

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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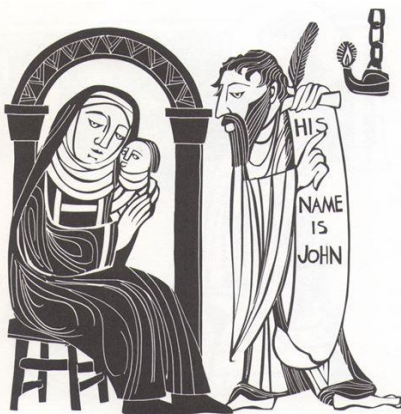
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome new parishioners into our parish family. Please contact the Central Office for information on how to join.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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

## 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



## PASTORAL REFLECTION

### Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Today the Sunday liturgy of ordinary time gives way to a feast, a great feast: that of the Birth of John the Baptist, who was chosen by God to prepare the way for the coming of his Son Jesus into this world. It is indeed a great feast, a feast of joy, but above all a feast of mercy. Elizabeth, the mother of John, who was called barren received the gratuitous gift from God, the extraordinary favor of conceiving a son in her old age. The scriptures tell us that her neighbors and kinsfolk rejoiced with her for the favor granted to her by God. This is also a feast of mercy primarily because the birth of John proclaimed the coming birth of the Messiah, Christ, and the Son of God made man, sent to earth to redeem humanity from sin. John while in his mother's womb was sanctified and washed of his original sin by Jesus who was in the womb of Mary, his Mother. Christians have long interpreted the life of John the Baptist as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the circumstances of his birth, as recorded in the New Testament, are miraculous.

The sole biblical account of birth of John the Baptist comes from the Gospel of Luke. It was the firm belief among the faithful that John was freed from original sin at the moment when his mother met the Blessed Virgin. John came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "John the Baptist was more than a prophet. In him the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. He completes the cycle of prophets that began with Elijah.

John the Baptist played a unique role in the history of God's people. He acted as the bridge between the Hebrew and Christian Testaments. He basically belongs to the former but was present at the beginnings of the latter. At the same time he died before Jesus had completed his work and before the Church came into existence.

**Rev. Prince Raja**

## OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	June 26	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Wednesday	June 27	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Thursday	June 28	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Rene Sailer (Gene & Judy Bauer)
Friday	June 29	1:30 PM	NO MASS At Elmwood Nursing Home	

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 30	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Ilene Bates (John & Jason Bates)
Sunday	July 1	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+ Joanne Schwebach (John Schwebach)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>

**Stewardship for June 16-17<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	\$1385.00	\$148.73
Spring Valley	\$ 1342.00	\$ 272.00

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## News for All



**Baptisms Today:** Congratulations to **Levi Donald Nellessen**, son of **Isaac and Charlotte Nellessen**, who is reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism today in Spring Valley. "Remember Lord, Levi, who through Baptism, has been joined to your family. May he follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (Roman Missal 974).

Congratulations to **Jayden Charles Keenlyne**, son of **Michael and Hayley Keenlyne**, who is reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism today in Elmwood. "Remember Lord, Jayden, who through Baptism, has been joined to your family. May he follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (Roman Missal 974).

**Parish Pictorial Directory :** Families are also be able to sign up on line on our website at <https://svecatholic.org> after masses on the weekends. Our scheduled photo dates are: Thursday – Saturday, July 12 – 14 (At Sacred Heart Elmwood) and Thursday – Saturday, July 26 – 28 (At Sacred Heart Spring Valley) . If you are unable to make one of the six dates available for our church photos, you may submit a photo in a jpeg format, by emailing them to the parish office.

**Adoration Notice-** We are looking for partners for the 1-2 pm hour of adoration in Spring Valley. Please contact Laura Buchal at 772- 4452 for more information.

**This Week in FORMED:** This week check out the latest in audio dramas from the Augustine Institute on Formed.org. In Ode to Saint Cecilia you will meet an inspiring woman with fierce courage and unwavering faith, willing to follow the path of beauty and truth - no matter the cost. Saint Cecilia's remarkable story as a martyr from the early Church who became a holy muse for artists across the centuries is the perfect entertainment for your summer road trip 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**

**Pro-Life :** "There is no cause more important for preserving freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning." Pres. Ronald Reagan, Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation

**Sacred Heart Spring Valley PCCW Salad Bar Luncheon** is Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Brother Michael Catholic Center. Free Will Donation (Suggested \$5.00) Proceeds go toward youth to attend Steubenville North Conference. People to work the luncheon and donate salads are needed. Students attending the Steubenville Conference and/or Confirmation Students who need service hours are strongly encouraged to help with the luncheon. There is a sign-up sheet at the church entrance, or you can contact Karen Fesenmaier at [fesenmaierk@springvalley.k12.wi.us](mailto:fesenmaierk@springvalley.k12.wi.us) .

## Elmwood News

**Pastoral Council:** Father Prince has appointed Jeff Pitman to the Pastoral Council in Elmwood. Jeff will be filling the position vacated by Arnie Bauer, Jr., who has resigned from the Council. Welcome Jeff to the Pastoral Council and thank you for your willingness to serve our parish!

## Spring Valley News

**Custodial Services Needed:** We are in need of someone /couple willing to perform custodial duties (vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, set up for events in Spring Valley , etc.) 10-15 hours a month. Please contact the Central Office for more information.

**Religious Ed Coordinator needed:** Becky Hannack has resigned as Coordinator of our Religious Education, and we are in need of someone to fill these shoes. If you are interested in taking on this important role in our parish or would like more information, please contact the Central Office.

**Music-** Since we didn't include the music ministers on the July and August calendar, we will put them in the bulletin the week before as a reminder:

Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>- Charlotte/ Tara & Mary

## JOIN US FOR A FAREWELL PICNIC

**You are invited to a potluck lunch on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> after 10:30 mass in Spring Valley, as we say goodbye to Father Prince.**

**Pulled Pork, buns, lemonade, water, plates, cups and silverware will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and your own pop or juice to drink if you don't want water or lemonade.**

**Let's give Father Prince a nice send off as he leaves our parishes and goes south, to "warmer" weather in the parishes at Alma, Fountain City and Waumandee.**

And the child grew and became strong;  
he was filled with wisdom,  
and the grace of God was upon him.

