

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (2/20).....No Mass

Tuesday (2/21).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Dale Jensen (Tim & Diane Jensen)

Wednesday (2/23).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Albert Lecheler (John and Jodell Marson)

Thursday (2/24).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Joanne Schwebach (KC Council #6599)

Friday (2/25).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Elwin Brunner (Ken & Barb Cepek)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (2-26).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+Loren Leehe (Margery Leehe)

Sunday (2-27).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Allen Hemann (Joe & Laura Boesl)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa Pro Populo

4:00PM Mass at Elmwood

+Tom Mountin (Jerry & Julie Hannack Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Connie Moga** from Spring Valley who died this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Connie from all sins, that she who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Congratulations to Emma Mae Bechel infant daughter of Ben & Megan Bechel who was reborn in the *Sacrament of Baptism* at Elmwood.

"Remember, Lord, Emma who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that she may follow Jesus your Son, with generous hearts and willing spirit" (Roman Missal 974).

Lost Books: Three books written by Michael Kelley and signed to Colleen Kelley went missing from his funeral last week. If anyone knows where the books may be, please contact Colleen at 715-778-4991. The books have an inscription to Colleen in the front cover. Thank you.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Sunday, March 19, 2017: will be held at the Brother Michael CCD Center - S104 Sabin Avenue, Spring Valley from 11:00am -1:00pm. *Dinner includes:* ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, Jell-O, dinner roll & pie. *Cost:* \$8.00/adult, \$5.00/children 6-12 yrs old; 5 & under free. All are welcome!

St. Luke's Ladies Altar Society: The winter meeting of St. Luke's Ladies Altar Society will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 9:30AM. All women of the parish are invited to attend. If there are any additions to the agenda, please contact Betty Jean Smith 715-265-7157.

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

Prayer Partner Needed:

A prayer partner is needed for every other week on Thursdays from 3-4pm for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Please contact Laura Buchal for more information at 772-4452.

St. Luke's: We will be packing weekend meal bags in the WestCap building at 1:00 on Wednesday, February 22. Contact Joe Pieters with any questions at 715-643-4431.

Thank You Note: Altar & Rosary thanks the family of Barb Kardash for the donation in Barbs name. May she rest in peace in her eternal home.

Spring Valley DAA:

Spring Valley DAA: With a \$117 parishioner installment payment toward their pledge, our balance due is \$3183.50 Thank you for your help.

Weddings:

Contact the Central Office at least 6 months prior to the wedding for availability and requirements.

Baptisms:

Arrangements must be made in advance allowing time for instruction prior to baptism. Contact the Central Office to schedule a baptism.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel is a very challenging one. Jesus asks his followers to do things that are apparently impossible or at least very hard. Jesus tells us, "Do not resist an evildoer", "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you", and finally "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect". These are not mere recommendations to Jesus' followers but they are definite teachings that are to be accepted and lived in our lives. A follower of Jesus is consistently challenged and exhorted to come away from "You have heard that it was said" kind of attitude, practice, living to Jesus' kind of attitudes and standards. A true follower of Jesus never stops to change and grow and he is called to become a new creation by living the values of Jesus. Jesus does not only ask us to change but he also shows us how to change and accept his teachings.

The call of every Christian is to become holy and the only way to become holy is to radically live the commandments of Jesus. The saints became so conformed to Jesus and living his commandments enabled them to be sharers of his holiness. Jesus taught us, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles" The extra mile expands our vision. Without going that mile, we may not become a new creation. Without making second mile sacrifices, we may not become what we are intended to be in the plan of God. When we go the extra mile, we demonstrate God's grace. "Love your enemies" sounds like an impossible demand, but with the Holy Spirit's help we can go the extra mile because the Lord went the extra mile for us. When we were at odds with God, he loved and saved us (Rom 5:1-11).

When we are able to go beyond what is ordinary we participate in Jesus' vision "to be perfect," and we rediscover the true purpose of our life and vocation. So, let us pray that we may be fulfilled in our true purpose, as our heavenly Father is the culmination of all true purposes.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for February 11-12, 2017

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Campaign Human Development
Spring Valley	\$1,871	\$153	
Elmwood	\$910	\$109.50	
Boyceville	\$779	\$49	\$15

BRIEFLY NOTED

This Week on FORMED: This week's readings challenge us to love not just our neighbor but also our enemy. One of the most powerful examples of this challenge in action is the story of St. Maria Goretti. At 11 years old, Maria was attacked and mortally wounded, but on her deathbed she forgave the man who attacked her. But that isn't the end of the story! See the rest of this incredible tale of forgiveness and the power of Love and Mercy in the film Saint Maria Goretti, found on the Movies tab of Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Attention Graduating Seniors: There are several church scholarship applications ready for pickup; you may find the Choir and Religious Ed. Program Scholarships on the shelf or bulletin board in the main church entrance of Sacred Heart, Elmwood. The Religious Ed. Program Scholarship is also available online at www.elmwood.k12.wi.us, hover over High School, and click on Counseling Services to access printed copies. The KC Council #6599 are offering a scholarship for any graduating senior of our three parishes. To obtain an application contact Mike Raleigh at 639-6582.

Senior Sundays: St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting Senior Sundays January-March, 1:00-4:00pm at the St. John's Fellowship Hall. All seniors in the Spring Valley Community are welcome. Different events are planned each week. Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put is a partner with St. John's to bring you this event. If anyone would information or a ride to St. John's, please contact Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put at 715-778-5800.

St. Bridget's 7th Annual Pancake Supper: will be held at St. Bridget Church (211 E. Division St., River Falls, WI) on Tuesday, February 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free will offering. The all you can eat pancake supper will be served with ham, fresh fruit, milk and coffee. Gluten free pancakes will also be available. Proceeds benefit homeless in River Falls and the surrounding area.

Job Opening: St. Joseph (Rock Falls) is looking for a part-time Secretary/Bookkeeper. This is a paid position, working an average of 8-10 hours per week. Qualifications: person must be a practicing Catholic, have bookkeeping experience and be willing to learn the parish software programs; must also have knowledge of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel and know how to use the internet. If you are interested, please contact: Larry at [715-875-4837](tel:715-875-4837) or Bonnie at [715-832-5830](tel:715-832-5830) or email: Stjosephrf@gmail.com

New Lay Formation Class Begins in Fall of 2017: Would you like to see if the diocesan Lay Formation Institute (LFI) is right for you? What better way than to sit in on part of this exciting formation experience and "catch the spirit"? This opportunity is being offered for a limited number of inquirers the weekends of March 3-4 or March 31-April 1, 2017 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. If you are interested in sitting in on part of a weekend, or even just one class, contact us at ministries@diolc.org or call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [608-791-0161](tel:608-791-0161) to discuss your options.

