MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Sacred Heart parishes, in Spring Valley and Elmwood, love the Lord Jesus Christ and are dedicated to His Sacred Heart. Guided by the Word of the Lord, we commit ourselves to give praise and honor to God through liturgical worship, family and private prayer, and service to one another. We strive to develop a living faith and a growing spiritual community by providing opportunities for spiritual, educational, and social enrichment. Our faith will be strengthened through active involvement of all members.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mt 4:19

SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2020

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(Father Amir)

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Bookkeeper: Shelley Sand

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Mike Graham  Connie Kannel  Mary Lansing

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

In the first reading this Sunday, prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel presents Jesus as the Light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscenity in which he is enclosed. The light becomes an efficacious means to express God’s involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as ‘The Light’ that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasizes the colors and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected.

But many people still walk in darkness. Many people choose to walk in darkness. There are many who do not want to know the truth. They would rather stay in the dark. Those who have been called by Christ to be his disciples, all of us, have to have the courage to bring the light of His Truth to those who choose darkness.

There are many people who are thrown into darkness. Due to no fault of their own, they are put into horrible situations. There are many children who have been shuffled from home to home in the foster system and then forced to make their way alone in the world when they turn 18. There are many elderly people who are left with hardly any income to support themselves. Just the other day a thin lady in her late 80’s living on $1,100 a month and avoiding the world is horrible for others. Just the other day a thin lady in her late 80’s living on $1,100 a month and avoiding the world.

We need to use our unique gifts for the Lord’s Kingdom. A person can write well. Another is an organizer. A third handles finances brilliantly. One works well with his hands. Another is a great auto mechanic. One person is naturally caring and personable. Another has the gift of remaining calm when turmoil hits. A third easily sees through people’s masks and helps them be their true selves. Whatever our gifts are, we must use them for the Lord. We must bring light to those in darkness. We must become fishers of men, and women, and children and Teens.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Rev. Arockia Stanislaus.

**Pastoral Reflection**

**BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL**

**Joining Our Parish:** If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

**Celebrating Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated throughout much of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child’s baptism, please call the parish office, 715-778-5519 for more information. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation class.

**Caring for the Sick:** If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call or email Father Amir to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

**Celebrating Marriage:** We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Father Amir to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn more about marriage preparation.

**Becoming Catholic:** If you are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to become Catholic, or are interested in becoming a Christian through baptism, contact Father Amir at pastor@svecatholic.org.

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**Mass Intentions**

- **Tuesday, January 28** in Spring Valley
  - 6:30 PM No intention

- **Wednesday, January 29** in Elmwood
  - 8:30 AM + Rosella Kannel (Marvin & Dell Jane Kannel)

- **Thursday, January 30** in Boyceville
  - 8:30 AM + David Hill (Dennis & Joyce Hill)

- **Friday, January 31** at Elmwood Nursing Home
  - 1:30 PM + Don Schmitz (Wayne & Pat Nohelty)

- **Saturday, February 1** Vigil Mass
  - 4:00 PM in Boyceville + Dean & Alice Adams (Joe & Karen Adams)
  - 7:00 PM in Elmwood Missa Pro Populo

- **Sunday, February 2**
  - 8:30 AM Elmwood + Dan McCardle (Tony & Dawn Baier)
  - 10:30 AM Spring Valley + Lorne Hanson (Hanson Family)

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**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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**LECTORS**

- Gabe Weix
- John Crownhart

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**

- Barb Cepek
- Sharon Weber
- Steve Bates
- Lynn Johnson (S)
- Anne Helmer
- Nancy Ellingson
- Karrie Johnson

**SERVERS**

- Veronica Weix
- Norah Auth
- Logan Auth
- Ben Luther
- Merrick Johnson
- Porter Langer
- Cameron Wood

**USHERS/HOSPITALITY**

- John Crownhart
- John Bates
- Josh Hartung
- Jason Cebulla
- Robert Cebulla

**ROSARY**

- Kathy Geraets
- Barb Schneider
- Joyful Noise

**MUSIC/ CANTORS**

- CCD Students: 6th grade

**SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 19, 2020**

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Elmwood News

No items this week

News for All

Next weekend, February 1st and 2nd, during mass, there will be a Blessing of the Throats– Feast of St. Blaise. In the United States the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. The blessing of Saint Blase is a sign of our faith in God’s protection and love for us and for the sick.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Saturday, February 1, 2020 and in parishes on the weekend of February 1-2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

In the FOOTSTEPS of SAINT JOHN PAUL II, experience POLAND or visit the SHRINES OF FRANCE in 2020. For more information on these upcoming Pilgrimage tours please contact Erika Pirotrowski at (231)720-8378 or email at erikap.euro@hotmail.com.

Spring Valley News

Congratulations to the following men for participating in the Knights of Columbus ceremony on Sunday January 19, 2020 for the formation of the new Spring Valley Council: Dan Bernard, Greg Buchal, Paul Burke, Bill Gokey, Chuck Hovde, Jim Huebel, Eric Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Mason Johnson, Mitchell Johnson, Mike Lansing, Chris Lickness, Isaac Nilssen, Jason Nilssen, Zach Nilssen, Bill Schlegel, Matt Shafer, Dave Sowatzke, and Corey Stein. Geovanni Schmitt also participated in the ceremony and will be joining the Elmwood Knights council.

Thank you to Father Amir for your encouragement and inspiration, to the Elmwood Knights (Jeff Pitman and Joe Schmitt) and the Boyceville Knights (Tom Humpal and Paul Zimmerman) for your help organizing and conducting the ceremony, and to the Spring Valley PCCW for the great meal after the ceremony.

The Spring Valley Knights will be holding our first organizational meeting on Wednesday January 29th at 7:00pm at the Brother Michael Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to name our council, determined the day and time of our monthly meetings, and to determined our council officers. Please plan to attend this important meeting to get our council off to a great start.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 28th– Spring Valley Social Justice committee meeting at 7 pm
January 29th– Spring Valley KC meeting 7 pm in the Brother Michael Center
February 2nd– Spring Valley PCCW-Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser 11:30-1
February 6th– Elmwood KC meeting- 8pm in church basement
February 9th– Spring Valley Right to Life Breakfast
February 12th - Family Pasta Dinner Night 5-8pm at the Elmwood Auditorium
February 13th– Elmwood Altar & Rosary meeting– 7 pm in church basement
February 23rd– Spring Valley Area Ambulance Pancake Breakfast

The PCCW will be sponsoring a Souper Bowl of Caring lunch on Sunday, February 2nd from 11:30 am– 1 pm. Lunch will consist of soups, breadsticks and desserts. Free-will donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the Spring Valley Food Pantry. Transforming the “Big Game” into a nation-wide movement inspiring people to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger. We hope you can join us for lunch!

13th annual Right to Life Breakfast
Please join the Sacred Heart of Jesus community in helping to support the right to life as we hold the 13th annual Right to Life Breakfast on Sunday, February 9th from 9am-12:30 pm in the Brother Michael Center. Free-will donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the financial, emotional, and spiritual support of area women in need of pregnancy assistance.

Please join us for a great cause and share in a delicious breakfast with wonderful community fellowship! Public welcome!

DAA Correction: the amount of $22561.34 paid into the Diocese is 94% not 98% of the target. Our parish would really appreciate a DAA donation from the remaining 129 families.