

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (2/28).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Fred & Fannie Krause (Doris Traynor)

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday (3/1).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+Mildred Hill (Dennis and Joyce Hill)

3:30PM at Spring Valley

Missa Pro Populo

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+For all deceased of Sacred Heart, Elmwood (Anonymous)

Thursday (3/2).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Dale Jensen (Don & Marion Yauch)

10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Health Care Center

+Gloria Ryan (Tom Ryan)

Friday (3/3)..... 8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Lee & Vern Richardson (Julie & Bill Richardson)

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Spring Valley

8:00-8:45AM Reconciliation

1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Elwin Brunner (Marvin & Dell Jane Kannell)

First Sunday in Lent

Saturday (3-4).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+Dorothy Hartung (David & Brenda Fesenmaier)

Sunday (3-5).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Louis Palush (Dennis and Joyce Hill)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa Pro Populo

4:00PM Mass at Elmwood

+Arla Marson (Colleen & Rob Bowen)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Thomas Ryan** from Spring Valley who died last week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Thomas from all sins, that he who believed in the Resurrection of Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Congratulations to Brooks Macin Joseph Branch infant son of Tom & Amanda Branch who was reborn in the **Sacrament of Baptism** at Spring Valley. "Remember, Lord, Brooks who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that he may follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit" (Roman Missal 974).

St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Sunday, March 19, 2017: will be held at the Brother Michael CCD Center - S104 Sabin Avenue, Spring Valley from 11:00am -1:00pm. Cost: \$8.00/adult, \$5.00/children 6-12 yrs old; 5 & under free.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

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

Spring Valley DAA Update:

Our balance due is \$3183.50

Elmwood Altar & Rosary:

will be meeting on Thursday, March 9th at 7PM. If you have a copy of the constitution, please bring it to the meeting, we will be reading and making changes to the articles. Thank you. President Sharon Weber

St. Luke's Thank You:

Ariel and I would like to express our gratitude for all the gifts that everyone from the parish has given. It is truly humbling to see all the generosity in our little church. We will forever be thankful. - Sam and Ariel Hughes

Have the Best Lent Ever:

Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic group are providing a wonderful means of enriching your Lenten spiritual journey this year. You can sign up to receive a DAILY VIDEO MESSAGE by going to their site and signing up at www.dynamiccatholic.com

MyParish App: Check out the new LENT button on our parish app! These daily reflections along with the Mass readings in the READINGS button are a great way of daily growing in your faith in this holy season.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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www.svecatholic.org

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Trust in the Lord

It is a real joy for us all to bask in the proclamation of today's Gospel, Matthew 6:24-34, the teaching on God's love and care for us. It certainly is easy to wax poetic on the beautiful images presented: the birds of the air cared for by God, the fields, dressed by God with wild flowers making them more grand than King Solomon in all his glory.

The images are beautiful, but we do need to be careful that the message is not lost in the poetry. The underlying message of this passage is pointed to those who are weak in faith. The theme of little faith, found throughout the Gospel of Matthew, strengthens those of us whose faith in the Risen Lord is continually assaulted by the situation of our daily lives. We are called to faith not just in times of great spiritual experiences, or in times of personal crisis, we are called to faith in the face of our typical day.

Two weeks ago we heard a passage in the Sermon on the Mount that precedes today's Gospel. Today's Gospel must have been seen as thoroughly irresponsible to the teachers of Jesus' time, but it is an accurate demonstration of the faith we must nurture. "Don't worry about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Seek first God's kingdom over you and his way of holiness, and all will be given you." "What irresponsibility," the ancient and modern sages of the world would claim. "What faith in God's love," the Christian must reply.

This is the radical faith demanded of all Christians. We are challenged to live as individuals of faith in a materialistically orientated society. We are challenged to live out the Lord's Prayer. We are challenged to put faith in God first, to make his kingdom our priority, to trust in him not in our stuff.

These are the radical demands of Christianity. We are to put God first and have faith in Him; then our happiness is no longer dependent on the contents of our closets, our bookshelves, our cars, boats or houses, or even the people who move in and out of our lives. When we put God first, our happiness flows from the experience of the presence of God's love in our lives. When we put God first, we have the time, no, more than that; we have the ability to look at the birds of the sky and flowers of the fields and say, "God, how beautiful they are. How good You are. How caring You are."

May the Lord give us the faith to trust in the power of His love in our lives! *Rev. Prince Raja*

Stewardship for February 18-19, 2017

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$2,020	\$117.86
Elmwood	\$1,555	\$135
Boyceville	(numbers will appear next week)	

BRIEFLY NOTED

This Week on FORMED: This past week on February 22nd, we celebrated the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle. You may wonder why we have a feast day celebrating a chair. In the church the *Chair* or *Cathedra* (*Latin*) of a Bishop (our modern-day apostles) represents their teaching authority as given to them by Jesus. That is where the term Cathedral comes from, it is where the Bishop's official chair is in the diocese. On this feast we don't celebrate the chair itself, but everything that is represented by it, the teaching authority of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. For more information on what we believe about the Papacy and why check out the "Answering Common Objections" Series on the Audio tab at Formed.org. For more on the life of St. Peter, check out the Movie of the same time on the Movies tab. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26**

Luke's Rosary Group Update: We wanted to share with the church community an update on how our rosary group at St. Luke's is doing with providing rosaries to help spread the devotion to the Blessed Mother by praying the rosary. So far since the start of this group on 6/20/2015 we have sent out 8,707 rosaries to 14 different sources. Some of those sources send them all over the world and others provide them to their area. Here is a list: St. Cloud and Texas (mission to the world), Vietnam, Ecuador, South Dakota Reservation, Arizona, Hudson, Oklahoma, Swaziland, Africa, India, Holy Hill Basilica, St. Joseph, WI, St Paul Brother's of Peace, Indiana (sent out to the military). Thank you for your support in the past and any future support as we continue this mission of providing rosaries to those without.

Elmwood CCD Fazoli Dinner Update. The Fazoli Pasta Dinner held on February 8th served nearly 400 people, a profit of over \$3000.00 in sales and donations for our CCD youth. I'm sending a heartfelt thank you out to all who supported our program and enjoyed the evening with us, the church families who worked hard to make this event successful and anyone who donated anonymously with cash or prize donations. The families with the highest sales and donations came from: First Place Bryan & Sarah Bechel family, Second Place Derek & Vicki Auth family, and Third Place Charley and Renee Obermueller family. Thank you to the local businesses and parishioners who donated the wonderful door prizes: Citizens State Bank, Countryside Coop, Elmwood Motors, Just You Salon, Kern's Kurbside Bar and Grill, S&S Bros. Sandbar, Sailer's Food market, Schuler Insurance, Sneaker's Pub & Eatery, Spring Valley Drug & Hardware, T & S Hardware, The Shack, Anna Crownhart, Ann Heath, and Bill & Roselyn Sylla. Last but not least thank you to Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 191 for co-sponsoring the event with us.

~Sincerely, Marilyn Bowell, DRE

