

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (8-22).....NO MASS

Tuesday (8-23).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Susan Geraets (John and Nancy Ellingson)

Wednesday (8-24).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Bill Crownhart (Don and Mary Schmitz)

Thursday (8-25).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Bill Crownhart (Dave and Rita Johnson)

Friday (8-26).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home

+Tom Mountin (Bob Bock)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (8-27).....7:00PM Vigil Mass at Boyceville

+ *Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday (8-28).....8:30AM Mass at Elmwood

+Don Miller (Bruce Beyer)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Lorne Hanson (Hanson Family)

BRIEFLY NOTED

St. Luke's Parishioners: Please pick up your raffle ticket books in the back of church. These sales will help greatly in the maintenance needs of our church. Every sale helps. See Gloria Pieters or Barb Hellmann if you have questions.

FORMED: Our Sacred Heart Parishes have purchased a subscription to FORMED! FORMED® is an exciting new gateway to the best teaching videos, audio, and eBooks to deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church! Available *anytime* and *anywhere* on most computers and mobile devices. Access movies of the saints and countless other resources to continue your faith journey and assist in the faith formation of your families. Visit: www.formed.org and enter the Parish Access Code: **CQH26N** (all caps). Set up a username and a password for your personal account. Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org at anytime!

Comedy Night and Banquet for Life! You are cordially invited to join the Options for Women pro-life clinic on Tuesday, September 13th at Kilkarney Hills Golf Club, River Falls. The event starts at 5:30pm and includes a silent auction, delicious meal, exciting live dessert auction and fantastic speaker - comedian, author, and musician Mike Williams. The cost is \$40 per person, or sponsor a table of 10 for \$400. Please RSVP by August 31st. For information or tickets, call **(715) 425-8539** or email optionsforwomenrf@outlook.com.

Catholic Scout Retreat: The Diocese of La Crosse is hosting a Catholic Scout Retreat on September 9-11 for Boy Scouts ages 13 and older. Interactive presentation and activities will be provided for scouts as well as Adult Emblem Counselor Training. **Location:** Gateway Area Boy Scout Camp Decorah, Holmen, WI. Cost: \$8/person. Contact Cindy Sjolander: 6008-783-4911 or csjolander@yahoo.com.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

Saturday 6:00-6:45 PM

Boyceville

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Elmwood

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Boyceville

Thurs. 8 AM to Friday 8AM

Spring Valley

Parish Mass Time Changes:

If anyone would like to submit feedback to the Pastoral Council on the recent mass time change, please contact Becky in the parish office either by phone (778-5519) or email: admin@svecatholic.org.

Elmwood CCD Program:

Elmwood CCD classes begin on Sept. 11th. Any new families interested in registering their children in our program; please contact Marilyn Bowell DRE 715-664-8975.

Elmwood Lectors and

Eucharistic Ministers Needed:

Our Elmwood parish needs more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. For those interested in being trained as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Becky.

El Paso Ecumenical Days:

All are welcome to the El Paso Days Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, August 21, at 11:45am at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in El Paso.

Fall Festival:

Sunday, August 21 at St. Joe's Arkansaw with **10:00am Mass** followed by a BBQ Chicken Dinner from 11-1pm. Kids games, cake walk and basket raffle! All invited!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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www.svecatholic.org

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the gospel reading of today, Luke presents Jesus as a demanding teacher. This portrayal of Jesus is very unlike Luke. For instance, Matthew uses the phrase “grinding of teeth” (NJB), or in other translations, “gnash their teeth” (RSV), five times in his Gospel, whereas Luke uses it only once. And that happens to be in the gospel text of today. Being consistent within the Gospel of Luke, what is the central orientation of the Word of God on this 21st Sunday? Let us focus on the “**narrow door**” – the image that seems to demand something from us as disciples of Jesus.

We know that in Christ, the narrow door is symbolic of the hardships of life for those who follow Jesus. It is symbolic of accepting poverty, being of a charitable heart, forgiving others, being patient, etc. It is symbolic of not being ashamed of Jesus, of going forward and proudly speaking of His salvation. It is symbolic of accepting persecution for the sake of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Thus all those who accept Jesus and his teaching will be with him in his kingdom. When we consider the love and mercy of Jesus, we come to perceive that His love draws us towards him, “the truth, the way and the life.” To qualify for the mercy of Jesus, there must be a conversion, the complete change of heart of a repentant soul that is firmly committed to embracing the truth that opens the way to eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

Strive to enter the Narrow gate to eternal life

Very many opportunities are available to us during our lives. From this large assortment, we must decide which ones we want, which ones suit our personalities, and then strive to get them. The ones that we choose are not just going to fall into our laps—we have to go get them. If we pursue them half-heartedly, we are apt to miss them. One could say that the gate that we have to go through to attain what we want is a narrow one since there are much larger and easier gates that we could just fall through without even trying. These larger gates can distract us from the narrow gate we would like to go through.

The difficulty of striving to get what we want goes beyond the secular part of our lives and also applies to the spiritual part. In today’s gospel, Jesus tells his questioners that to be saved requires that they “strive to enter through the narrow gate.”

Jesus has freely offered salvation to everyone. But, will we choose salvation from the many opportunities available? Or will we slide through one of the larger gates in life that is much easier and perhaps more fun to do in the short term? We must strive to accept Jesus’ offer of salvation. *Rev. Prince Raja*

Stewardship for August 13-14, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1,885	\$69.35
Elmwood	(numbers will appear next week)	
Boyceville	\$625	\$46.99

BRIEFLY NOTED

Marian Audio Presentation on FORMED:

The Gospel speaks of people coming from the four corners of the earth to recline at table, but the Responsorial Psalm reminds us that it is our job to "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News." Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta lived out that mandate by going to the poor and sharing the Good News through her caring touch. In the Audio presentation "Mary: Handmaid of the Lord" (on Formed.org) she shares her insights on how Mary is our model of discipleship and saying "Yes" to the ways God would have us share his Love with the world. Check out the above on the Audio tab of www.Formed.org.
Log in to Formed using our Parish Code: **CQH26N**

36th Annual La Crosse Diocese Rural Life Day:

Will be held on Friday, October 7 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Menomonie, WI. Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at 10:00AM. Following the mass there will be an Awards Program recognizing rural faith families from the Deanery. MC will be Bob Bosold, WAXX Radio personality with lunch provided by the Durand Deanery. Equipment displays by: Tractor Central, Lindstrom Equipment, Value Implement and local farm families. Come and to praise and honor God for providing abundant food, appreciate and celebrate the farmers in our midst, and demonstrate the connection we have with agriculture in our daily lives. All are welcome!

St. Joseph's Fall Festival Prescott:

On Saturday, September 18th (immediately following the 10am mass) we'll have all of these activities: Bingo, Children's Games, Cake Walk, Craft & Bake Sale, Silent Auction (12pm-3pm) and Live Auction (1pm- 4pm) and "Cash Mania" Raffle - \$3,500 in cash prizes (drawing is at 4pm)! ABBQ Chicken Dinner from 11am -- 2pm. ¼ Chicken Dinner for \$7; ½ Chicken Dinner for \$10.
Location: St. Joseph's Parish / 281 Dakota St, Prescott, WI 54021. Stop by for some FUN!

Confirmation Students Important Dates:

Sunday, October 2- Confirmation Retreat - starting with 10:30am Mass and going until about 4:00PM. SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you. Sign up for Confirmation liturgy.
Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:00 - 8:00pm - Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Joes Menomonie SPONSORS or PARENTS need to attend with you. **Saturday, October 15 @ 6:30pm -** **CONFIRMATION** @ St. Joes Menomonie, reception follows in church basement.

