

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**CONFESSIONS:**

Sunday	7:45-8:15 AM	Elmwood
Tuesday	5:45-6:15 PM	Spring Valley
Wednesday	6:30-7:15 PM	Elmwood
Saturday	7:00-7:45 PM	Elmwood

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Tuesday	January 2	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Barry Anderson (Guy and June Hartung)
Wednesday	January 3	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Bob Bock (Tony and Dawn Baier)
Thursday	January 4	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Mass of Thanksgiving in Honor of the Poor Souls (Brother Michael)
		10:00 AM	Mass at Spring Valley Health Care Center	+ Ann Coughenour (Bill and Karen Fesenmaier)
Friday	January 5	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Louise Sowatzke (Dave and Rita Johnson)
		1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home	+Joyce Weber (Jerry Weber)

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday	January 6	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+ Sister Marian (Arnie Bauer Sr. Family)
Sunday	January 7	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+ Henry Hince ( Steve Geraets)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ LaMoine Hanson (Hanson Family)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Wednesday	6:30-7:30 PM	Elmwood
Thursday to Friday	8:00 AM to 8:00 AM	Spring Valley

**Stewardship for December 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> , 2017**  
*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)*

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	Not available at time of	bulletin printing
Spring Valley	\$ 6572.00	\$ 445.80

**Elmwood News**

**Altar and Rosary:** Soup and Sandwich Supper will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Sacred Heart, Elmwood Church Basement. The supper will be served from 4-7 pm and is a freewill offering with proceeds going towards the repair of the church sidewalls and the Stations of the Cross. Bingo from 5-7 pm with along with paddles for cookies will also be sold.

**Our church's old snow blower** ( two stage electric start) is for sale---any offer will be considered. Call Tom Weber at 715-941-1811.

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## Spring Valley News

**Annual Appeal Update:** The Diocese has received \$16214.58 toward our \$20375 target. If you have not yet donated, there are extra pledge cards in the church entrance

**Eucharistic Adoration Help:** There is a vacancy on Friday mornings from 6-7 am, if you can help fill this hour, please contact Peg Vorlicek at 778-5786. Thank you.

**Year-End Giving:** The last collection for the calendar year of 2017 will be the weekend of December 30-31. Contributions are to be applied in the year received. If contributions are mailed, the envelope must be postmarked before the end of the year in order to be applied to this year.

**The 2018 Offertory envelopes** are in the entrance of the church. If you can't find your box, please notify the central office immediately. Please check the label for accuracy & report any errors to the central office.

**Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put** January Event flyers are in the back of church if interested in the events for the month.

## News for All

**Thank you** to EVERYONE who helped make our Christmas Services so beautiful! Those who helped decorate the churches, our beautiful choirs, those who ushered, served mass, lectured, or were Eucharistic ministers, **THANK YOU** for sharing your talents with our Sacred Heart community.

**The Sesquicentennial Anniversary** of our La Crosse Diocese (1868-2018) 'Feed My Lambs' book is available. A sample of the book is the back of each church to look at. Cost for the book is \$30. Please contact the Central Office if interested in purchasing a copy.

**This Week in FORMED:** Experience the Wonder of Christmas. For decades, Archbishop Fulton Sheen has captivated Americans with his with, insight, and deep faith. Beautifully remastered and mixed with beautiful seasonal music, reflect in this talk with Archbishop Sheen on the true meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus in "The True Meaning of Christmas" found on Formed.org. Find all of this content and so much more on **Formed.org**. Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The feast of the Holy Family is the natural continuation of the Christmas Season. All the scripture readings of today reflect on aspects of family including the duties and blessings that come about as a result of the faithful living of family life. To understand what a family is we must come to know the life of God in the Trinity which is a family. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became man, in order to save us from our sins and that we might become Children of God. He came into the world and was born in a family. He lived at Nazareth with his parents to give us an understanding of a true family life. Here God himself becomes a model for us so that we may truly come to know the real family life.

Today we hold the family of Nazareth as an example to all Christians how a family life should be and thus truly relate ourselves to God who is a family. In the Gospel we have the protective role of Joseph as he takes Mary and Jesus to Egypt. In the first reading we have the formula of a wise teacher for a strong family: honor and respect. Paul in the second reading encourages all families to practice every kind of virtue.

Devotion to the Holy Family is a recent development, but one that naturally grew out of a love for Jesus and his family. Pope Leo XIII promoted the feast as a way to counter the breakdown of the family unit. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. In 1921 the Congregation of Rites under Pope Benedict XV inserted the Feast of the Holy Family into the Latin Rite general calendar.

Today, in celebrating the Holy Family, we ask God's blessings on our own families in the New Year 2018.

Rev. Prince Raja