

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome new parishioners into our parish family. Please contact the Central Office for information on how to join.

## 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:

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



## PASTORAL REFLECTION

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is our Father and He has a plan for each of us; and like a good father, He dreams a dream for us. He has made us his chosen people and has showered plentiful blessing on us. He is a benevolent Father who cares for his children. St John tells us that God has loved us so much that he sent his only son for our sake that we may have life through Him. God works in every human person as He would work in nature. We can see how God cares for each single item of His creation and builds into it His own presence and action. He manifests Himself to us in divine ways so that we may understand His benevolence.

In the first reading from the book of Ezekiel we see the initiative of God towards the wellbeing of His people. He causes a small shoot to grow into a mighty tree. Planted on a high mountain, it struck roots and grew into a majestic tree that gives the picture of the people of Israel how they turned into a great nation. In the second reading Paul expresses the constant aim of his life is to please God. He talks to the Corinthian community of becoming a New Creation for Christ. In the Gospel of today we have two parables concerning the growth of the Kingdom of God. He uses the image of the seed and the plant indicating how the Kingdom that he is proclaiming would grow quietly as every farmer would experience. It is a call to belong to the kingdom of God, who calls us to put oneself fully, consciously and deliberately under the power of God, to experience that power and be empowered by it.

The gospel text of today invites us to be open to accept that we really cannot know everything about the Kingdom of God, and the only meaningful way of speaking about the Kingdom is by means of symbols, parables, metaphors. Of course, Jesus “explained everything to his disciples when they were alone” (Mk 4:34), but if we continue to read this same Gospel of Mark we see how dull the disciples were in understanding Jesus (e.g. Mk 6:52).

**Rev. Prince Raja**

## OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	June 19	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Vern & Lee Richardson (by Family)
Wednesday	June 20	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Luetta Schlosser (Altar & Rosary Society)
Thursday	June 21	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Paul & Ardith Howard (Tom & Kathy Birkel)
Friday	June 22	1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home	+Leonard Weber (Rita Doverspike)

## The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Saturday	June 23	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Bernard Hofacker (Bernie & Lois Freiermuth)
Sunday	June 24	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Bill Crownhart (Joe & Laurie Schmitt)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Don & Gen Miller (The Family of Don & Gen Miller)

**Stewardship for June 9-10<sup>th</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	\$735.00	\$149.15
Spring Valley	\$1582.00	\$ 97.25

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## News for All

**Parish Pictorial Directory :** Families are also be able to sign up on line on our website at <https://svcatholic.org> after masses on the weekends. Our scheduled photo dates are: Thursday – Saturday, July 12 – 14 (At Sacred Heart Elmwood) and Thursday – Saturday, July 26 – 28 (At Sacred Heart Spring Valley) .

**Adoration Notice-** We are looking for partners for the 1-2 pm hour of adoration in Spring Valley. Please contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 for more information.

**This Week in FORMED:** Celebrate Father's Day ! Every father has been entrusted with a lofty vocation - to serve as a visible reflection of God the Father. In *Pure Fatherhood*, Devin Schadt draws upon the example of St. Joseph to encourage fathers to understand and embrace their privileged role in the family and in the Church today. Find all of this content and so much more on [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

**Pro-Life :** "There is no cause more important for preserving freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning." Pres. Ronald Reagan, Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation

**Mark your calendars:** There will be a farewell potluck picnic for Father Prince on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Brother Michael Center in Spring Valley after the 10:30 am mass. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

**Sacred Heart Spring Valley PCCW Salad Bar Luncheon** is Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Brother Michael Catholic Center. Free Will Donation (Suggested \$5.00) Proceeds go toward youth to attend Steubenville North Conference. People to work the luncheon and donate salads are needed. Students attending the Steubenville Conference and/or Confirmation Students who need service hours are strongly encouraged to help with the luncheon. There is a sign-up sheet at the church entrance, or you can contact Karen Fesenmaier at [fesenmaierk@springvalley.k12.wi.us](mailto:fesenmaierk@springvalley.k12.wi.us) .

## Elmwood News

**Father's Day Pie Sale Saturday night, June 16.** Whole pies are \$8.00. The pie and ice cream social after the Sat night Mass will be free to all as a farewell for Father Prince. Everyone is welcome. Chairs and Co-chairs will be calling the Altar and Rosary members for pies or an \$8.00 donation. Our annual \$10.00 dues can also be paid that night.

## **A Father's Day Prayer**

God,  
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.  
Amen

## Spring Valley News

**Custodial Services Needed:** We are in need of someone /couple willing to perform custodial duties (vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, set up for events in Spring Valley , etc.) 10-15 hours a month. Please contact the Central Office for more information.

**Religious Ed Coordinator needed:** Becky Hannack has resigned as Coordinator of our Religious Education, and we are in need of someone to fill these shoes. If you are interested in taking on this important role in our parish or would like more information, please contact the Central Office.

As was previously announced, the Diocese of LaCrosse is reassigning several priests effective July 5, 2018. As part of that reassignment, Father Prince will be leaving us. Our parishes, as well as St. Luke's in Boyceville, will be served by Father Amir. Since we are once again a Tri-Parish, our mass times need to be adjusted. We know this is never an easy change. The pastoral council members of all three parishes, along with Father Prince and Father James (current Pastor of St. Luke's in Boyceville and St. Joseph in Menomonie), met to discuss the options.

Many things were discussed, but those of most importance were maintaining the stability and viability of all three parishes. It has been proven in our parishes that when there is only a Saturday night vigil mass, and no option for a Sunday mass, the parish suffers – attendance drops, contributions drop, CCD programs suffer, and there is a snow-ball effect on every aspect of the parish. Some of the other items considered were the travel of Father Amir, CCD Programs, and the population of our parishes (the elderly, families with children, farmers) and how mass times would impact them.

There was no perfect option, and your pastoral council members made the best decision possible for the sake of our parishes. If you have questions, please feel free to contact a pastoral council member in your parish. Councilors in Elmwood – Sara Asher, Stephanie Beyer, Aaron Cebulla, Joe Schmitt, and Katja Weix. Councilors in Spring Valley – Gregg Deutsch, Bill Fesenmaier, Mike Graham, Anne Helmer, Connie Kannel, and Mary Lansing. The new schedule goes into effect the weekend of July 7-8, 2018. St. Luke's in Boyceville will have 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday Mornings. Elmwood and Spring Valley will alternate weekends with Saturday Night Vigil Mass and Sunday Morning 10:30 AM Mass. The First and Third Sundays – Sunday Mass in Spring Valley at 10:30 AM, Saturday Vigil Mass in Elmwood at 8:00 PM. The Second and Fourth Sundays – Sunday Mass in Elmwood at 10:30 AM, Saturday Vigil Mass in Spring Valley at 4:00 PM.

A calendar with the July Mass schedule can be picked up in the main church entrance. Going forward, calendars will also be posted on the doors of the church and published on the church website. The Mass schedule for the upcoming week will continue to be published in the bulletin. Thank you.