

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Dec. 24 4:00PM at Spring Valley

Dec. 24 8:00PM at Elmwood

Dec. 25 8:30AM at Boyceville

Dec. 25 10:30AM at Spring Valley

DAA in Spring Valley:

\$13,310 (67.32%) of the \$19,772 target has been paid leaving a balance due of \$6,462. If you lost your pledge card, pick one up in the church entrance. Please help us reach our goal.

Spring Valley Adoration:

We are looking to fill an hour every other week on Thursday, from 3-4 pm. Contact Laura Buchal at [715-772-4452](tel:715-772-4452).

Spring Valley Lectors:

The lector workbooks are now available for pickup. Please stop by the sacristy after to claim your workbook. Thank you.

FORMED LOG-IN INFO

To setup an account visit:

www.formed.org and enter the

Parish Access Code: **CQH26N**

DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Search for "myParish-Catholic Life" in your app store. Follow installation prompts, select your parish to stay connected with parish events and Mass times.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

VISIT US ON THE WEB

www.svecatholic.org

Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (11-29).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Audrey Tschumperlin (Steve & Diane Tschumperlin)

Wednesday (11-30).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Dorothy Hartung (Greg & Elaine Fesenmaier)

Thursday (12-1).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Olivia Pelzel (Leona Horn)

10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Healthcare Center
+Gloria Ryan (Tom Ryan)

Friday (12-2)..... 8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Albert Lecheler (Bill & Anna Crownhart)
Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Spring Valley
8:00-8:45AM Reconciliation
Benediction

1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Deb Wiinamaki (Don & Mary Schmitz)

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday (12-3).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (12-4).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Rick & Robert LaCrosse (Karen Adams)
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Laura Bernard (Bernard Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

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.

Ladies of Sacred Heart, Elmwood: We will be collecting Christmas cookies for the homebound on Sat. Dec 10th. Please bring 1 1/2 dozen to the kitchen. Thank you very much.

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, Dec. 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 5:30-7:20 pm to hear confessions that evening. Students may come and go for confession at their leisure or may stay for 7:30PM Mass.

St. Luke's: We are currently at 65% of our DAA goal. Thanks to all who have already contributed to this worthy cause. If you have not yet donated, you may put your pledge in the collection or mail it in.

Elmwood's DAA: We are currently at 87% of our \$15,307 DAA goal. Please return your pledge cards and help us reach our goal. Thank you.

First Sunday of Advent: Stay Awake and Hope

This week we begin the Church year with a call to stay awake. Paul tells us in Romans 13, our second reading, that we must wake from our sleep because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Jesus tells us in apocalyptic terms in Matthew 24 that we do not know exactly when the Lord is coming; we just need to be ready for Him.

Blessing of Advent Wreaths and Candles

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

This is Advent, the season of hope. Our hope is that Jesus Christ will come a second time. Our hope is that the Lord’s Second Coming will bring lasting peace. Our hope is that we will all experience this peace, either in this world or, if our lives end before the Second Coming, in the next world. Because we believe, because we have hope, our view of life must be positive, not negative. We are Christian. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that He has begun the wonderful victory of love over hate. We believe that the world as we know it is passing away is being transformed into the eternal kingdom of God.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for November 19-20, 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	\$1,089	\$98
Elmwood	\$1,775	\$118
Boyceville	\$500	\$73

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This Week on FORMED: Advent is a season to prepare for Christ's coming by taking a closer look at the things that keep us away from God. Sin is the thing that most keeps us from God, but the awesome Good News is that God is ready to forgive us if we come to him. The Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Healing that God has given us out of His love and mercy, but it is often the most misunderstood. If it's been awhile since you've been to confession or if you want to deepen your understanding of this beautiful gift of the Father, check out the new series "Forgiven" available now at Formed.org. The third installment in the series comes out on the 29th. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in our Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Spring Valley Children’s Christmas Program: The Children’s Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18th before the 10:30am mass at Sacred Heart, Spring Valley. Practices will be at 9:30am at Spring Valley church on Sunday, November 27, December 4 and 11th. Contact Amy Peabody at 715-778-5911 or by email at amypeabody@hotmail.com if you would like your child to participate in the program.

St. Bridget Holiday Happenings Craft Show: The annual Holiday Happenings Craft show will be December 3, 9 am-3pm in the St. Bridget Parish School Gym (135 E. Division St, River Falls, WI). A wide variety of hand crafted items are for sale by more than 70 crafters. Lunch is available. Cost is \$1 at the door and children 10 and under are free.

Maintenance/Groundskeeper Wanted: St. Mary’s Assumption Parish/Holy Rosary Parish is seeking a Full/part-time Employee. This individual will be expected to do general maintenance & grounds keeping for two of our parishes - St Mary’s & Holy Rosary. Candidate must have knowledge of general maintenance and grounds keeping skills. **Send resumes to:** stmrysdu@nelson-tel.net. **For information contact the Central Office at 715-672-5640.**

Retirement Fund for the Religious: Once again the weekend of collection for this fund is just around the corner. **The appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for December 10-11, 2016.** Aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

