

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday-Wednesday (2/7-2/8).....NO MASS

Thursday (2/9).....8:00AM Communion Service at Spring Valley

Friday (2/10).....NO MASS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (2-11).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+Peter and Virginia Lecheler (Lecheler Family)

Sunday (2-12).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

Missa Pro Populo

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Paul Howard (Howard Family)

4:00PM Mass at Elmwood

+Albert Lecheler (Robert & Sandra Weix)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society: will meet Thurs. Feb. 9th at 7PM in the church basement. 2017 will be a year of change for A & R; we will discuss ways to restructure our groups. Please attend all meetings this year, we value your suggestions. -President Sharon Weber

St. Luke's Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting: This meeting will be for the St. Luke's finance and pastoral council members and any interested members of the parish at 6:00pm at the church to discuss the upcoming window project. If you have any questions please contact Joe Pieters at 715-643-4431.

Spring Valley Parish Education Meeting: There will be an education committee meeting on Wednesday Feb. 8 from 6:30-7:30pm to discuss plans for teaching Theology of the Body classes for the high school students. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. Any suggestions are welcome and can be given to either Laura Buchal or Cindy Schlegel.

Spring Valley Annual PCCW Planning meeting: All ladies are invited to participate in our planning meeting for the coming year held at 6:30pm on Feb. 7 at the Brother Michael Center. Dessert will be served.

Elmwood CCD Families Reminder: Each family needs to make either cookies, cupcakes, or pre-cut pan of bars and drop it off upstairs in the Elmwood Auditorium by **3:30PM on Wednesday, February 8** for the Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner. There will be a sheet to check off your name on the kitchen counter. You will be responsible for picking up your platter or pan.

Senior Sundays: St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting Senior Sundays January through March, 1:00-4:00pm at the St. John's Fellowship Hall. All seniors in the Spring Valley Community are welcome. Different events are planned each week. Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put is a partner with St. John's to bring you this event. If anyone would like more information or a ride to St. John's, please contact Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put at 715-778-5800.

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. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

Prayer Partner Needed:

A prayer partner is needed for every other week on Thursdays from 3-4pm for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Please contact Laura Buchal for more information at 772-4452.

St Luke Parishioners:

Please pick up your 2016 contribution statement from the table at the back of church.

St. Luke's DAA: Thanks to all the generous parishioners of St Luke's, we have surpassed our Diocesan Annual Appeal goal! Any money donated above the target amount will be returned for use in our parish.

Spring Valley DAA: Some parishioners who made recent installment payments on their pledge have reduced the balance due to \$3425.50. Thank you for your continual payments.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 3:00 PM.**

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www.svecatholic.org

***Parish Ministry Schedules are now available online!
Visit the parish website and go to the Ministries tab**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Let His Light Shine

Before Christmas I was at an Indian restaurant in Twin cities, where the waiter was from India. I asked him what part of India he was from and he said, "Goa." "Goa," I said, "My guess is that you are Catholic." He said, "I certainly am," and gave me a thumbs up. We realized that we have something wonderful in common: our faith. We are not just members of a club or some sort of association; we are intimate parts of God's plan for the world. We are Christians. We are Catholics. We exist to bring God's Light to the world. Our faith is not just a matter of what we believe. Our faith is not just a matter of how we live our lives. Our faith is the reason why we exist. We exist so the world might find its salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Faith is a matter of what we are and who we are. What are we? We are children of God, sons and daughters of God. God, the Creator of the Universe, the One who knows what is happening on remote planets in solar systems millions of light years away from here, looks at us and says, "Those are my children. They entered my family when they were baptized. I did not just give them life. I gave them my life."

Many of us are confirmed. The Lord looks on the confirmed and says, "These are the leaders of my people. They are my front line. I am giving them my Power, my Holy Spirit so they can bring others to me. They are mine and I am theirs."

He sees His Light. God sees the Light of Christ in each of us. "Now, take that Light," the Gospel tells us, "and illuminate the world." The Light we have been given is meant for others to escape the darkness of the world. Did you listen to that first reading: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked when you see them and do not turn your back on your own, then your light shall break forth like the dawn." Jesus says, "You are the Light of the world, your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father." May we have the courage to be the people God created us to be!

During my vacation back in India, I had an opportunity to celebrate mass in the Tomb of St. Theresa of Calcutta, She was a bright shining star in the sky proclaiming God's message by her life. I specially prayed for all our tri-parish families. I really appreciate and thank our tri-parish secretary Becky Schmitt for arranging a fill in priest while I was on my vacation. Special thanks to Brother Michael who did communion service both in Spring Valley church and Healthcare Center.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for January 28-29, 2017

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles
Spring Valley	\$1,371	\$125.06	
Elmwood	\$630	\$193	\$74.25
Boyceville	(numbers will appear next week)		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Options for Women – Nurse Needed: The pro-life clinic in River Falls seeks to hire a Registered Nurse to work 25hrs/week. Applicant must be committed to our mission and adhere to our policies and procedures. Responsibilities include pregnancy testing, options education, STI testing, treatment and education, and overseeing medical practices within the clinic. Training is required. Contact JoAnne Parks at (715)-425-8539.

Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Hosted by the Elmwood CCD Program and Co-Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 191. The event will be at the Elmwood Auditorium on Wed. Feb. 8th from 5-8 PM. The meal is your choice of spaghetti/fettuccine, breadsticks, garden salad, beverages, and enjoy homemade desserts and Culver's custard. Take-out is available. Tickets are being sold at this time. \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Cash donations are welcome. Please purchase tickets by Feb. 1st; there will be a limited number of tickets available at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Elmwood CCD Programs. For information please contact Marilyn Howell, DRE at 715-664-8975. *(Please contact Marilyn if you or your business would like to donate a door prize for the event.)*

This Week on FORMED: The readings this week-end remind us of the importance of being salt and light in the world and instruct us to care for the poor among us. The saints who have gone before us are examples of how we are to live out this call of the Gospel daily and one of those saints that was salt and light in the world was St. John Bosco. He was a beloved 19th century Italian priest who sought out the homeless youth of Turin to help them have a better life. Check out his inspiring story on the Movies tab of Formed.org, *Don Bosco or Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love*. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Give to CCHD Collection: This weekend is the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Twenty-five percent of the collection stays in the Diocese of La Crosse for local grants. **Please give to the CCHD Collection. Envelopes are in your pew or at the entrances of Church.**

Attention Graduating Seniors: There are several church scholarship applications ready for pickup; you may find the Choir and Religious Ed. Program Scholarships on the shelf or bulletin board in the main church entrance of Sacred Heart, Elmwood. The Religious Ed. Program Scholarship is also available online at www.elmwood.k12.wi.us, hover over High School, and click on Counseling Services to access printed copies. [The KC Council #6599](#) are offering a scholarship for any graduating senior of our three parishes. To obtain an application contact Mike Raleigh at 639-6582.

