

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:				
Tuesday	October 10	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	NO MASS
Wednesday	October 11	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Thursday	October 12	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Friday	October 13	1:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood Nursing Home	+Kathy Smith (Geraldine Brunner)
THE 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	October 14	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Adeline Crownhart (Bill & Roselyn Sylla)
Sunday	October 15	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Duane Bee (Altar & Rosary)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Jacqueline Bernard (Sheila Bernard)

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 September 30-October 1, 2017
“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$1,130.00	\$135.00
Spring Valley	\$1,951.00	\$179.25

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the first reading of today Prophet Isaiah uses the image of the vineyard carefully laid out and cared for by its owner, to depict the close relationship between God and the chosen people. In the second reading of today Paul is encouraging the converts of the Philippian community to place their full trust in God. Fervent prayer of thanksgiving and petition will keep their heart and mind on Christ. Again, Paul exhorts them to put away all anxiety for temporal and spiritual affairs.

In today’s Gospel we have the parable of the vineyard and the wicked tenants. They were given a vineyard to cultivate but they claimed it as their own and refused not only to give any return to the true owner but murdered his own son who had come to them on behalf of his father. The parable clearly indicates that God’s people had disappointed their God.

The Gospel concludes with the words that the Kingdom of God will be given to a people that produce the fruits of the Kingdom. The fruits of the Kingdom are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They are as Paul tells the Galatians, “love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Today, we are God’s people. We are the tenants in the vineyard. Now he expects us to produce fruit that will endure. The obvious question for us to ask ourselves today is: How are we doing? How much better are we than the chief priests, the elders, the Scribes and the Pharisees? We are specially privileged, by baptism, to be called to work in the Lord’s vineyard.

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Elmwood News

Special Thank You: The Altar & Rosary extends a special thank you to the family of Lon and Elaine Thompson for the very generous donation in their names. Married for 74 years, and they have entered heaven together – welcome home! God truly blessed them.

Altar & Rosary: The Altar & Rosary meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 7:00 PM in the Elmwood church basement. St. Joseph's will host the meeting.

Spring Valley News

Diocesan Annual Appeal: The 2017-2018 DAA starts this weekend. The target amount for our parish is \$20,375. If you have not already, you will be receiving the DAA mailing asking for your financial participation in the following weeks. Please contact Gene Bauer at 715-772-4430 or Marie Cebulla at 715-698-2882 with any questions. Periodically view our progress on the DAA thermometer posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

NO MASS Tuesday October 10: Father will be in LaCroose for the Fall Clergy Meeting on Tuesday October 10, 2017 so there will be NO Mass in Spring Valley.

News for All

Father Prince Traveling to India: Father Prince will be traveling to India and will be out of the country from October 23 through November 24, 2017. Substitute priests have been arranged for the weekend Masses. While he is gone, there will be no weekday masses - they will resume on Tuesday November 28. If there are pastoral emergencies while Father Prince is gone, priests from the surrounding communities will lend assistance.

Baptisms: Congratulations to **Oliver Daniel Hemry, Parker Joseph Hemry, and Charlotte Marie Hemry**, children of Justin and Erin Hemry, who are reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism in Spring Valley today. "Remember, Lord, Oliver, Parker, and Charlotte who, through Baptism, have been joined to your family, that they may follow Jesus your Son, with generous hearts and willing spirits" (Roman Missal 974).

Rite of Confirmation Mass October 14, 2017: On Saturday October 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie, the following students from our parishes will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. From Elmwood: Tyler Bee, Jordan Brunner, and Nicholas Forster. From Spring Valley: Lauren Anderson, Audrey Bigaouette, Braeden Dumond, Kenny Fesenmaier, Rachel Hartung, and Santana Schlegel. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they prepare to take this next step in their faith journey.

Our Condolences: Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Louise Sowatzke** from Spring Valley, who died this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Louise from all her sins, that they who believed in the Resurrection of Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect). Funeral services for Louise will be on Tuesday October 10, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Menomonee Falls, WI; visitation starting at 8:30 AM until Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM.

Food for the Poor: Please join us the weekend of October 14-15, 2017 to hear Rev. Robert J. Karris, O.F.M. speak at all of the masses in our parishes about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Karris will share personal witness about **Food For the Poor's** mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Father Karris was ordained for the Franciscan Order in 1965. Before preaching on behalf of **Food For the Poor**, he taught at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, was Provincial Minister of his Province, was General Councilor of the Order and was stationed in Rome. Father Bob is Professor Emeritus of St. Bonaventure University in New York where he worked for over 16 years. He has published more than fifteen books and continues to write and edit from his new home at St. Peter in the Loop of Chicago. Please welcome Father Karris!

Vienna Boys Choir Concert: The renowned Vienna Boys Choir will perform a concert of sacred music at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. The event will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 20. Tickets are \$30 apiece and are available from the Viterbo University Box Office and on the Viterbo Fine Arts Center website, <http://www.viterbo.edu/fac>. The Vienna Boys Choir has been considered one of the finest vocal ensembles in the world for more than five centuries. The Cathedral is located at 530 Main Street in downtown La Crosse, Wisconsin. For more information call **(608) 782-0322**.

Saint Mary's – Hammond - HOT DISH SUPPER: St Mary's Immaculate Conception, Hammond, Thursday Oct. 19th 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The St Mary's women's guild will host its annual nationality hot dish supper. There will be a large assortment of hot dishes, salads, rolls, pies and beverages. All are invited. Freewill offering accepted.

This Week in FORMED: This week marks the 100th anniversary of the 6th apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. If you haven't yet had a chance to learn about the messages of Our Lady, there are a lot of resources for you to check out on **FORMED.ORG**. In the documentary Finding Fatima, the filmmakers "present a compelling docu-drama on the crucial details about the appearance and messages of Our Lady in 1917, a message of prayer, penance, and conversion that is desperately needed in our modern world." 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**