

# 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

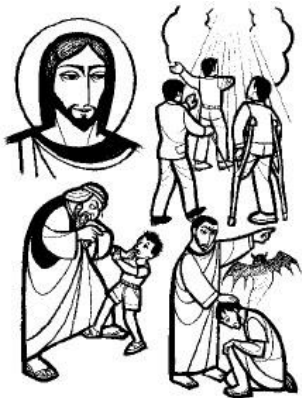
Thursday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

## CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM Spring Valley

Saturday 7:15-7:45 PM Elmwood

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM Boyceville



## OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	October 2	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Jack Traynor (Doris Traynor)
Wednesday	October 3	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Dale Jensen (Mary Ann Jensen)
Thursday	October 4	8:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	
		1:30 PM	Mass at SVHCC	+Ardith Howard (Iolienne Grant)
Friday	October 5	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Kathy Sableko (Greg & Laura Buchal)
		1:30 PM	Mass At Elmwood Nursing Home	+Ilene Bates (Bernie & Gail Feucker)

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	October 7	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	Missa Pro Populo
		9:30 AM	Mass in Boyceville	
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Mary Jane Gruber (Dave & Rita Johnson)

## Stewardship for September 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 1746.73	\$ 103.41
Spring Valley	\$ 1543.00	\$ 149.00

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

Dear loving parishioners of Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville,

The readings this Sunday challenge us to be humble, inclusive and tolerant. The message centres on God's Spirit who is poured out on all the baptized, and not limited only to those of our company. The mark of a true disciple of Christ is an attitude of tolerance, compassion and acceptance of the gifts of others. In the First Reading from the Book of Numbers, God tells Moses

to bring together seventy elders from the community to share the burden of leadership with him. But among the seventy elders chosen, Eldad and Medad stayed behind in the camp and prophesied. When Joshua heard this, he was upset because the two men, who had been absent when God gave the gifts of the Spirit, also received the same gift as the seventy elders. Joshua was trying to put limits to God's gifts and action. The response of Moses to Joshua is important: "Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!"

In the Gospel, we find a similar episode. The disciples had just been given the authority to expel demons in the name of Jesus. On their way they found someone not of their company expelling demons in the name of Jesus, and they had tried to stop the man. John who belonged to the inner circle tells Jesus how they tried to stop him and telling him that they alone were the chosen ones and not he. Jesus had sent the disciples on a mission where they had worked miracles, healed the people and cast out demons. They had received the praise for their good work. But now they felt threatened because a person who was not of their group had cast out demons as well, doing so in the name of Jesus. So they tried to stop him. Jesus responded that the man should have been left alone, because anyone performing miracles in Jesus' name is certainly on their side.

What exactly did Jesus mean? The kingdom of God proclaimed by Jesus is not confined within the boundaries of the Catholic Church. The mission of the Church is to reveal and proclaim its presence, not to claim a monopoly over it. So what message do we take home this Sunday? 1) The mark of a true disciple of Christ is an attitude of inclusion, tolerance, compassion and acceptance of the gifts of others. 2) God's Spirit is not limited to those of our company or to a chosen elite group. The Holy Spirit is not even limited to this or that Church. 3) God's Spirit is at work in all those who seek God with a sincere heart

With Love and Prayers,

**Fr. Arockia Stanislaus**

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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.

**St. Luke's Catholic Church 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Dinner** will be held Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, with mass at 9:30 am in Boyceville. You are invited to join them for a wonderful homemade dinner. Spring Valley and Elmwood will have Father Hofmann celebrating mass that Sunday.

**Pro-Life:** On Voting... "In a democratic society citizens choose whom they vest with authority for the common good. A choice for one person over another for public office can significantly affect many lives, especially the lives of the most vulnerable persons in society, such as children in the womb and those who are terminally ill. Therefore, Catholic citizens have a serious moral obligation to exercise their right to vote, whether on the national, state or local level" (Bishops of Kansas, "Moral Principles for Catholic Voters," August 15, 2006).

**Tri-Parish Pastoral and Finance Council meeting:** is scheduled for Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. Luke's in Boyceville, at 7:00 pm.

**Winter mass schedule:** Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> will start our winter mass schedule. Elmwood will have mass at 8:30 am Sunday mornings and Spring Valley will continue to have 10:30 am mass. Boyceville will start Saturday 4:00 pm vigil mass on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, LA CROSSE,** is hosting a Marian Symposium on Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13. Sponsored by the Franciscans of the Immaculate along with the International Marian Association: "Mary Coredeemtrix: Relevance and Remedy for Our Time" The Symposium is for anyone who wants to know more about the Blessed Virgin Mary and her role in the redemption. The Conference is free. Registration is available online at: <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/events/marian-symposium> Lunch is on your own. Box Lunches are available for purchase at the time of registration. Registration by mail or phone is also available. Contact: Sister M. Ancilla - call 608-782-5440 or email [srmancilla@guadalupe Shrine.org](mailto:srmancilla@guadalupe Shrine.org).

## Elmwood News

**Altar and Rosary:** There will be a meeting on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All are welcome.



**"US Rosary Coast-to-Coast" is planned for Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.** "We are being called upon to help turn our country back towards God. We must acknowledge as a people that we have turned away from God. Through prayer we will change our hearts, change our families, change our communities, change our country and change the world." In Spring Valley, the Rosary Rally will take place at 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in the rosary prayer garden located between the church and the Brother Michael Center. In case of inclement weather the rally will be held inside the church. Further details about the mission of the Rosary Rally are available at <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/big-spiritual-battle-coming-coast-to-coast-is-calling-you>. Contact Laura Buchal at 715-772-4452 or [ssf@wwt.net](mailto:ssf@wwt.net) for more information about the rally in Spring Valley.

## Spring Valley News

**Parent Safe Environment Training:** You will need to attend one of the trainings offered at the parish. There will be two options offered to attend the training sessions - Sunday, October 7, 2018 or Sunday, November 4, 2018 immediately following 10:30 AM Mass in the Brother Michael Center. The sessions last about 30 minutes. You can also contact the Central Office at 715-778-5519 or [admin@svecatholic.org](mailto:admin@svecatholic.org) to schedule another time.

**The Adult Choir** is looking for members! If you enjoy singing please give it a try - no singing experience necessary! We occasionally practice before Mass, but this is a very casual group. Please contact the Central Office if you are interested.

**November-December Ministry Schedule:** Please let the Central Office know by October 19<sup>th</sup> if you are unavailable for any days as we plan for the next schedule. Thank you.

**Spring Valley Pastoral and Finance:** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

**LPI Bulletin:** Our new parish bulletin will start on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all who put an ad in our new publication. There are still a few spaces left, so if you would like to place an ad in our new bulletin, please contact Rich Clark: 262-271-4664