

# SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (10-12).....8:00AM Mass at Elmwood  
+Frank Crownhart (Dorothy Allen)  
Tuesday (10-13).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Marie Demuth (Yvonne Degross)  
Wednesday (10-14) .....10:30 AM Funeral Mass  
+Robert Weber  
Thursday (10-15).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+All Past KC Members (KC Council #6599)  
Friday (10-16).....*NO Communion Service at Spring Valley*  
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH  
+Virginia Fischer (Evelyn Fischer)

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (10-17).....6:30PM Confirmation Mass at Menomonie  
8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood  
+Walter Bechel (Ray and Bing Asher)  
Sunday (10-18).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville  
*Missa pro Populo*  
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley  
+Alyssa Spence (Una Kannel-Jenny)

## BRIEFLY NOTED

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Robert Weber of Elmwood** who will be buried from our parishes this week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Robert from all sins, that they who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

**Welcome Party:** All are invited to the Church basement for cupcakes and ice cream to after the Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 8PM Saturday vigil mass in Elmwood to welcome Father Prince. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**Thank You:** The Altar and Rosary would like to thank the Crownhart family for their generous donation in memory of Bill Crownhart. May he rest in eternal peace.

**St. Luke's:** On **Sunday, October 18**, St. Luke's will be having Pot Luck following Mass. All are welcome!

### Confirmation Students Important Dates:

**Wednesday, October 14 @ 7:00 - 8:00PM - Confirmation Rehearsal** at St. Joes Menomonie SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you.

**Saturday, October 17 @ 6:30PM - CONFIRMATION @ St. Joes Menomonie**, reception follows in church basement.

## 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

**Eucharistic Adoration:** We are looking for two prayer partners to hold an hour every other week on Thursday afternoons from 4-5 pm. Contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 for more information.

**St. Luke's DAA Update:** This week \$1375 was contributed toward the goal. St Luke's is currently at 51% of the target having collected 3,300 of 6384.

**St. Luke's Rosary Makers:** will meet **Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:30 P.M. in the church dining hall. All are welcome to join us.

**Elmwood Parishioners:** If you would like to sponsor an Elmwood CCD student whose family is unable to meet the cost of a CCD Retreat; please contact Marilyn Bowell DRE at 715-664-8975.

### Nationality Hot Dish Supper at St. Mary's Catholic Church - Hammond WI:

On Thursday October 22, 2015 4:30 – 7:00 PM. Featuring a large assortment of hot dishes, salads, rolls, pies, & beverages. Free Will Offering. We hope to see you there!

**Banquet for Life:** Options for Women (formerly Pregnancy Helpline) will hold their annual fundraiser on Thursday, October 22nd at Kilkarney Hills Golf Club, River Falls. The guest speaker is Steve Karlen, Director of North American Outreach for 40 Days for Life. The cost is \$40 per person or sponsor a table of 10 for \$350. RSVP by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Call (715) 425-8539 for information.

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**Accept the Primacy of God and His Kingdom**

Hi to you all! As I had given a brief introduction about myself in last week’s bulletin, this week I would like to thank Father Kevin Louis, Deacon Ray, Parish secretary and parishioners for their clarifying answers whenever I had some doubts. Last Sunday’s Fall Festival 2015 at Boyceville was remarkable and the food was outstanding. My compliments and appreciation to all the people who worked to make the celebration a wonderful one!

Word of God for this Sunday – the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time – invites us to examine our attitude towards money and wealth. In the first reading, King Solomon, who is acclaimed as the author of the book of Wisdom, sings:

*I prayed, and understanding was given me;*

*I entreated and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.*

*I esteemed her (Wisdom) more than scepters and thrones*

*Compared with her, I held riches as nothing (Wis 7:7-8).*

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us: “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” (Mk 10:24) This statement shocks us just as it ‘astonished’ the disciples of Jesus (v.26). This discourse of Jesus on wealth is prompted by the encounter between Jesus and the man (‘young man’ as Mt 19 would have it) who wanted to inherit eternal life. The man was not able to respond to the invitation of Jesus because he was possessed by his possessions. So, what is the Word of God this week inviting us to? What was the attitude of Jesus to money and wealth?

First of all, we do know that Jesus had access to funds and He used money:

- When the gospels speak of Judas Iscariot, they also refer to him as one who ‘had charge of the common fund’ (Jn 13:29).
- In Lk 8:1-3, Luke talks about the women disciples of Jesus. He mentions their names: “Mary surnamed the Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others...” And Luke adds, “And they provided for Jesus and His company out of their own resources.”

And yet, Jesus would make statements like:

- “Blessed are you who are poor: the kingdom of God is yours.” (Lk 6:20)

The message of the Word of God can be summarized in three simple statements:

**1. Accept the primacy of God and His Kingdom:** The repeated message of Jesus is very clear – seek first the kingdom of God (Lk 12:31) and the rest will be given to you.

**2. Use things and love people:** We live in a use-and-throw society. We open up cans and we throw them. And we use people and we throw them. The Word of God invites us to prioritize. Yes, to use things and love people.

**3. Be free not to be possessed by your possessions:** If our identity as human persons is locked into our possessions, then when we lose our possessions what will become of our identity? On the other hand, if our identity comes from the fact that we are created in the image of God – than the Kingdom of God is within us. The unnamed man in the Gospel today was not able to respond to his heart’s deepest desire because of his shallow desire for his possessions. And notice that he remains unnamed, without an identity! On the other hand, the disciples who ‘left everything and followed Jesus,’ – we know their names today. Their identity comes from their relationship with Jesus. Indeed, they were given a hundredfold!

So then, let us pray that we accept the primacy of God and His kingdom in our lives, so that we only *use* things, but *love* people. And in this way, we will be free not to be possessed by our possessions.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Rev. Prince A. Jesuraja*

<b>Stewardship for September 26-27</b>				
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles	DAA
Spring Valley	\$2,105	\$89.75		\$6,999.99
Elmwood	\$2,090	\$94.17	\$48.10	
Boyceville	\$2,215	\$173		

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**Options for Women Raffle (formerly Pregnancy Helpline):** Please support our raffle -- the Grand Prize is a John Deere Gator, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$1000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is \$500! Board members and volunteers will be selling raffle tickets after each Mass on October 17 and 18. The funds will be used for remodeling our new office space, an ultrasound machine, and many other expenses for our pregnancy medical clinic. **THANK YOU!**

