

# SACRED HEART

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Sacred Heart parishes, in Spring Valley and Elmwood, and St. Luke's in Boyceville, love the Lord Jesus Christ and are dedicated to His Sacred Heart. Guided by the Word of the Lord, we commit ourselves to give praise and honor to God through liturgical worship, family and private prayer, and service to one another. We strive to develop a living faith and a growing spiritual community by providing opportunities for spiritual, educational, and social enrichment. Our faith will be strengthened through active involvement of all members.

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## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2025



### 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They left everything and followed him.  
- Lk 5:11

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, Peace be with You!

Dilexit Nos (He Loved Us) is an Encyclical letter published by our Holy Father Pope Francis in honor of the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition of Jesus to saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, hence I would like to tell you the blessings associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus: The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion in the Catholic Church that focuses on the physical heart of Jesus Christ as a symbol of his love, compassion, and mercy for humanity. This devotion highlights the love that Jesus has for all people, as expressed in the gospels and through his sacrificial death on the cross. The Sacred Heart is often depicted as a heart surrounded by thorns, sometimes with a flame rising from it, symbolizing the burning love of Jesus for mankind.

### Blessings associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

**1. Grace and Mercy:** One of the key blessings associated with the Sacred Heart is the grace of God's mercy. It is believed that through the Sacred Heart, individuals can receive forgiveness and divine mercy for their sins, especially through devotion and acts of repentance.

**2. Peace and Comfort:** The Sacred Heart is often seen as a source of comfort for those who are suffering, facing challenges, or experiencing emotional distress. Prayers to the Sacred Heart can bring inner peace and the strength to endure difficulties.

**3. Protection:** Devotees believe that those who entrust themselves to the Sacred Heart are protected by Jesus' love. The Sacred Heart is viewed as a shield that guards individuals from harm, both physically and spiritually.

**4. Eternal Life:** Devotion to the Sacred Heart is also believed to lead to eternal life, as it emphasizes the salvation that Jesus offers through his love and sacrifice.

**5. Special Graces:** There is a belief that by practicing devotion to the Sacred Heart, particularly through the First Fridays (a practice of receiving communion on the first Friday of each month), individuals receive special graces, including a deepening of their faith, hope, and love for God.

This devotion has a long history in the Church, dating back to the 12th century, but it became widespread after the revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. These revelations emphasized the heart of Jesus as a symbol of his love and the need for people to honor this love in their daily lives.

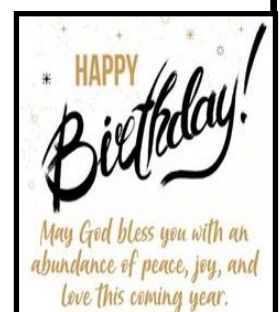
~Father Anbu



During the short month of February, we get to look at “disciple-ship at home - identity” during our Sunday Series. This week’s installment focuses on personal prayer and study. Who are you when your guard is down? When you are in the comfort of your own home and can really just be yourself in full comfort and freedom? When you don’t have to try to put on an act for anyone or try to make a good impression for a crowd? There is something about being in the safety of our own home and who we are when we are there that reveals a lot about our real identity. Here is a great question to think about and pray with this month How do I currently live my relationship with Jesus (discipleship) at home? Do I actually do this at all? Do I do it consistently? Do I invest in my relationship with Jesus in an intentional and excited way in my own personal life that shows Him how much I value this relationship? Am I living my discipleship relationship during the day-to-day in a way that is actually helping Jesus and I grow closer? Okay, so that is actually not a question but a lot of questions. But hopefully the general theme is clear! Two very concrete ways to live out your discipleship relationship with Jesus at home are personal prayer and study. There are many different ways to pray. The basic idea behind it all though is to remember that Jesus personally knows and loves you and wants to spend quality time with you every day. The “what” / content of that quality time will vary based on your personality, development in discipleship relationship, life circumstances, etc. But please pick up a special handout in the back of church this week with several different practical ways to pray and maybe try something new to grow! Personal study of our Catholic Faith can involve anything from listening to podcasts (Fr. Mike Schmitz has several very popular options), to reading Faith-based books (Ascension Press has an excellent list of “13 Books That Should Be On Every Catholic’s Bookshelf” to get started), to getting involved with a study at church, and much more. Again, the best way to succeed is to choose what works best for you and where you are in life! When we were dating, my husband said that he needed to get to know me in order to be able to truly love me. The same concept is absolutely true in our relationship with Jesus, and personal study of our Faith at home helps us know and love Him much more deeply! This week’s invitation is to pray with the above question about how you are currently living your relationship with Jesus in your personal life at home, especially in the areas of prayer and study, and then to choose one tangible step you can take in each area to more fully prioritize your discipleship relationship with Jesus in everyday life! ~Marie Zweber (Spring Valley DRE)

In 2025 we will be celebrating and praying for our parishioners, in their birthday month, who are our “Golden” members and have over 70 years of wisdom.

Jim	Christenson	Feb 1
Judy	Bauer	Feb 6
Arlene	Vadnais	Feb 13
Helen	Hedlund	Feb 13
David	Seyfert	Feb 16
Jeff	Brooke	Feb 18
Earl	Vraa	Feb 23



# INFORMATION

## News for All



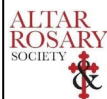
**The Marian consecration**, one-hour , retreat will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 16th, in

the Sacred Heart of Jesus church in Spring Valley. Marian consecration, the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother, is actually rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27) and to “take her into his own home.” He was actually instructing us all to do likewise — to “behold your mother” and take Mary into our hearts, for wherever she is beloved, Christ is known and praised. St. Maximilian Kolbe described Mary as “the stairway to Heaven.” Marian consecration, therefore, could be likened to climbing the stairs. However, there is no “right” way to consecrate oneself to Jesus through Mary, so long as the ultimate goal is closeness to Christ and the glorification of God.

## Boyceville News

**Pyx** - we have pyx available for use by parishioners to take Communion to a friend or family member that is not able to attend Mass.

**We still have** one pyx missing. It was given as a memorial of a deceased family member so it has great meaning. If you borrowed it, please return it as soon as possible. Thank you.



**Altar Society** - There will be an Altar Society meeting immediately following Mass on Thursday, February 13th. All women of St. Luke’s are invited to attend.

**Mass Intentions** - we are in need of Mass Intentions beginning with March and throughout 2025. If you have a specific date/s you would like to schedule, please see Judy Humpal or email her at [stlukeboyceville@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeboyceville@gmail.com)

## Elmwood News



**Our Condolences:**  
Our deepest sympathy and assurance of

prayers are extended to the family of Patricia Nohelty who passed away on January 28th. “O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant , Patricia , from all her sins, that they who believed in the Resurrection of Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory” (Funeral Mass, Collect) Pat’s funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart church in Elmwood.



**The Altar and Rosary meeting** will be held on Thursday, February 13th at 1:30 p.m. There is much to discuss. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.



## **Annual Family Spaghetti Dinner**

Supporting the Sacred Heart Youth. The event will be held at the Elmwood Auditorium on Wednesday, February 19th from 4:30-7:00 PM. The meal will include spaghetti, meatballs, garlic toast, and dessert. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$6 for children 6 and under. To purchase tickets please contact a youth of the parish, Sarah Asher or Stephanie Beyer to get your tickets. Please order by Sunday, Feb 9th. Thank you.



**We are in need** of person(s) to ring bells at the funeral Masses in Elmwood. In a Catholic funeral Mass, bells are typically rung at the beginning and end of the service to signify the solemnity of the occasion. Please contact Stephanie Beyer 715-307-0180 , if you are able to help.

## Spring Valley News



**Please welcome** the Fernando and Blanca Lopez-Mota family who have registered with

Sacred Heart of Jesus. May they seek to deepen their relationship and commitment to this church community and may this congregation offer support in times of trouble and rejoice with them always .



## **Spring Valley Community Food Shelf**

Sacred Heart Parish is responsible for donating items in February. Please leave nonperishable food items in the back of the church. Monetary donations should be made out to the “Spring Valley Food Shelf”. We are in need of volunteers to deliver the items to the food shelf on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in February. Please contact Beth in the central office if you are able to help.



**Thank you to those** who have emailed or called to sign up for date night for this Saturday, February 15th! It's not too late to sign up! You can email Mary Lansing at [mlansing@svtel.net](mailto:mlansing@svtel.net), call 715-778-5832or add your name to the list in the back of church.



**Andrew's Outreach** is a small group of parishioners at our parish who get together every

couple months to learn, grow, and find encouragement with each other in joyfully sharing our Faith with family, friends, and fellow parishioners. The group focuses on building real relationships with others that help deepen our own and our friends' relationships with Jesus. If you would like more information or want to get involved, please contact Marie Zweber [marieregnyier07@gmail.com](mailto:marieregnyier07@gmail.com)



**FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WHO  
HAVE DIED AND FOR THE SICK,  
WE PRAY IN 2025**

**Tuesday February 11 Mass in Elmwood**

7:00 p.m. +Steve & Genevieve Ulwelling  
(Jeff & Susan Pitman)

**Wednesday February 12 Mass in Spring Valley**

6:15 p.m. +Carol Nellesen  
(Bob & Mary Ann Richardson)

**Thursday February 13 Mass in Boyceville**

10:00 a.m. +Dawn Squillace (Paul & Rita Zimmerman)

**Friday February 14 at the Elmwood Assisted Living**

10:00 a.m. +Robert, Betty & Bobby Hartung (by Family)

**Saturday February 15 Mass in Boyceville**

5:00 p.m. *Missa Pro Populo*

**Sunday Mass February 16**

8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +Bernard Hofacker  
(by Family & Friends)

10:30 a.m. in Spring Valley ~Kevin Loenser  
(Gabby & Isaac Nilssen)



**LITURGICAL  
MINISTRIES**

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

**Elmwood 8:30 a.m. Spring Valley 10:30 a.m.**

**LECTORS**

Sacred Heart Youth Kelly/Jason

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/SACRISTAN**

Stephanie/ Anna (S) Lynn/Karrie/Eric/Darlene

**SERVERS**

Jayden/Cody/Ella Adeline/Porter/Weston

**USHERS/HOSPITALITY**

Sacred Heart Youth Mike/Matt

**ROSARY**

**MUSIC**

Sacred Heart Youth Sacred Heart Choir



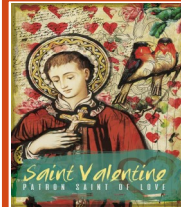
**COLLECTION ADULT ENVELOPES AND  
OFFERTORY February 1-2, 2025**

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	
<b>Boyceville</b>	\$ 310.00	\$ 68.00	CCHD - \$25
<b>Elmwood</b>	\$ 1230.00	\$ 113.00	<u>On-line</u>
<b>Spring Valley</b>	\$ 1644.00	\$ 114.20	\$ 964.65



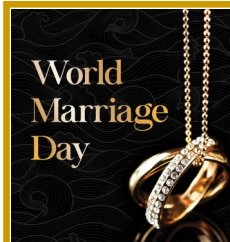
**February 2025**

- February 11– Spring Valley finance council meeting
- February 11– Elmwood Pastoral Council meeting
- February 13– Boyceville Altar & Rosary meeting
- February 13– Elmwood Altar & Rosary meeting 1:30 pm
- February 15– Spring Valley Family Life’s “Date Night”
- February 16– Marian Consecration Retreat in SV
- February 17-19– Beth out of the central office
- February 19– Elmwood Youth Spaghetti Supper



**St. Valentine Feast Day: February 14th**  
**Patron Saint of beekeepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, happy marriages, love, and young people.** St. Valentine, officially known as St. Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely associated with "courtly love." St. Valentine is often represented in pictures with birds and roses. Although much of St. Valentine's life is not reliably known, many different legends are attributed to the man. St. Valentine and his faith were often put to the test. At one point in his life, he was told to restore a judge's blind daughter's sight to prove the validity of Jesus, and he did just that. St. Valentine was later arrested for trying to convert people to Christianity. St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. One variation of St. Valentine's life states that while imprisoned he healed a jailer's blind daughter and on the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine." ~Catholic Online - Catholic.org

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**World  
Marriage  
Day**

**The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!"**

**Prayer for World Marriage Day (Rev. William Dilgen, SSM):** Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind, and Body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen.