

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday 10-4).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

Private Intention

Wednesday (10-5).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Virginia Lecheler (Steve & Cindy Bates)

Thursday (10-6).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+William Crownhart (Greg & Laura Buchal)

10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center

+Duane Bee (KC Council #6599)

Friday (10-7).....10:00AM Rural Life Day Mass at Menomonie

Main Celebrant: Bishop Callahan

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (10-8)..... 8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (10-9).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Deloris Baudhuin (Paul & Rita Zimmerman)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Jacqueline Bernard (Bernard Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to Pete Tellin who received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation this Saturday, October 1 at Sacred Heart Elmwood at the 8PM Mass! May the Eucharistic Lord remain with him and the Holy Spirit be a source of guidance and courage to him throughout his life!

St. Luke's Fall Dinner: All are invited to join in the fun and festivities at St. Luke's Boyceville today from 11-1:30pm for their annual fall turkey dinner!

Attention: All Elmwood Altar Servers are **required** to attend an updated instructional training on new responsibilities Saturday, October 15th at 9am.

Attention Altar and Rosary Society Ladies: Please have your strawberry shortcake to St. Joe's Church in Menomonie by 9AM on Friday, October 7th for Rural Life Day. Thank you!

Food for the Poor Mission Appeal: Please join us the weekend of October 8th and 9th to hear Fr. Scott Steinkerchner, O.P. speak at all the weekend masses in our parishes about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Steinkerchner will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living the Gospel mandate to love one another. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Steinkerchner and consider giving generously to his appeal and participate in corporal work of mercy by helping those in need.

Spring Valley CCD: We are looking for a Children's Liturgy leader or co-leader for the 10:30am Masses from October through April in Spring Valley. Contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 with questions or to sign up.

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

Parish Mass Times Update:

Thank you to all who submitted comments regarding mass times. All parishioner feedback was kept confidential and shared with the Pastoral Council who will submit proposals based off of the received comments at the next Pastoral Council meeting in November. The resumed Mass schedule will be in effect until May 2017 due to the 2016-2017 CCD program schedule already underway in our parishes. Any concerns, please contact the Central Office.

Diocesan Annual Appeal in

Sacred Heart-SV Parish: This week \$4450 was sent toward our \$19,772 target leaving a balance due \$14472. Thank you.

Spring Valley Adoration: We are looking to fill 2 hours every other week on Thursday, from 3-4 pm and 8-9 pm. Contact Laura Buchal at [715-772-4452](tel:715-772-4452) if interested.

Attention All Parishioners:

As you return your Diocesan Annual Appeal pledge card, please take a few minutes to make any necessary changes to your address. These changes will be recorded at the Central office and the Diocese. Thank you for your help!

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.

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the late 1990’s, CNN, the American news channel, ran an ad in the print media that made a deep impression on people. The two page ad had this large truck in the foreground which was on fire. At one of the corners of the photograph there was this elderly person who was throwing a bucket of water on the blazing truck in an attempt to put off the fire. And the caption read: “History is not made by kings and presidents; but by ordinary people doing extraordinary things.”

The Liturgy of the Word on this 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time invites us to reflect on the sacredness of our daily lives. It calls us to find God in our faithfulness to daily duties. The readings invite us to live by faith. In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to have such a Faith in him so that they may work miracles in their lives. A honeybee is not very big. As you walk around in the summer, you have to look closely to see the bee moving quickly from one flower to another. A single bee is not that important. But bees together have a tremendous influence on our life. They are the glue that binds together our agricultural system. One out of every three bites of food that we eat comes to us through the pollination of fruits and vegetables by honeybees. A bee on a single trip from the hive can visit over a hundred different blooms. To create one pound of honey, the colony of bees has to fly fifty-five thousand miles and visit over two million flowers.

As an example from nature, the honeybee demonstrates how a very small creature can have a tremendous result. Jesus never mentions honeybees in the gospels. But there are several times when he mentions the mustard seed. The mustard seed seems to be what Jesus points to in nature to show how small things can have immense effects. He does so in today’s gospel. He does so in the context of faith.

The apostles say to him, “**Increase our faith.**” They are speaking for us. They are speaking for us in all the times when we feel that our faith is insufficient, when our faith is too small. Perhaps we’ve lost someone we loved deeply and we question, “Will I really see that person again in heaven?” Perhaps we have lost our job, or our marriage, or our health and we ask, “Does God really care? We know what the scriptures say and we know the promises that God has made to us. But there are times when those promises seem too good to be true. Like the disciples, we say, “Increase our faith,” because our faith is too small.

Now Jesus says in the gospel today that small faith is sufficient. He says that if we have faith the size of mustard seed, however little that seed may be, it still can have great results. But Jesus’ words seem naïve. How can mustard-seed-sized faith be enough? We do not feel that it is enough. That is why we feel we need more faith. How can our small faith be sufficient?

Here is where the honeybee might help. Honeybees do not have power as individuals. But they are a part of a hive, and those hives together are the glue of our agricultural system. So too, when we look at ourselves as isolated creatures, our faith is small, very small. But Jesus tells us is that when we feel the smallness of our faith, then it is time that we draw upon the faith of others.

When we become discouraged about the world around us, it is time to look at the people in our life who we love and who can give us energy and hope. It is time to draw upon the strength of the people who respect and support us. Our faith might be the size of a mustard seed but we are not an isolated plant. We are a Church, a part of a community of believers. As a community of believers, we need to draw upon one another for faith and hope. That is why the honeybee is a useful image. Alone, our faith is much too small. But it is still sufficient. It still has power, because we do not fly alone.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for September 24-25, 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	\$1,880	\$84.51
Elmwood	\$625	\$319.99
Boyceville	\$718	\$42

BRIEFLY NOTED

Confirmation Students Important Dates:

Wednesday, October 12 @ 7-8:00pm - Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Joes Menomonie SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you.

Saturday, October 15 @ 6:30pm -CONFIRMATION @ St. Joe’s Menomonie, reception follows in church basement.

Webinar on Amoris Laetitia: Listening to the Joys and Hungers of Families (Part 2): This webinar is provided by the Strong Families national partnership and is part of an 8 part series on the topic of *Amoris Laetitia*. Join panelists for Q & A about the content presented by master teacher Dr. Tim Hogan, Director of Grace Counseling Center in Detroit. This webinar is intended to help “unpack” the content in the video presentation which will be emailed a week prior to the webinar. ***Part 2 of the series will follow on October 12th where another panel will take questions addressing how these concepts apply to various ministries.*** The panel discussion will be presented by the following individuals:

- Michael Theisen – Director of Ministry Formation, Strong Catholic Families National Coordinator
- Jeff Heinzen – President of the McDonnell Area Catholic Schools
- Alice Heinzen – Director of the Office for Marriage and Family Life, Diocese of LaCrosse
- Frank DeSiano, CSP – President: Paulist Evangelization Ministries
- Dr. Dan Ryan – Superintendent, Diocese of Sioux Falls

Register by going to this link or email Becky in the Central Office for the link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2124930840970327810>

