

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:				
Tuesday	September 5	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Barry Anderson (Anderson Family & Friends)
Wednesday	September 6	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Thursday	September 7	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
		10:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley Nursing Home	+Tom & Gloria Ryan (Ryan Family)
Friday	September 8	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Joanne Schwebach (Altar & Rosary)

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	September 9	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Susan Geraets (Bernice Asher & James Krings)
Sunday	September 10	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Gloria Hince & Bud Kadinger (Jo and LeRoy Keenlyne)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Billy Anderson & Brody Sotona (Wade & Kristi Sotona)

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM Elmwood
 Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM Spring Valley
 Wednesday 6:30-7:15 PM Elmwood
 Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM Elmwood

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM Elmwood
 Thursday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

Stewardship for August 26-27, 2017
“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Our Lady of Fatima School Mission
Elmwood	\$560.00	\$135.00	\$495.00
Spring Valley	\$1,790.00	\$224.00	\$1,118.00

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

To be a Christian, to be on the journey of discipleship, is to have our life changed, to be led in unexpected ways. Sometimes it is in ways we would rather not go as our cross is heavy and painful. Sometimes we are called to carry the cross of being hurt by others. At times we look for life of false expectations, life of illusions that is free from all pain and sufferings. If as Christians we are to seek Jesus or the church or the faith only because we are seeking self-satisfaction, or because we want a solution to our problems, we are going to be sadly disappointed. That is the time we look towards Jesus for strength to carry the cross given to us and walk with him. However, we are sure to encounter God in the midst of pain and everything is bound to change. But the cross will be with us.

In the Gospel of today Jesus teaches the disciples regarding the suffering Messiah who will suffer, die and rise again. Peter could not understand why Jesus must suffer and die and tries to admonish him. He receives the reprimand from Jesus and also receives the correct teaching about the cross. Jesus tells his disciples that they have to deny themselves, carry the cross and follow him to be his followers.

In the first reading Jeremiah complains about his difficulties as a prophet and the pain he experienced to speak in God's name. Here we have the reflection on the role of a prophet, who has to speak the truth even if it makes him unpopular. In the second reading Paul outlines a plan for a spiritual life that will please our merciful God. The apostle urges the Christian community to dedicate their lives to God and offer themselves as a sacrifice to him.

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Elmwood News

Altar & Rosary: Altar & Rosary meets Sept. 14th at 7:00 P.M. in the church basement. Items for discussion: Hostas on south side of church ~ funeral lunches at Welcome Home ~ A & R treasure. A & R \$10.00 dues for 2017 are due Nov. 1st. Thank you - President Sharon Weber

Elmwood CCD Program: Elmwood CCD classes begin on September 10th. Any new families interested in registering their children in our program; please contact Marilyn Bowell DRE 715-664-8975.

Choir Volunteers Needed: Dear Men and Women of Sacred Heart: We are in need of more choir members. We've lost 3 singers in less than 2 years and our numbers are critically low. Starting September 3rd we will be singing for the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass and no longer Saturday night. Please consider sharing your voices for God's glory. As the saying goes, "singing is praying twice". How great is that! Please contact Anna Crownhart if you wish to volunteer or if you have questions.

Spring Valley News

Spring Valley CCD Program: Registration for CCD classes is scheduled for September 10th in the Brother Michael Center immediately following Mass. Registration packets will be mailed in early September. Any new families interested in registering their children in our program; please contact the Central Office. Classes will start on Wednesday September 27, 2017 for Grades 1 through 5, and on Sunday October 1, 2017 for Grades 6 through 12.

New CRE: Thank you to Becky Hannack for answering the call and accepting the role of Coordinator of Religious Education in our parish!!

Children's Liturgy: Thank you Amy Shafer and Amy Peabody for answering the call and volunteering to lead Children's Liturgy during Mass on Sunday mornings in the upcoming school year!

News for All

Help people devastated by the flooding of Hurricane Harvey: Donate through Catholic Charities online or by mail. Visit: <http://cclse.org/donatecc/> for instructions.

This Week in FORMED: This week we celebrate the anniversary of the canonization of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This great woman of faith led a remarkable life. For an inspiring feature film biography check out the film "Mother Teresa", on the watch tab of Formed.org. To hear her in her own words, check out the audio presentation "The Face of God" on the Listen tab under Discover the Saints. In this 2 part presentation she speaks of the value of God's gift of life and the importance of the Eucharist in imitate Christ's call to love unconditionally. Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Men of the Cross Conference: The 2017 Men of the Cross conference will be held in Chippewa Falls at McDonell High School on October 28th. Speakers include John Pridmore, Fr. Richard Heilman, Jesse Romero and David DeWolf. For more information about the conference and to register, please go to: www.menofthecross.org

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Rural Life Day - Thursday, Sept. 14: The Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 37th annual Rural Life Day hosted by St. Florian Parish in Hatley of the Wausau Deanery. This event will be held on the farm of Mike & Sue Fischer. The day begins with 10:00am Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop William Patrick Callahan, and is followed by awards, recognitions, a blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by the women of the parish. The Fischer farm is at 1731 Esker Rd, Hatley, WI 54440. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, yministry@frontier.com, or via phone: [715-384-3252x6](tel:715-384-3252x6).

"What If We've Been Wrong?": The untold story of America's 'abortion king,' Dr. Bernard Nathanson, and one woman's mission to share his pro-life conversion. Terry Beatley, founder and president of the Hosea Initiative and author of "What If We've Been Wrong?", was sent on a powerful mission by Dr. Nathanson as he lay dying of cancer. Terry will speak at the annual diocesan Gospel of Life Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Callahan at 6:00 pm, with the talk at 7:00 pm. Location: 712 Market Street, Marathon. Free and open to the public.