

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (8-2).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Marie Howe (Catholic Financial Life 191)

Wednesday (8-3).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Elwin Brunner (Bob, Mary and Hannah Milliren)

Thursday (8-4).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Marcella Weiser (Estate)
10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center
+Tom Mountin (Tony & Marsha Shafer)

Friday (8-5).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Michael Mousel Family (Theresa Mousel Schwartz)
Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Spring Valley
8:00-8:45AM Reconciliation
Benediction
1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home
+Rev. Jude Weisenbeck (Lorraine Weber)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (8-6).....2:00PM Nuptial Mass at Spring Valley
(Brian Fesenmaier and Anna Ebensperger)
7:00PM Vigil Mass at Boyceville
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (8-7).....8:30AM Mass with Confirmation at Elmwood
+Joanne Schewebach (Allan and Pat Baier)
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Lorne Hanson (Hanson Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Parish Mass Time Changes: Please note that the weekend mass schedule will be 7PM Vigil Mass on Saturday at St. Luke's Boyceville and 8:30AM Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, Elmwood. This mass change will be in effect until October when we will go back to our current schedule for the winter months from October-March. If anyone would like to submit feedback to the Pastoral Council on this mass time change, please contact Becky in the parish office.

Upcoming Confirmation in our Parishes: Please keep RCIA candidate Sarah Bechel in your prayers as she prepares to enter our faith community on Sunday, August 7 at the 8:30AM Mass at Sacred Heart, Elmwood. Please join us after the 8:30am mass for a welcome reception for Sarah Bechel in the Church Basement. Refreshments will be served.

First Friday Devotions: First Friday Mass in Spring Valley at 8:00am beginning August 5th. Mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available from exposition until 8:45am Praying of the Divine Mercy chapter followed by Benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to come and observe First Friday devotions to the Blessed Sacrament!

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

Saturday 6:00-6:45 PM

Boyceville

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Elmwood

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Boyceville

Thurs. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

Spring Valley Eucharistic

Adoration: We are looking for some new prayer partners for Eucharistic Adoration. Specific hours that need partners are Thursday 9-10 am, 11-noon, 1-2 pm, and 8-9 pm. contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452.

St Luke's: Time and old age have worked their magic on the dishwasher and so we are in the process of replacing it before the Fall Dinner. If any parishioner desires to help defray the cost (\$6,376.00) please place donations in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Dishwasher". Thank you!

Elmwood CCD Program:

Elmwood CCD classes begin on Sept. 11th. Any new families interested in registering their children in our program; please contact Marilyn Bowell DRE 715-664-8975.

Elmwood CCD Teacher

Meeting: On Wednesday, August 10 at 6PM in the Elmwood Church basement.

Spring Valley CCD Teachers

Needed: We are in need of a 9th grade teacher for the upcoming 2016-17 CCD year and will be looking for a 10th grade teacher for the 2017-18 CCD year. Anyone interested may contact Becky in the Central Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes (also known as Qoheleth) was probably written between 300 B.C. and 200 B.C. Solomon is often given as its author in keeping with a tradition that he is the source of Israel’s wisdom. The sentence “Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!” is famous for its power to remind us that in comparison with the things of God, human endeavors are fleeting and insubstantial. (The word for “vanity” in Hebrew means “vapor,” and thus the author of Ecclesiastes gives us a vivid picture of human activity as amounting to nothing so much as water vapor that rises into the air and is quickly dispersed.) The passage selected in the liturgy goes on to apply this view even to the legitimate wealth gained by hard work. Death normally forces one who has toiled legitimately to leave the results of his toil to someone else, possibly to one who has not toiled at all.

In the second reading St. Paul urges us to keep our eyes on Christ, who enjoys authority with God in heaven. The life won by Christ is the only truly imperishable treasure available to us. But it is a treasure which can be thrown away by serious sin. The opposite of running a risk of losing this life by committing serious sin is to set our sight on Christ and attempt to model our lives on His virtues. The more we “put on” our new self (the image is of putting on a fresh set of clothes) by working with God’s help to acquire virtues exemplified in Christ, the more certain we are that we shall eventually join Christ in heaven for all eternity.

The passage from Luke’s Gospel begins by taking up the theme introduced by Ecclesiastes in the first reading: unnecessary abundance of material goods is no final guarantee of possession of the riches which really matter. The parable of the rich fool illustrates how fleeting the possession of material riches can be. Our goal should be to make ourselves rich with the things which God considers to be riches.

There is a fantastic book of meditations on St. Francis of Assisi written by James Cowan, a lay novelist, who spent some time in Assisi trying to understand Francis. You are all well aware that Francis gave up all his worldly possessions as a radical prophetic action. Cowan writes that Francis recognized that wealth, family, social position and profession confined him in a web of relationships that made it impossible to define himself as a fully human being in the image of Christ. His prophetic action of stripping off his rich clothes in the square in Assisi was a sign that the inner person had to be exposed rather than cloaked in silk and velvet. Francis’ action was prophetic, a radical action to help us recognize the entanglements of what the world calls success.

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Stewardship for July 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	Missionaries of St. Francis	DAA Rebate
Spring Valley	\$1242	\$130	\$205	\$1,212.04
Elmwood	\$745	\$122	\$100	\$265
Boyceville	\$1190	\$70.92	\$1072	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Brother Michael Center Floor Project: Will start July 18 – August 5. Asbestos floor tiles are being removed and replaced throughout the entire building. Reset up of the building will be August 1-5. A sign up poster will be in the back of church or call Jack at 715-778-4506 to help. Thank you!

Elmwood Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed: Our Elmwood parish needs more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. For those interested in being trained as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Becky.

Holy Rosary Parish, Lima Fall Festival: August 28th Polka Mass at 10AM followed by a Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings - Adults \$10, Children (5-12) \$5 Under 4 eat free. Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, Parish Raffle, Booths, and Games. Located 6 miles east of Durand off Highway 10 on County Road V.

Tri-Parish Request: We saw our three churches pull together for the bus trip to the Shrine, both financially and in other ways, that made that trip not only possible but was accomplished with such a feeling of community and grace. I would now like to encourage us as a tri-parish, to do other things together because when we multiply our efforts we can accomplish so much more. There are some of us who have been responsible for praying for our priest once a week on a certain day ever since Father Louis was here. It is called the Seven Sisters and we pray before the Blessed Sacrament (or the tabernacle) for one hour and throughout the rest of the day we continue to hold him up in prayer and cover him in grace. We are short 2 days (Friday and Saturday) if anyone would be willing to take up this devotion on those days, please contact me. –Rita Zimmerman 715-643-2211

Congratulations to Our New Parish Seminarian: Fr. Prince received an official acceptance letter from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary of Winona, MN for the enrollment of Daniel Buchal, son of Spring Valley Sacred Heart parishioners, Greg and Laura Buchal. Daniel will enter Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary this fall to begin his studies in priestly formation. Please keep him in your prayers and remember all our seminarians studying for our Diocese such as, Levi Schmitt from our Elmwood parish who is entering his second year of studies at the major seminary, St. Francis de Sales Seminary of Milwaukee.

Mary Queen of the Clergy, pray for our priests and religious; obtain for us many more!

