

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (11-15).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Gen Miller (Dave & Rita Johnson)

Wednesday (11-16).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Kathleen Brown (KC Council #6599)

Thursday (11-17).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Dale Jensen (Pat & Amy Lisowski)

Friday (11-18).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Assisted Living

+Albert Lecheler (Steve Geraets)

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Saturday (11-19).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+Don Miller (Clarence Jilk)

Sunday (11-20).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Mary Smith

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa Pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

St. Luke's Potluck: Today following our 8:30am mass. All are welcome!!

St. Luke's: Please note that our mission school, Our Lady of Fatima School of India, received a donation from St. Luke, Rock Falls, and Elk Mound for ALLUMINUM CANS collected, in the amount of \$835.00. We have a new outlet and method of storing and redeeming the cans, so PLEASE continue to SAVE CANS for our mission appeal. Thank you!

St Luke's: St Jessica Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on November 16th for their monthly meeting and to box up Operation Child gift boxes.

St. Luke's DAA: We are currently at 52% of our DAA goal. Thanks to all who have already contributed to this worth cause. If you have not yet donated, you may put your pledge in the collection or mail it in.

Elmwood DAA Update: Our parish is at 85% of our DAA goal. Thank you to those who have already contributed! If you are not pledging to the DAA, please indicate it on your card & return it.

St. Luke's Sacristan Needed: is in need of another Sacristan. Please see Georgia to find about more about the position.

St Luke's Usher Meeting: There will be a meeting of the ushers after Mass on December 4th to discuss the schedule for the upcoming year. We are in need of one or two more volunteers. Please see Paul Zimmerman for more information.

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

Interparish Pastoral Council:

Meets Tuesday, November 15 at 7PM in Spring Valley at the Br. Michael Catholic Center.

DAA in Spring Valley:

\$1,150 was sent to the Diocese with a balance due of \$8,347. Please support the Appeal. Place your pledge in the collection or mail it to the Central Office. Alternatively, you may do an online gift on the Diocesan website at www.dioc.org/stewardship.

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).

Elmwood Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed:

Our Elmwood parish needs more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. For those interested in serving in these roles please contact Becky.

FORMED LOG-IN INFO

To setup an account visit: www.formed.org and enter the Parish Access Code: **CQH26N**

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s gospel begins with the disciples marveling at the glory of the Temple. It must have been something to see. The Temple they looked at was one of the wonders of the world. It was brand, spanking new. It had taken fifty years for Herod to rebuild the Temple. This Herod was the Herod who lived at the time of Jesus’ birth, not the Herod at the time of the Passion of the Lord. The original Temple, the Temple that Solomon built, was destroyed by the Babylonians at the beginning of the captivity in 588 BC. When the Israelite returned to Jerusalem around 528, the people had all to do to build shelters for themselves. It took about fifteen years for them to begin to build a new Temple. As the centuries progressed, this temple was enlarged and refurbished, but it never approached the magnificence of the Temple that Solomon built. In the year 26 B.C. Herod decided to restore the Temple to the Glory of Solomon’s Day. The work on the Temple had just been completed when Jesus’ disciples looked on amazed at the precious stones and votive offerings.

Have you ever gone to a majestic Cathedral or Basilica? Perhaps you have visited the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, Cathedral of St. Paul in Minnesota, Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman or maybe you have been blessed to be able to travel to Rome and go to the Basilica of St. Peter. I remember the first time I went into St. Paul Cathedral in Minnesota. My jaw dropped. It is amazing. That’s how the disciples felt when they looked at the Temple. Then Jesus said to them, “It really doesn’t matter. It is all going to come to a ruin anyway.” In fact within forty years the Romans would put down the Jewish Barsabbus revolt, and, to break the spirit of the zealot rebels, would completely destroy the temple leaving nothing but what we now call the Wailing Wall still standing.

Patient endurance will save our lives. That phrase, "patient endurance" is the New Testament catch word for martyrdom. By patient endurance we will be saved. By becoming martyrs we will be saved. We Christians are called to martyrdom.

That is the challenging part of today's Gospel. We must become witnesses to Jesus Christ, martyrs, to be saved. Affirming our Christianity demands suffering. All Christians experience this in many ways. The Temple that was built in Jerusalem might be destroyed, but the Temple that is the Life of Christ within us will never be destroyed.

Today's gospel is challenging. It is challenging because Jesus demands that we give witness, become martyrs, if we want to be saved. It is challenging because the Lord demands that we stand up for him, his kingdom and the Christian way of life in a materialistic, self-centered world. It is challenging because it demands that we accept grief from those who mock us. It is challenging because it proclaims that only by patient endurance can we be saved.

This is the challenge of Christianity. We pray today for the grace to endure patiently any trials that are essential to our affirmation of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for November 5-6, 2016

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

| | Adult Envelopes | Offertory | World Mission Sunday |
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| Spring Valley | \$2,566 | \$117 | \$35 |
| Elmwood | \$555 | \$233.75 | \$125 |
| Boyceville (10/30) | \$930 | \$45 | \$80 |
| Boyceville | \$1,113 | \$56.60 | |

BRIEFLY NOTE

Elmwood CCD Reminder: All students were provided a copy of the “Act of Contrition” prayer and should practice it for the upcoming Reconciliation program on Wednesday, December 7 in Elmwood. This is a requirement for 3rd grade through high school, students will be required to sign in for confessions. Father Prince will be available from 5:30 to 7:20 pm to hear confessions that evening. Students may come and go for confession at their leisure or may choose to stay for 7:30PM Mass.

St. Luke’s: It's time again to help support the Christmas Boxes for Children. If you have shoe boxes, no boot boxes please, we need them to pack in. There will be a container in the back of church to put donated item for the boxes. Small toys- no guns or things that represent violence. Coloring books, crayon, small cars, puzzles, pencils and paper, personal care products. A list will be in back of church.

This Week on FORMED: The past week on November 10th we celebrated the Feast Day of Pope St. Leo the Great. This great Pope and Saint is well-known for his theological writings but also for his encounter with Atilla the Hun, whom he persuaded to turn back from sacking Rome in the 5th century. For more on Pope St. Leo the great and other great figures in our Church's history, check out the book "History of the Catholic Church" by James Hitchcock on the books tab of Formed.org. There is a presentation on the Pope there as well. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in our Parish Code: **CQH26N**

End of the Year of Mercy: The Year of Mercy will “officially” close on Sunday, November 20th when the Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman will be closed by Bishop Callahan. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to join our Bishop in the celebration of Holy Mass at 10:30am and the Rite of Closing of the Holy Door to offer thanksgiving for the Lord’s abundant mercy showered upon us in the Year of Mercy.

