

SACRED HEART

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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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The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time offers us lessons on mercy, forgiveness, and living like Jesus. The readings guide us in avoiding judgment, showing compassion, and bearing the image of Christ in our actions. By reflecting on these themes, we can grow in love and understanding, bringing us closer to living out our faith in everyday life.

Showing Compassion

Reminding us of Jesus' teaching about not judging others. Jesus warns us against judging because it leads to unfairness and a lack of compassion. When we judge, we often don't know the whole story and can hurt others with our assumptions. Jesus calls us to understand and help each other. Instead of judging, we should try to understand the struggles others are facing. Showing compassion means being kind and supportive, even when we don't fully understand someone's situation. Judging others can create barriers and harm relationships. It separates us and makes it hard to see the good in others. By choosing to show understanding instead of judgment, we can build stronger, more loving communities. Reflecting on this message, we see that Jesus wants us to follow His example of love and mercy. When we avoid judging and instead show compassion, we follow the path that Jesus set for us. This way, we help bring more kindness and understanding into the world.

Living Like Christ

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time also brings Paul's message about bearing the image of Christ. Paul explains that we are to live like Jesus, showing His love and mercy in our actions. Living like Christ means embodying His values in our everyday lives. Being in the image of Christ means showing love, kindness, and forgiveness. Jesus showed us how to love others, even those who hurt us. By following His example, we can reflect His goodness to the people around us. This calling is not always easy. It requires patience and a willingness to put others first. But when we strive to live like Christ, we become a light for others, showing them the path to peace and love.

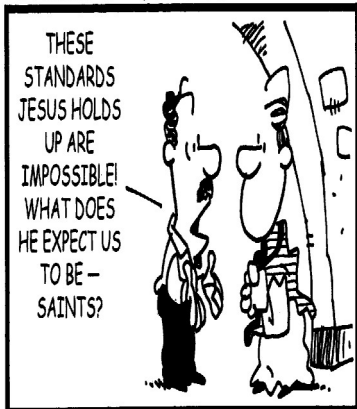
Mercy and Forgiveness

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time teaches us about being faithful to Jesus' call. Jesus tells us to love our enemies, which goes against the way our world usually works. Today, we often see competition, especially in politics and on social media, where getting ahead seems most important. Imagine how different things could be if we truly loved our enemies and showed forgiveness and mercy to everyone. Jesus' message is clear. We are called to a life of mercy, just like David showed mercy to Saul. Mercy means choosing kindness over revenge. It means forgiving others, even when it is hard. This path is not easy, but it brings us closer to living like Jesus. Forgiveness is something we all need. We might think it is just for those who have wronged us, but we also need it for ourselves. Holding grudges can harm us and prevent us from finding peace. Jesus reminds us that we should forgive to be forgiven. Healing from wounds takes time. When someone hurts us, the pain doesn't disappear overnight. We can pray for God's help in healing our hearts. Asking for the strength to let go of our need for revenge and for the desire to forgive can lead us to true peace. By choosing love and mercy over revenge, and by seeking forgiveness, we can live a life that reflects Jesus' love. This change in our hearts can make the world a better place.



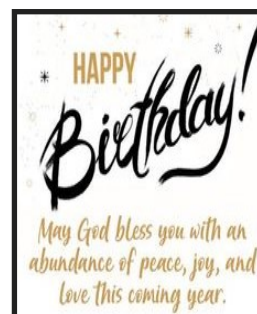
(Young Catholics 2025)

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



Baby Bottle Campaign To Support Options for Women: Volunteers from Options

for Women in River Falls, will be giving a short talk about their Baby Bottle Campaign next Sunday, March 2nd, in Elmwood and Spring Valley. Baby bottles will be distributed after each Mass – please return them filled with coins, currency, or check. Whatever you give will make a difference! These bottles will be taken to Options for Women to help women, men and families facing an unexpected pregnancy.



Help Defund Planned Parenthood: In just one year, Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion business

in America, violently ends the lives of more than 390,000 unborn children. When a pregnant woman walks into a Planned Parenthood, 97% of the time she'll leave without her child. In 2023, Planned Parenthood received \$699 MILLION of taxpayer dollars, almost \$2 million PER DAY. Please help end taxpayer funding of this holocaust. Visit <https://sba-list.quorum.us/campaign/defund-planned-parenthood/> Fill out the form to email your U.S. Representative urging them to support and cosponsor H.R.271, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2025.



Please join us for First Saturday devotions, March 1st in Spring Valley, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. with adoration and prayers and followed by benediction and Mass. Confession will be available for those who are interested.

Boyceville News

Mark your calendars for **TUESDAY, MARCH 4th** at 10:00 a.m., at St Luke's, we will have a discussion on the topic "WHY CATHOLICS OBSERVE LENT". This casual topic-discussion is open to all parishioners. Coffee will be served.

Thank you - To the Parishioners of St. Luke's - From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the prayers and good wishes you have sent my way. So very kind of you to remember me, and I am hoping God will bless you richly for it. Typing this at the computer as I will be in a neck brace for a few weeks. Recovery will take time, but please know that I miss you and hold in my heart and in my prayers. Love, Margaret Miller

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



Elmwood News

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.



The Elmwood Knights of Columbus \$500 scholarship is available to any high school senior who is a parishioner of

Elmwood. The application deadline is April 1st. Please see the flyer hanging on the bulletin boards at church for more information or contact Steve Bates.

Spring Valley News

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Save the date for the Annual St. Patrick Day's dinner on Sunday, March 16th.

Bishop Battersby will also be here that day to celebrate Mass and rededicate the Brother Michael center.



The Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will be holding an Euchre tournament on March 22nd. More details will be in future bulletins.



Growing in Faith program:

It is from 10:00-10:20 on the first and third Sunday of the Month in the Parish house! We welcome all children from infancy through Kindergarten. Our next class is on Sunday, March 2nd. Please contact Anna Fesenmaier 715-554-4902 - fesenmaiera@gmail.com If you have any questions.



The Sunday Children's Liturgy will be offered

the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Children, ages 4K-2nd grade will attend the beginning of Mass with their parents until the end of the Introductory Rites when Fr. Anbu will invite the children to come forward for a blessing and dismiss them from Mass with the Children's Liturgy volunteers where they will then gather in the sacristy and return to the church immediately after the Prayers of the Faithful. We strive to help the children understand the gospel more fully so they can go out and live their lives as Jesus teaches.

Please send Bulletin Announcements to: admin@svecatholic.org
By NOON on Wednesdays



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

Tuesday February 25 Mass in Elmwood

7:00 p.m. +Alviria Michaelson (Ric & Mary Sailer)

Wednesday February 26 Mass in Spring Valley

6:15 p.m. +Brother Michael (Craig & Beth Ingli)

Thursday February 27 Mass in Boyceville

10:00 a.m. +Amanda Van Dalen (Joe & Gloria Pieters)

Friday February 28 at the Elmwood Assisted Living

10:00 a.m. +Marvin Kannel (Bruce & Carol Turner)

First Saturday Mass March 1 in Spring Valley

8:30 a.m. +Minnard Hojem (Greg & Laura Buchal)

Saturday Mass March 1 in Boyceville

5:00 p.m. +Allen Hemann (Karen Hemann & family)

Sunday Mass March 2

8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +Nina Baier(Tony & Dawn Baier)

10:30 a.m. in Spring Valley +Jim Houdek
(John & Nancy Ellingson)



Diocese Annual Appeal The Diocese has received to following from the three parishes for the 2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal as of February 20, 2025:

St. Luke's Boyceville parish \$ 5370.00 (81.12%) toward the \$6620.00 DAA target.

Sacred Heart Elmwood parish \$ 10,580.00 (66.73%) toward the \$15,855.00 DAA target.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Spring Valley parish \$ 18,482.98 (90.74%) toward the \$ 20,370.00 DAA target.

Please contribute to the 2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal if you have not done so, by using your pledge card, (extra pledge cards may be found in the churches), or donate on-line at <https://diolc.org/stewardship/>



March 2025

- March 2– River Falls Options for Women baby bottle fundraiser in Elmwood and Spring Valley
- March 2– Coffee and donuts after Mass in Spring Valley
- March 5 – Ash Wednesday Mass times:
 - 10:00 a.m. in Boyceville
 - 4:00 p.m. in Spring Valley
 - 7:00 p.m. in Elmwood



**Spring Valley Knights of Columbus
Euchre Tournament
Saturday March 22nd, 2025**

Where: Brother Michael Center

Registration Fee: \$40.00 per team

Time: Registration 11:30 am-12:45 pm

Tournament begins at 1:00 pm

Lunch: Starts at 11:30 am (Free Will Donation)

Additional costs:

- \$1.00 per team per set. Set Pot Winner name will be drawn.
- Optional: \$5.00 per person for entry into the Lone Hand Pot. Individual with most Lone Hands wins the Lone Hand Pot.



BECOME INVOLVED: MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTAL

Joining Our Parish: If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to register. We are glad you are here.

Celebrating Baptism: Baptism is celebrated throughout much of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child's baptism, please call the parish office, 715-778-5519 for more information.

Caring for the Sick: If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call or email Father Anbu to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Celebrating Marriage: We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Father Anbu to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn more about marriage preparation.

Becoming Catholic: If you are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek to become Catholic contact Father Anbu at franbu80@gmail.com or call the central office -778-5519