

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (2-1).....NO MASS

Tuesday (2-2).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Wednesday (2-3)NO Mass

Thursday (2-4)..... 8:00 AM Communion Service at Spring Valley

Friday (2-5).....8:00 AM Communion Service at Spring Valley

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (2-6).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Tom Mountin (Dorothy Mountin)

Sunday (2-7).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
Missa Pro Populo

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Josh Gokey (Gokey Family)

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday (2-10).....4:00PM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa Pro Populo

6:00PM Mass at Boyceville
+Dave Smith (James Smith)

8:00PM Ash Wednesday Service at Elmwood

BRIEFLY NOTED

Attention: Father Prince Away on Vacation: Father Prince will be away for his annual retreat to India to visit his family and baptize his newborn nephew. Father Prince will be gone from February 3-March 7th. Please pray that he has a safe trip and be sure to extend gratitude and a warm welcome to our visiting priests, Fr. John Schultz and Fr. Larry Berger! For any pastoral emergency please contact Deacon Ray or a neighboring parish priest.

All You Can Eat Belgian Waffle Breakfast: at St. Mary's Church in Durand Sunday, February 7 from 8-11am and serving: waffles, Sausages, toppings and beverages. Tickets are \$7 for adult and \$5 ages 6-12. 5 and under eat free. Tickets are being sold by school children or contact the parish office to purchase: 715-672-5617. Carry out available with ticket. All are welcome!

Elmwood CCD Families Reminder: Each family needs to make either cookies, cupcakes, or pre-cut pan of bars or cake and drop it off upstairs in the Elmwood Auditorium by **3:30PM on Wednesday, February 3** for the Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner. There will be a sheet to check off your name on the kitchen counter. You will be responsible for picking up your platter or pan. Jan 23-24.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 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. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

St. Luke's: St. Joan of Arc Circle will meet on February 6 at 9AM at the Downing Cade for Bible Study.

Elmwood Parish Help:

Our Elmwood Parish needs some help on projects that need to be done this year around our church. Anyone willing to help--please sign the work sheet on the clipboard located on the Main Bulletin board at Church or call Tom Weber 639-3322 for more information. Thank you.

Thank You: The Altar & Rosary would like to thank everyone who supported our Soup, Sandwich and Bingo event. It was a huge success and may possibly be done annually. Thanks again Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary Elmwood!

Mass Requests: If anyone wishes to have a mass celebrated for a loved one they may place their request in a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket at mass or mail it to the Central Office. Mass stipends are \$10.

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In just a few weeks, on the 14th of Feb., we celebrate Valentine’s Day. A time we are prone to think of love as affection, sentiment, attraction---a powerful pull over which, we tell ourselves, we exercise little control. Love is something we “fall into” or, by the same token, “fall out of.” The Greeks gave this experience a name. “Eros”, they called it. Maybe the term “romance” covers it best; a heady, wonderful thing and a gift of God in its own way, except that the concept never appears in the NT. It’s not that our Christian ancestors didn’t understand passion, for them it was a matter of instinct that needed little discussion. Their concern, and what Paul writes about today, is something completely different.

As we heard today, the Christians of Corinth were a gifted bunch but as can be the case with talented people, they remained woefully insecure. There were shouting matches about who was in charge, about whose gifts mattered. Key among the shouters were those exhibiting an outburst of heavenly tongues, surely a sign of God’s favor. Paul tried to lower the decibel level of the argument, first by reminding them last week of how a body works and how each part has its place. Then he urges them to seek the highest gift, “agape”, which is love as God sees it without which, speaking in angelic tongues is but clashing cymbals.

Simply stated, love as Paul speaks of it here isn’t “dong what comes naturally”. Paul has no attachment to the joys we call romance. Paul’s kind of love takes every ounce of maturity; hard work over a lifetime, waking up every morning asking God for the grace to help you love, despite others and despite yourself. Christian love, then, is not for sissies. So, seek romance, enjoy the valentine season but do this too. Ask yourself, how much self-discipline there is in your relationships for self-discipline is actually love, translated into action. Feelings have precious little to do with it for passion without discipline always leads to tears.

Real love is **not** a human achievement but a **divine** gift. So we pray today that we be **given the grace** to love one another as God has loved **each** of us, completely, committedly forever. In this place, love is a gift and it takes three; it takes someone to offer love, someone to receive it. It also takes God.

Deacon Kevin Ray

Stewardship for January 23-24 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1292	\$205.31
Elmwood (numbers will appear next week)		
Boyceville	\$1050	\$67

Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Hosted by the Elmwood CCD Program at the **Elmwood Auditorium on Wed. Feb 3 from 5-8 PM**. The meal is your choice of spaghetti/fettucine, breadsticks, garden salad, beverages, and enjoy homemade desserts and Culver’s custard. Take-out is available. \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Cash donations are welcome. Please purchase tickets by January 27; there will be a limited number of tickets available at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Elmwood CCD Youth. For information contact Marilyn Bowell, DRE at 715-664-8975.

Spring Valley’s DAA Update: Our parish has \$3,272.96 remaining to pay on our Diocesan Appeal. Please continue to return your pledge cards. If you need a pledge card or wish to pledge again, the cards are in the church entrance.

Lifeline Retreat Mass: Students in grades 8-12 are welcome to attend a Lifeline Retreat Mass in West St. Paul, Saturday, February 6th. A bus will be leaving Spring Valley CCD Center at 4:30pm and returning between 10-10:30pm. Please sign up and fill out a permission form, found in the back of Church, and return it to your CCD teacher or Kaity Rosno. This is a required event for 10th grade Confirmation students. For questions please email kaity.rosno@gmail.com

Right to Life Breakfast Update: Thank you to everyone who participated, both working and eating, at Sacred Heart Spring Valley’s 9th annual Right to Life Breakfast. We ended up serving around 170 people and raised nearly \$900 after expenses. We will be sending \$300 donations to Catholic Charities, Birthright, and Cradle of Hope. Thank you for doing your part in the support for life! If anyone is interested in being a part of the Social Concerns (Peace and Social Justice) Committee, please call or email Kelly Johnson at 715-778-4335 or ekn3ms@svtel.net.

World Mission Sunday Update: On behalf of the men and women who serve Christ in the missions, the Diocesan Mission Office extends to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish of Elmwood (450), St. Luke Parish of Boyceville (\$210) and Sacred Heart Parish of Spring Valley (\$205) our sincere gratitude for your financial contributions, which will be forwarded to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The ways in which you remember the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the missions are much appreciated! – Rev. Woodrow. H. Pace, Mission Office Director

Play Ball! Our Savior Lutheran Church of Beldenville, WI is looking for area churches to join them in playing baseball this summer at their ballpark located on Cty Rd. N near El Paso. Baseball is played M, T, W, & Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Concessions and homemade pie are available during the games. Ages 13-60 are welcome to play. For information contact Donna at 715-307-0451.

St Joseph’s Annual Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up: St. Joseph’s in Menomonie is having their annual Preschool (3K and 4K) and Kindergarten Round-Up as well as an All School Open House (Preschool through 6th grade) on February 4th from 6pm - 7 pm. If you are interested in sending your children to St Joseph School, please come and visit.

