

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register.

We are glad you are here.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM Elmwood

Thursday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM Spring Valley

Saturday 7:15-7:45 PM Elmwood

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM Boyceville



PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear loving parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

Last Sunday everybody was interested in watching the football match between Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings. The result of the match is still interesting. Both the team got 29 each. God blessed them.

There is a clear focus in today's first reading and in the Gospel on the necessity for humility and service in those who claim to be followers of God. These qualities are important in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. Such qualities are important in the ordained priests of the Church as well as in all Christians who strive to proclaim the Good News to others.

The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, is trying to describe how a model good person lives under persecution or under attack from others. The description is given from the side of those who want to destroy such a model believer. They see this "just one" as obnoxious because he expects them to follow the law and to be faithful to the disciplines of their training. These people who want to destroy the just one are well aware that God will defend such a person and even deliver such a person. They just do not realize how such a vindication might come about.

In the Gospel, Jesus is shown to us as He recognizes that others want to put him to death. He predicts the passion that he will suffer. This awareness of His own suffering is used as a teaching to His followers that they also must learn to suffer in order to serve others. If there is any desire to be "the first" in a community, then that desire must be transformed into service of others.

Surely as we pray these readings and strive to understand what God may be asking of us through them, we need to become aware of any tendencies in ourselves to dominate others. Jesus proclaims that the only way to live in the community of His followers is by learning to serve others. Thus, being first is really being last and those who are already last are really first.

Today, as we celebrate Eucharist together, let us ask that our hearts may be converted and that all of us may strive to serve one another in Christ Jesus. If we can all become servants, the world will be transformed.

With Love and Prayers,
Fr. Arockia Stanislaus

OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	September 25	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Ardith Howard (Dave & Rita Johnson)
Wednesday	September 26	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Virginia Geraets (Greg Fesenmaier)
Thursday	September 27	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	Misso Pro Populo
Friday	September 28	1:30 PM	Mass At Elmwood Nursing Home	+Joyce Weber (Jerry Weber)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	September 29	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Kathy Feuker (Jeff & Susan Pitman)
Sunday	September 30	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+JoAnn Statz (Leo & Pat Lofgren)

Stewardship for September 15-16th, 2018
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 820.00	\$ 181.00
Spring Valley	\$ 1588.00	\$ 172.00

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News for All

Bible Study: Join us for small group Bible study on the Gospel of John. Sessions will be held in the Elmwood Sacred Heart of Jesus parish basement on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. beginning on September 14 and continuing through Advent.

Missa pro populo: (Latin: "Mass for the people") Refers to the requirement of all ordained pastors to say Mass for the people of their parish. In October, we will start with having this mass said on the weekends, rotating between the three parishes. So please bear in mind that will limit the mass intention requests on the weekends.

Pope Benedict XVI on Life... "We are well aware that all too often ... life is exalted as long as it is pleasurable, but there is a tendency to no longer respect it as soon as it is sick or handicapped. Based on deep love for every person it is possible instead to put into practice effective forms of service to life: to newborn life and to life marked by marginalization or suffering, especially in its terminal phase. The Virgin Mary received with perfect love the Word of life, Jesus Christ, who came into the world so that human beings might "have life... abundantly" (Jn 10: 10). Let us entrust to her expectant mothers, families, health-care workers and volunteers who are committed in so many ways to the service of life. Let us pray in particular for people in the most difficult situations" (Angelus, February 5, 2006).

Boyceville's Parish Festival: Will be Sunday October 7th, with mass at 9:30 am in Boyceville. Spring Valley and Elmwood will have Father Hofmann celebrating mass that Sunday.

Parish Festivals: There are many local parish festivals coming up in the next month. Please see the church bulletin boards for informational flyers on them. Hope you can attend one of them.

Elmwood News

Catechetical Sunday: Thank you to the following individuals who are so important to reinforcing our Catholic teachings and values to the youth in our parish. The foundation of instilling faith of those young minds starts at home.

Thank you to- Vicki Auth, Renee Obermueller, Charley Obermueller, Amy Luther, John Crownhart, Sara Asher, and Stephanie Beyer. "Send down your Spirit upon these catechists. Inspire them to be not only teachers of your truth, but witnesses of your love."

Spring Valley News

CCD Classes for Grades 1-5 will start on Wednesday, September 26th at 3:15pm.

Please make sure to send your registration papers and payment with your students. You are welcome to bring them to the Brother Michael Center after CCD on Wednesday and give them to Laura Buchal or Cindy Schlegel.

If you did not receive the registration in the mail and wish to register your child in CCD classes, please contact the central office.

Dishes: Please pick up your dishes in the Brother Michael Center, there are many that have accumulated over the summer. Thank you.



Prayer for Generosity

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.
Amen.

Did you know that our Tri-Parishes have a rosary-making ministry? We send the rosaries we make all over the world!! We have been meeting for just over 3 years and have sent out **21,391 rosaries!!!**

All are welcome to come and learn to make rosaries. We meet in Spring Valley at the Brother Michael Center the first Wednesday of the month and in Boyceville the second and fourth Thursdays May-October and only second Thursdays November-April.

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry but are unable to come make them, donations are always accepted. The cost of making a rosary & getting it out the door is \$.16-\$.25 for beaded rosaries and about \$.75 for cord rosaries.

Contact Cindy Schlegel--715-684-3324 or
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