

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (4/27).....NO MASS
Tuesday (4/28).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Belle and George Traynor (Mickey Traynor)
Wednesday (4/29).....8:00 PM Mass at Elmwood
+Frank Crownhart (Mark Crownhart)
Thursday (4-30).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Dorothy Hartung (Rex and Carol Hines)
Friday (5-1).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*
1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Anna Seipel (John and Joan Schwebach)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday (5-2).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa pro Populo
Sunday (5-3).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+Joe Reagan (James Smith)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
Spring Valley Seniors (Spring Valley Parish)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to the children of Spring Valley on receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass today! First Communicants are: Caleb Jeffrey Bartko, Lauren Ashley Bigaouette, Sara Elizabeth Groskreutz, Avery James Huebel, Adeline Elizabeth Langer, Ian Michael Sabelko, and Isabella Grace Stein. May these children hold Jesus in their hearts and their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily!

Our ***deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers*** are extended to the family and friends of ***Joanne Schwebach*** of Elmwood who was buried this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Joanne from all sins, that she who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Spring Valley CCD Program CRE Needed: Thank you to Anne Helmer for her dedicated years of service to our CCD Program! We are grateful for her hard work in the religious education of our parish children and wish her well as she steps down from the position. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

Elmwood CCD Reminder: Grades 7-10 are required to attend the Youth Rally to be held on Sunday, May 3 in Eau Galle. This is part of our CCD program. 11th and 12th graders and college students are invited.
Thank you, Marilyn Bowell CRE

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM
Elmwood
Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM
Boyceville

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Boyceville
Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM
Spring Valley

Elmwood: Thank you Bill and Kim Gleason for your service as co-chairs of the Diocesan Annual Appeal at Elmwood! Your years of generous service to our parish are most appreciated and we will miss you both as you move from our area.

St. Luke's: St Luke's Altar Society will meet April 29th at 9:30 AM in the church dining hall. New officers will take over. Following that meeting, St. Jessica's circle will meet to clean the kitchen.

Elmwood Lectors Needed: We are in need of Lectors for our Saturday night 8:00PM mass. This invitation is open to all parishioners. Anyone interested in becoming a lector or a substitute contact Mary Sailer (639-4902).

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society: We are collecting PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS to be used to purchase wheel chairs for children. ***Please put caps in the pails in the entry of our church by April 28th.*** Thank you!

Special Recognition: Sacred Heart Spring Valley would like to recognize all the volunteer teachers, substitutes and snack coordinators who made this year's CCD program a success:

Amy Peabody – Sunday Liturgy
Lisa Bigaouette -1st
Kelly Johnson -2nd
Jessica Shafer – 3rd
Cheryl Thoms – 4th
Monica Zignego– 5th
Tara Huebel- 6th
Peggy Larson- 7th
Ruth Lukes- 8th
Karen Fesenmaier- 9th
Mary Lansing- 10th
Gregg Deutsch – 11 & 12th
Beth Deutsch – Joyful Noise

This past week I participated in the **national convention of those who work in the formation of Permanent Deacons throughout our United States**. Due to budget cuts in our Diocese of La Crosse, it has been five years since Father Felix (the Director of the Permanent Deacon Formation Program for our Diocese) and I have attended the national convention. Since this year’s convention was in Minneapolis, the diocesan budget could absorb our participation since we had no travel expense. It is so helpful to share ideas and learn from other deacon formation programs in our country. And we take pride that our formation program – which forms Permanent Deacons for our Diocese as well as the Dioceses of Madison and Superior – is looked upon as one of the finest in the entire nation. Speaking of our Deacon formation program, **the new class which begins in the Fall looks like it will be a large one**: three men for the Diocese of Madison, four men for the Diocese of Superior, and 11 for our Diocese of La Crosse. **Pray for them and for those of us who work with them each month to discern God’s will.**

Speaking of good news with regard to the clergy, **our Diocese has 10 new young men entering the college seminary this Fall**. John Zweber of Saint Joseph Parish in Menomonie is one of the new men. Those who attend weekday Mass will recognize John as the tall and lanky lad who is often there on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Another of these new men attended the school of Saint Peter Parish in Stevens Point where I had served prior to coming to our parishes. I had encouraged him to consider the Priesthood years ago! We also have **five men who have completed college-level formation and now pass to the final level of Theology** including our own Levi Schmitt of Elmwood, whom the Bishop is sending to Saint Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Another of these men passing to Theology was a parishioner at Saint Peter in Stevens Point when I was Pastor there. I told him he would be a priest one day but he didn’t believe me! It is so rewarding as a priest to know and work with young men and see them answer the call to discernment of a vocation to the Priesthood! **Pray for all our seminarians!**

By universal and diocesan Church law there are **two bodies of consultation** at the parish level, namely, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. The basic task of the **Parish Pastoral Council**, “is to **serve**, at institutional level, the **orderly collaboration of the faithful** in the **development of pastoral activity** which is **proper to priests**. The Pastoral Council is thus a **consultative** organ in which the faithful, expressing their **baptismal responsibility**, can **assist the parish priest**, who **presides** at the Council, by offering their **advice** on pastoral matters” (Congregation for the Clergy, *Instruction on the Priest: Pastor and Leader of the Parish Community*, 26). More concretely, the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to **investigate** pastoral matters, to **consider** them thoroughly, and to **propose** practical conclusions about them. The Pastoral Council’s task is, first of all, to **study** those matters brought to its attention and shed light on them. Its second task is to **reflect** on them thoroughly, to discern their true nature, to evaluate and to ponder them. Its final task is to draw sound **conclusions**. The Pastoral Council presents these conclusions to the Pastor in the form of **recommendations**.

According to the norms for Parish Pastoral Councils in our Diocese of La Crosse (*On Consultation in the Parish and Deanery*, 19-20), two-thirds of the members are **elected** by parishioners and one-third are **appointed** by the Pastor. Members serve a **two-year term that can be renewed twice**. In our parishes, the terms of the following members of the Pastoral Council are expiring although they are all eligible for another two-year term: Spring Valley: Pam Burke, Lynn Johnson, and Mary Lansing; Elmwood: Mary Baier, Craig Feuker, and Barb Schneider; Boyceville: Lori Boesl, Barb Hellman, and Georgia Williams. **Please give prayerful consideration to the nomination of their replacements.**

To nominate a parishioner (including yourself) simply **submit the name (or names) of the nominee(s) in writing** by placing it in the offertory collection basket, mailing it to the Central Office, or emailing it to my Administrative Assistant, Becky Schmitt (admin@svecatholic.org). **Nominations close after the last Mass of Sunday, May 10. Elections** in all three parishes will be held the weekend of May 16-17. Please keep in mind that a parishioner is **eligible** to serve on the Pastoral Council who: (1) is at least sixteen years of age; (2) is baptized, confirmed, and registered member of the parish in full communion with the Catholic Church; (3) is willing and able to serve for the elected or appointed term; (4) is a contributing member of the parish in prayer, time, talent and treasure; and (5) maintains a public posture not inconsistent with the teachings of the Church. In order to serve fruitfully on the Pastoral Council, the councilor should be **wise and prudent** – a committed Catholic with the capacity for study, for reflection, and for reaching sound conclusions.

The following **councilors’ terms continue through 2016**: Spring Valley: Mary Anderson, Teresa Fogarty, and Joelle Miller; Elmwood: Derek Auth, Greg Fesenmaier, and Mary Ann Jensen; Boyceville: Pat Flynn, Joyce Hill, Joe Pieters.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Father Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Stewardship for April 18-19			
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>			
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Annual Appeal Rebate
Spring Valley	\$1191	\$288.25	
Elmwood	\$322	\$64	\$134

