

# SACRED HEART –ST. LUKE’S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**NEW PARISHIONERS:** If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

**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:**  
 Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM Spring Valley  
 Saturday 7:15-7:45 PM Elmwood  
 Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM Boyceville



## PASTORAL REFLECTION

My dear Parishioners of Tri-Parish,  
 Candles are so beautiful and really add to a deep sense of worship. I think we don't see the candle as a collection of hydrocarbons, the liquid wax, the candlewick, the four separate regions of the flame or the relationship between hydrogen and oxygen in the burning process. Instead, we look at the candle and it draws us into the beauty of the flame. We don't scientifically analyze it, we just watch it.  
 When people see our lives as Christians, they don't analyze our belief systems. Instead, people just watch our lives - and they watch to see if what we preach, in terms of the Gospel is matched by the way we live.  
 Your life and my life is like a candle to the world. St. Paul insists in his letter to Ephesians, "Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise". At the heart of living life as a Christian is the need to live a wise life. How are we to live wise lives? Well, Paul gives four steps here to living a wise life.

- 1. Live life as a gift from God-** St. Paul simply says: "make the most of the time..." If you look at a gravestone, you will read the name of the person and the dates they lived: Fr. Ami 1981- 2081. And in between the two dates is a dash: 1981...dash...2081. Have you ever considered what is represented by that little dash? The dash represents a life that has been lived. The relationships he formed, the work he undertook, the good things, the bad things in his life, all his joys, all his sorrows. The dash between the dates is what really counts.
  - 2. Work hard to get to know God-** St. Paul says: "Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is". Wisdom is hard work – it isn't given to us on a plate: we need to work at it. And so we need to persevere in prayer and reading the Scriptures and sitting silently waiting on God and taking a few risks too in order to discern what God's will for our lives might be.
  - 3. Let your faith transform how you live-** St. Paul says, "Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit". If we are developing wisdom by treating life as a gift from God and discerning his purpose for our lives, then this will inevitably impact on how we behave. In reality, we all have a conscience and we know the areas of our lives that we haven't fully submitted to God. We know those behaviors we have, those thought-patterns we have developed that really are a bit inappropriate and in contradiction to our calling as a Christian. Well, wisdom is worked out as we try to submit these aspects of our lives to God.
  - 4. Commit to the church-** St. Paul says, "Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts."
- The pursuit of wisdom is not something that any one of us can do on our own: we need each other; we need each other's support, encouragement and love if we are to develop in living a wise life. It is inevitable to attend Sunday Mass.  
 If we follow these 4 steps, we will know wisdom. Jesus said, "I have come so that you make have life in all its fullness".  
 Be wise. Choose life.

With Love and prayers,  
**Fr. Arockia Stanislaus**

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

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|-----------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | August 21 | 6:30 PM | Mass in Spring Valley        | + Pat Webster (Craig & Beth Ingli)    |
| Wednesday | August 22 | 7:30 PM | Mass in Elmwood              | +Leroy Keenlyne (Wayne & Pat Nohelty) |
| Thursday  | August 23 | 8:30 AM | Mass in Boyceville           | Misso Pro Populo                      |
| Friday    | August 24 | 1:30 PM | Mass At Elmwood Nursing Home | +Bob Bock (Dennis & Sharon Sinz)      |

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Saturday | August 25 | 8:00 PM  | Vigil Mass in Elmwood | +Virginia Geraets (John Bates)  |
| Sunday   | August 26 | 8:30 AM  | Mass in Boyceville    | +Craig Mohn (Terry Mohn)        |
|          |           | 10:30 AM | Mass in Spring Valley | +Andrew Haggemiller (Anonymous) |

**Stewardship for August 11-12<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 |
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| Elmwood       | \$ 630.00       | \$ 69.00  |
| Spring Valley | \$ 1613.00      | \$ 141.00 |

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## News for All

**Adult Faith Formation:** Please join us Thursday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elmwood Sacred Heart parish basement for Adult Faith Formation. This week we will be rediscovering the life of St. Thomas Aquinas, using Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players" dvd series. St. Thomas is a Doctor of the Church, and the author of the Summa, several traditional Eucharistic hymns, and other writings as well. Adult Faith Formation is held every fourth Thursday of the month and is open to all teens and adults.

**Career Opportunity:** The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Ludger J. Borger, General Agent, at (715)551-0228 or [Ludger.Borger@Kofc.org](mailto:Ludger.Borger@Kofc.org)

**Options for Women:** Do you know someone at your church who would like to work as a Client Advocate at a pro-life pregnancy resource ministry? We are looking to hire either 1 full-time or 2 part-time Client Advocates here at Options for Women in River Falls. All training will be provided. Job involves ministering to women and families in our programs, assisting with office duties, administration, helping with outreach events, etc. We are a fun group in a comfortable ministry environment! Feel free to spread this notice around your church community! Any interested applicants can call (715-425-8539) or email us ([optionsforwomenrf@outlook.com](mailto:optionsforwomenrf@outlook.com)). This is a beautiful ministry, and we are looking for a new generous heart to join us in our mission as soon as possible!

**The Eucharist and the Pro-Life Movement:** I am the Bread of Life. He who eats this bread will live forever. I will raise Him up on the last day." (See Jn.6:47-58) The Eucharistic sacrifice is the very action of Christ by which He destroyed our death and restored our life. Whenever we gather for this sacrifice we are celebrating the victory of life over death, and therefore over abortion. The pro-life movement is not simply working "for" victory; we are working "from" victory. As Pope Saint John Paul II said in Denver in 1993, "Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided." Our work is to apply the already established victory to every facet of our society. Celebrating the Eucharist is the source and summit of such work.

## Elmwood News

**Coffee and Rolls:** Please join us for fellowship, after 8:00 pm mass on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for coffee and rolls in the church basement.

## Spring Valley News

**The September-October Ministry Schedule:** Is available to pick up in the back of church.

**Family Life News:** Many years ago we had families bring up the offertory gifts. At the pastoral council meeting this past week, it was discussed and they would like to bring this back to our parish. Please contact Mary Lansing, 715-778-5832, if you would like to participate. Thank you.

**Keys for buildings:** We are currently updating our lists for who has keys for our Spring Valley buildings. If you have a key(s) please either call the central office or email with name and what keys you have. 715-778-5519 or [admin@svecatholic.org](mailto:admin@svecatholic.org)

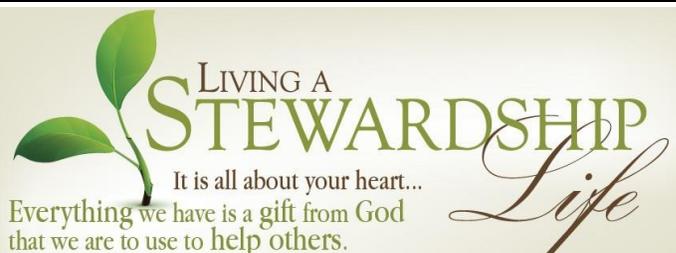
## Mark Your Calendars

The Bishop of Sivagangai India, the Right Rev. Jebamalai Susaimanickam, is coming to visit Father Amir and all are invited to join us for mass and supper on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm in Spring Valley with a light supper of hot pork sandwiches, salads, and desserts following at the Brother Michael center. If any parishioners wish to participate in the liturgy or music for this special mass, please contact the Central Office.

A free will offering will be taken during mass for the Missions in India.

We hope to fill the church that evening. ☺



## A Few Items from the Elmwood and Spring Valley Pastoral Council meetings this past week

- The committees of Sacred Worship, Catholic Education, Family Life, and Social Justice are structured under the Pastoral Council and are looking for members to help bring people and activities back to our parishes. These committees have been idle for a few years and Father Amir is asking that we start again with meeting and planning as parishioners. If you currently serve on a committee or have some ideas and would like to get involved, please contact the Central office. 715-778-5519 or email- [admin@svecatholic.org](mailto:admin@svecatholic.org)
- The prayer chains we have in place are a wonderful way to help those needing prayers. These requests are private and are only prayed through the prayer chain. It has been suggested that we start a "PLEASE PRAY FOR" section in our weekly bulletin. If you would like prayers from our Tri-Parish Faith Community please contact the Central office and we will include your name, or your request in the bulletin.
- Are you a registered parishioner of our parish? We would like to get our records updated before October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are enjoying our faith community and would like to join us, please contact the Central Office to register.