

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (8-29).....NO MASS

Tuesday (8-30).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Adeline Crownhart (Dell Jane and Marvin Kannel)

Wednesday (8-31).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+James Bates (Greg Fesenmaier)

Thursday (9-1).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Marcella Weiser (Estate)

10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center

+Bernard Grant (Ioliene Grant and Family)

Friday (9-2).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Newell Weiser (Estate)

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Spring Valley

8:00-8:45AM Reconciliation

Benediction

1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home

+Albert Lecheler (Ann Webb and children)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (9-3).....7:00PM Vigil Mass at Boyceville

+Deloris Baudhuin (Rich & Barb Laluya)

Sunday (9-4).....8:30AM Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Lorne Hanson (Hanson Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

First Friday Devotions: First Friday Mass in Spring Valley at 8:00am September 1st followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession available until 8:45am and praying of the Divine Mercy chaplet.

FORMED: Our Sacred Heart Parishes have purchased a subscription to FORMED! FORMED® is an exciting new gateway to the best teaching videos, audio, and eBooks to deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church! Available *anytime* and *anywhere* on most computers and mobile devices. Access movies of the saints and countless other resources to continue your faith journey and assist in the faith formation of your families. Visit: www.formed.org and enter the Parish Access Code: **CQH26N** (all caps). Set up a username and a password for your personal account. Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime!

Comedy Night and Banquet for Life! You are cordially invited to join the Options for Women pro-life clinic on Tuesday, September 13th at Kilkarney Hills Golf Club, River Falls. The event starts at 5:30pm and includes a silent auction, delicious meal, exciting live dessert auction and fantastic speaker - comedian, author, and musician Mike Williams. The cost is \$40 per person, or sponsor a table of 10 for \$400. Please RSVP by August 31st. For information or tickets, call **(715) 425-8539** or email optionsforwomenrf@outlook.com.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

Friday (9/1) 8:00-8:45AM

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

Parish Mass Time Changes:

If anyone would like to submit feedback to the Pastoral Council on the recent mass time change, please contact Becky in the parish office either by phone (778-5519) or email: admin@svecatholic.org.

St. Luke's Parishioners:

Please pick up your raffle ticket books in the back of church. These sales will help greatly in the maintenance needs of our church. Every sale helps. See Gloria Pieters or Barb Hellmann if you have questions.

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 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Augustine mentioned three virtues as indispensable to being moved by the Holy Spirit and filled with His power and be enkindled with the fire of His love. These three virtues are: humility, humility and humility.

While I am reflecting on today’s readings, the key word that emerged was humility. That is why I’ll focus my reflection on the virtue of humility. Humility, the virtue recommended to us, is a wise and saintly basic virtue of Christian life. It is the one virtue which our Lord told us to copy from Him as He asks us to learn from Him for He is meek and humble of heart.

The Book of Sirach, our first reading, teaches us that if we perform our tasks with humility those whom God accepts will love us. The greater we are, the more we must humble ourselves so we will find favor in the sight of the Lord, (vv.17-18).

Today’s Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews advises us not to relapse into the old ways, indicating the time prior to conversion. We are encouraged to persevere to the end of the path that leads us to our heavenly inheritance.

Today’s gospel reading we heard Jesus talking about where the guests should sit at the table when invited somewhere. As a general rule in a fixed system, the most distinguished guest sits at the right hand of the host where he receives the highest honor. The second most important guest sits at the left side of the host and so on. While Jesus was aware of this fixed system, He was not presenting a lesson in social etiquette. He used this example of good manners at the table to draw attention to how honor is accredited in the Kingdom of God. This parable and the entire gospel talk to us about the need to be humble.

I Am Third is the title of the bestselling autobiography of Gale Sayers who ranks among the greatest running backs in the whole history of American football. In his book Gale says why these three words mean so much to him. They were the motto of his track coach who kept the words on a little sign on his desk. One day Gale asked him what they meant. The coach replied: “The Lord is the first, my friends are second and I am third.” From that day on, Gale made those words his own philosophy of life, bought a gold medal, had the words “I Am Third” engraved on it and wore it around his neck ever since, like a religious symbol.

While watching a television Mass, it so happened that the priest-celebrant beautifully gave meaning to every letter of the word THIRD and I will add some of what he said. He said that T stands for Thankfulness. The original Old English word for thankfulness is: “*to think full*”. We should think of the graces God has given to us and thank Him. H stands for Humility. We should be humble as Jesus teaches us today. I stands for Integrity. Integrity simply means incorruptibility. It is a moral courage to do the right thing in the face of personal risk of social pressure. It also refers to firm adherence to the moral/ethical code. And when we talk of moral/ethical, it has to do with the standard or principle of right behavior. R stands for Responsibility or the quality of being responsible. It is the knowledge that we have to do our work faithfully and courageously. We know that we have to be humble but we do not do it. And D stands for Docility or faithfulness to God.

If we want to learn humilty, we should imitate the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He lived for 33 years and thirty of those years were spent out of the public eye. At the end of His ministry He was humiliated and despised. He is humble, always defended the poor and destitute and never praised Himself.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for August 20-21, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles
Spring Valley	\$2,257	\$89	\$39.50
Elmwood (8/14)	\$1,220	\$237	
Elmwood	\$1,130	\$133	
Boyceville	\$480	\$92.72	

BRIEFLY NOTED

St. Monica and St. Augustine on FORMED:

This week we celebrate the lives of two great saints. August 27th is the feast St. Monica and August 28th is the feast of her son, St. Augustine. If you are unfamiliar with their story, check out the movie: *Restless Heart* on the movies tab of Formed.org. To hear more about Augustine's story from sin to repentance, click on the Audio tab and select "Saints for Sinners". Check out the above on the Audio tab of www.Formed.org. Log in using our Parish Code: **CQH26N**

St. Joseph's Fall Festival Prescott: On Saturday, September 18th (immediately following the 10am mass): BBQ Chicken Dinner from 11am - 2pm. ¼ Chicken Dinner for \$7; ½ Chicken Dinner for \$10. **Location:** St. Joseph's Parish / 281 Dakota St, Prescott, WI 54021.

36th Annual La Crosse Diocese Rural Life Day:

On Friday, October 7 at St. Joseph’s Church, Menomonie, WI ***Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at 10:00AM.*** Following the mass there will be an Awards Program recognizing rural faith families from the Deanery. MC will be Bob Bosold, WAXX Radio personality, with lunch provided by the Durand Deanery Council of Catholic Women. There will be equipment displays by: Tractor Central, Lindstrom Equipment, Value Implement and local farm families. Come praise and honor God for providing abundant food. Appreciate and celebrate the farmers in our midst and, demonstrate the connection we have with agriculture in our daily lives. All are welcome!

