

# SACRED HEART 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

Wednesday 6:45-7:15 PM Elmwood

Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM Boyceville

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM Elmwood



Rose helped me cutting tomatoes, onions, Ginger. I think it was first time I cook Chicken and it was a good turnout. We enjoyed eating Indian Chicken Curry with Rice.

I asked Mary Anderson of Spring Valley, "Can I come and visit you? She said, "YES". As I entered her house, she welcomed me with warm smile. She gave me coffee and cake. I am very happy to know that she volunteers for many activities in the Church and outside the Church. I appreciated her for her selfless services. This week, our Boyceville parishioners celebrate their Fall Festival. Let us show our solidarity and pray for them.

In today's gospel, the Pharisees point out that the Mosaic Law allows an Israelite man to divorce his wife. Jesus does not deny this Mosaic Law which recognized divorce. But He points out that it is their "hardness of hearts." which subjected Moses to write the commandment about divorce.

However, our Lord takes a strong stand and teaches that marriage should be monogamous, permanent and indissoluble. He says this by quoting the Book of Genesis: "But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason, a man must leave His father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together no human being must separate," ( Mk10:6-9).

Jesus' teaching about the indissolubility and permanence of marriage seems out of place in our society today. Some societies accept divorce as the normal way of life. It should be clearly understood that marriage is an eternal covenant between husband and wife made before God Himself. This covenant is different from an ordinary contract that covers property and others.

Let us pray that our families be united, cherish the love of God and live in Christ Jesus. With Love and Prayers,  
**Fr. Arockia Stanislaus**

## OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	October 9	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Ardith Howard (Dave & Rosalie Sowatzke)
Wednesday	October 10	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Virginia Geraets (Rita & Randy Branner)
Thursday	October 11	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	Jerry Sabelko
Friday	October 12	1:30 PM	NO Mass At Elmwood Nursing Home	

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	October 13	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Boyceville	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday	October 13	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Bill Crownhart (Tim & Lynette Bates)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Don & Gen Miller (Colleen Kelly)

## Stewardship for September 29-30<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	\$ 610.00	\$ 28.00
Spring Valley	\$ 1517.00	\$ 713.00

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear loving parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

As a Pastor, I want to know each family, each member of my parishes. You are most welcome to invite me for Lunch, Dinner or even cup of Coffee. Don't be scared about me. It is to get to know each other.

Last week I had different kinds of Experience with our parishioners which I like to enjoy every week. Ken and Barb Cepek of Elmwood invited me for lunch. As I entered their house, I admired the beauty of their house. They served me a delicious meal. After Lunch, Ken took me in his small vehicle showing me all his trees planted in his land. I could understand that he is so much interested in nature and beauty. Even though he does no farming, he wants his surroundings looks like Farm.

Greg and Laura Buchal of Spring Valley invited me for Dinner. We planned to cook chicken with Indian spices. Laura bought chicken, vegetables and I took all the spices. Kate and

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## News for All

**Our Condolences:** Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of David Sagstetter of Elmwood, who died last week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant David from all his 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)

**The Sacred Heart Pictorial Church Directories:** are available in the back of church for those to pick up who had their photos taken from our Elmwood and Spring Valley parishes. Names are on the envelopes, to make it easier to find your photo directory.

**October is Respect Life Month:** Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Pro-Life:** Marriage and the Gift of Life: "A certain sharing by man in God's lordship is also evident in the specific responsibility which he is given for human life as such. It is a responsibility which reaches its highest point in the giving of life through procreation by man and woman in marriage. As the Second Vatican Council teaches: "God himself who said, 'It is not good for man to be alone' (Gen 2:18) and 'who made man from the beginning male and female' (Mt 19:4), wished to share with man a certain special participation in his own creative work. Thus he blessed male and female saying: 'Increase and multiply' (Gen 1:28)" (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 43)

**Tri-Parish Pastoral and Finance Council meeting:** is scheduled for Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. Luke's in Boyceville, at 6:30 pm.

**Winter mass schedule:** Starting this weekend we will be starting our winter mass schedule. . Boyceville will have Saturday 4:00 pm vigil mass, Elmwood will have mass at 8:30 am Sunday mornings and Spring Valley will continue to have 10:30 am mass

## Elmwood News

**Altar and Rosary:** There will be a meeting on Oct.11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All are welcome.



We are looking for help to keep the SVEcatholic.org website updated with photos and news that is submitted by our parishioners, along with starting and maintaining a SVE Facebook page for our parishes.

If interested, please contact Beth or Anne at the central office. [admin@svecatholic.org](mailto:admin@svecatholic.org), 715-778-5519.

THANK YOU ☺

## Spring Valley News

**Coffee & Donuts:** after 10:30 mass today in the Brother Michael Center.

**Parent Safe Environment Training:** You will need to attend one of the trainings offered at the parish. There will be two options offered to attend the training sessions - Sunday, October 7, 2018 or Sunday, November 4, 2018 immediately following 10:30 AM Mass in the Brother Michael Center. The sessions last about 30 minutes. You can also contact the Central Office at 715-778-5519 or [admin@svecatholic.org](mailto:admin@svecatholic.org) to schedule another time.

**The Adult Choir** is looking for members! If you enjoy singing please give it a try - no singing experience necessary! We occasionally practice before Mass, but this is a very casual group. Please contact the Central Office if you are interested.

**November-December Ministry Schedule:** Please let the Central Office know by October 19<sup>th</sup> if you are unavailable for any days as we plan for the next schedule. Thank you.

**Spring Valley Pastoral and Finance:** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.