone is encouraged to come and share their ideas, at 6:30PM in the Br. Michael Catholic Center

Grandparents and their families are invited to a Solemn Mass at 11:00 AM, Sunday, July 26th, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Cardinal Raymond Burke presiding. This is the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus; the Mass will also include the Consecration of Marian Catechists. For information, call Yvonne at 608 -792-4766 or Jeanne at 608 -788-5052.

Diocesan Lay Formation Class: Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Registration is open for the next two-year cycle. For information, contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at (608) 791-2667.

CONFESSIONS

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 Rosary Makers: will meet on Thursday, July 23 at 6:30pm in the Church dining hall. All are welcome.

St. Luke's: will host a Potluck on Sunday, July 26 after Mass. Please stay and welcome seminarian Daniel Sedlacek to our parish. Everyone is welcome!

Spring Valley Rosary Makers: meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the Brother Michael Catholic Center. All are welcome.

Spring Valley CCD CRE

Needed: Thank you to Anne Helmer for her dedicated years of service to our CCD Program! We are grateful for her hard work in the religious education of our parish children and wish her well as she steps down from the position. We are in need of CRE for the upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

Elmwood CCD Teacher Needed:

A 5th grade CCD teacher is needed for this upcoming CCD year. Anyone interested, please contact Marilyn Bowell, CRE at 715-664-8975.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Following the recent Supreme Court *Obergefell v. Hodges* case, many people say that the decision is about homosexuality, equal rights, and justice versus bigotry, ignorance, intolerance, and hatred. In fact, at its core this decision of five lawyers is **about the very nature of marriage itself**. This week I invite you to continue to listen to voices that do not get a hearing in the soundbites that now pass for journalism. Dr. Jennifer Morse has taught at Yale University and George Mason University and is the author of *The Sexual Revolution and Its Victims*. She wrote one of the *amicus* briefs for the Supreme Court justices regarding the *Obergefell v. Hodges* case. Morse analyzed the decision in the June 29 online edition of *Crisis*. Like the voice we heard in this column last week – Ryan T. Anderson – her objection to the *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision is based on reason, not faith (although she is a devout Catholic woman). And like Anderson, her opposition does not come from bigotry, ignorance, intolerance, or hatred. Morse writes: **“The Court’s cavalier disrespect for the rights of children is its most striking feature. Redefining marriage redefines parenthood. Up until now, marriage has been the primary institutional structure that attaches mothers and fathers to each other, and to their children. With *Obergefell*, this historic social purpose of marriage has come to an end.** Nothing remains of marriage in Justice Kennedy’s telling but a **government registry of friendships**. Of course, no one truly needs a government registry of friendships. We will soon hear calls to abolish even this vestigial form of marriage.”

Focusing in on the injustice this ruling perpetrates on children Morse continues: **“So how will society attach children to adults, in the post-*Obergefell* world? (1) Parenthood will no longer be considered a natural reality to be recorded by the government, but a creation of the State for the benefit of adults; (2) Some children will have a legally recognized right to know both of their parents. Other children will be blocked by the State from knowing both parents; (3) Some children will have three or more people named on their birth certificates; (4) People related to the child neither through birth nor adoption will demand parental rights. Family courts will adjudicate these disputes on a case-by-case basis, using subjective criteria; (5) Parenthood by contract among Intended Parents will become legally enforceable by the states; (6) Third Party Reproduction will continue unregulated and unabated. By the time the general public figures out that this is a form of human trafficking, baby-selling, and a human rights abuse, it will be so entrenched that it will be difficult to root out. We can extrapolate from 45 years of experience with divorce and unlimited remarriage to see that these “alternative family forms” will be harmful to children. As my colleague Jennifer Johnson memorably put it, ‘I had five parents and it sucked.’”**

Regarding the rights of children, Morse laments: “I was especially disturbed to see that even the dissenters do not give **children’s rights** the attention they deserve. Justice Thomas came close to the mark by saying that the government does not bestow dignity on anyone: the government recognizes the dignity that is inherent in each and every human being. Justice Alito comes close by saying that marriage does have a legitimate procreative purpose, while criticizing the majority for saying ‘the fundamental purpose of marriage is to promote the well-being of those who choose to marry.’ But even this is a far cry from a **robust analysis of the rights and needs of children.**”

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Holy Family of Nazareth, intercede for us!

St. Luke, pray for us!

Father Kevin C. Louis, STL

Stewardship for July 11-12			
<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
Spring Valley	\$1874	\$108.08	
Elmwood	1105	\$68.03	\$39
Boyceville	\$615	\$79	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Men of the Cross Men’s Conference: Join Bishop Callahan and hundreds of other men for inspirational speakers, sacraments and fellowship on October 24, 2015 in the Fine Arts Center at Viterbo University in La Crosse. For details and registration please visit: www.menofthecross.org.

Witnesses for Christ Conference August 7-8: This is a two-day Conference you don’t want to miss. Friday offers three opportunities to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Saturday will be a retreat-like experience. For information see the brochure at www.dioc.org or call Susan at 608-791-2658.

