

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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<b>OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:</b>				
Tuesday	February 6	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Wednesday	February 7	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Thursday	February 8	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Henry Winzig (Family & Friends of Henry)
Friday	February 9	1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home	+Virginia Lecheler (Dave & Tammy Hofacker)
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>				
Saturday	February 10	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Jeanne Mountain (Dorothy Mountain)
Sunday	February 11	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Carol Olson (Ron & Caroline Kannel)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Percy & Rochelle Lansing (John & Nancy Ellingson)

**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 January 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
 “How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 920.00	\$ 122.45
Spring Valley	\$ 1388.00	\$ 64.50

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

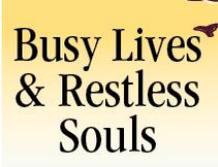
**“Everybody is looking for you” (Mk 1:29-39): Being busy – restless or engaged?**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The contemporary culture forces us to be busy. The more you are urbanized, the more you are likely to be busy. We keep inventing machines to save time, and yet we keep complaining all the time: there is no time! Whether our time is spent productively or not, we are simply busy. We are busy checking emails. We are busy talking on the phone. We are busy twittering. When we are not busy, actually we are busy planning how to be busy. Are you a busy person? How do you feel about your busyness? Do you feel restless? Or, do you feel engaged?

Suffering is inevitable in life. Each religion has to deal with this as a fact. The maximal intensity of suffering is death. In the face of suffering man/woman is powerless and he/she tries to find meaning to it. In Christianity, the attitude towards suffering is quite basic and definitive. It is the suffering of Christ that gives meaning to our sufferings. In the first reading of today we hear the lamentations of Job. Poor guy! He is restless. It is not just the loss of his wealth, the loss of his friends and family, not even the sickness that has afflicted him, but his inner condition that really pains him. We have Job, that legendary model of long-suffering patience, is speaking of the tiresomeness of life. He complains of the hardships he had to experience in life in the face of sudden disasters. He gives expression to the pain and sorrow he is facing. He is unable to see the happiness that lies in store for him.

In the second reading Paul speaks of the obligation imposed on him to preach the Word of God, making himself the slave of the Gospel. Yet he does this task willingly and freely without looking for any reward. The Gospel gives the vivid picture of healing ministry of Jesus and his popularity as everyone was searching for him. But he chooses to go to other places to continue his ministry of preaching and healing. In the midst of his heavy work of teaching and healing he spends his time in prayer.



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## Elmwood News

**Fazoli's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:** Hosted by the Elmwood CCD Program and Co-Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 191. The event will be at the Elmwood Auditorium on Wed. Feb. 7th from 5-8 PM. The meal is your choice of spaghetti/fettuccine, breadsticks, garden salad, beverages, and enjoys homemade desserts and Culver's custard. Take-out is available. Tickets are being sold at this time. \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Cash donations are welcome. Please purchase tickets by Feb. 1st; there will be a limited number of tickets available at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Elmwood CCD Programs. For information please contact Marilyn Bowell, DRE at 715-664-8975. (Please contact Marilyn if you or your business would like to donate a door prize for the event.)

**Altar & Rosary:** A big THANK-YOU to everyone who supported our 3rd Annual Soup & Sandwich Event. Every year it gets better. Thanks again Sacred Heart of Jesus, Altar & Rosary!

**Our Prayer Circle** is in need of more people. When prayers are requested, we call the next person on the Circle. If we get a recording, we call the next name and leave a message until we actually talk to a person. If anyone is interested in joining the Circle, or is presently on the Prayer Circle and would like to be removed, call Anna 715-639-4311

**The Sesquicentennial Anniversary** of our LaCrosse Diocese (1868-2018) 'Feed My Lambs' book is available. A sample of the book is in the back of each church to look at. Cost for the book is \$30. Please see Father to receive your copy of the book. Make checks payable to "Elmwood Sacred Heart Church"

## Spring Valley News

**CCD Lenten Activities for Grades 1-5:** Will be held this Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15-5:00 pm. A Family Dinner will follow at 5:00pm. All families are WELCOME to come for Dinner!!

**Spring Valley Community Food Shelf:** Sacred Heart Parish is responsible for donating items in the months of February and July. Please leave non perishable food items in the back of church. Monetary donations should be made out to the "Spring Valley Food Shelf". We will deliver the monies and items to the food shelf on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in February. Thank you.

**Ministry Schedule for Spring Valley:** The schedule for March - May will come out Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. If you don't want to be scheduled for certain Sunday Masses in March, April or May, please notify the central office by email or leave a voice message.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** We are looking for two or more people to permanently take over the noon - 1:00 hour and the 1:00 - 2:00 hour of Eucharistic adoration on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Laura Buchal at 715-772-4452 for more information.

**The Sesquicentennial Anniversary** The Diocesan 150th Anniversary Books - Feed My Lambs - The cost is \$30. Please make checks payable to the parish. Contact the parish office if you would like to purchase a copy.

## News for All



**Baptism:** Congratulations to **Lucas John Bechel**, son of **Ben and Megan Bechel**, reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism in Elmwood today. "Remember, Lord, Lucas, who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that he may follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (Roman Missal 974).

**Ash Wednesday Services** – February 14<sup>th</sup> - Spring Valley – 3:30 pm Elmwood – 7:30pm

**Lenten Regulations are as follows:**

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**This Week in FORMED:** Questions about marriage have been the source of much debate in recent decades, and the Catholic Church has had a lot to say in this societal conversation. But does marriage really matter? And why does the Church care so much about marriage in the first place? The video study *Beloved: The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* addresses these questions and more. In *Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?*, you'll gain a deeper sense of how marriage isn't peripheral to our faith, but is actually an essential part of God's plan for humanity. Find all of this content and so much more on [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

**Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast-** St Henry Parish Center – Eau Galle, WI Saturday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – serving from 7:30am-11:30am \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, children 5 and younger eat free For tickets, contact Gary Asher – 715.283.4451 Proceeds will be used by St Henry Watermark Mission for natural disaster recovery efforts. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Ins.. Branch #191

**National Marriage Encounter Weekend March 10-11:** A National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Eau Claire. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend will begin on Saturday morning with 7:30 registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45 pm. For more information contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, 127 E. Mac Arthur Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701; phone at 715-832-3296, e-mail at [rippsk@charter.net](mailto:rippsk@charter.net) or through our website at [www.marriage-](http://www.marriage-)

