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OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	January 23	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Ann Coughenour (Bill & Karen Fesenmaier)
Wednesday	January 24	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+ Tom Mountain Don & Mary Schmitz
Thursday	January 25	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	Kathy Sabelko (Jerry Sabelko)
Friday	January 26	1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home	+ Rene Sailer (Nick & Amy Johnson)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	January 27	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+ Bernard Hofacker (Bob & Kathy Geraets)
Sunday	January 28	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Olivia Pelzel (Marvin Kannel)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Josh Gokey (Anita Gokey)

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM Elmwood
Thursday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

Stewardship for January 13-14th , 2018

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 767.00	\$ 120.00
Spring Valley	\$ 1644.00	\$ 107.00

PASTORAL REFLECTION THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Repent and Believe in the Good News

Dear friends in Christ, The word of God today invites us to repent!

In the first reading, Prophet Jonah (Jon 3:1-5, 10) preaches the message of repentance to the people of Nineveh, following his own story of repentance in accepting the will of God. “And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth.” God accepted their little efforts of reparation! And all was well.

In the second reading, St. Paul (1Cor 7:29-31) invites us to be sober and to have the right attitudes towards the world, because, “the world as we know it is passing away.”

The Gospel, from the first chapter of Mark, describes to us how Jesus began his public ministry. Jesus’ first message is, “Repent, and believe in the Good News” (Mk 1:15). As I said earlier, we want to accept this message of Jesus. We want to repent. We want to be good. But we find ourselves frail and weak.

So, what is the meaning of “Repent and believe in the Good News”? Repentance and belief are not two separate acts in our movement towards God, but one! In fact repentance could even be a consequence of our belief.

To understand what I am saying we need to ask a basic question: What is the Good News? Is it the sum of all the dogmas declared by the church? Is Good News the collection of the teachings of Jesus? No, not at all. Good News is the fact that God loves us in the person of Jesus. It is a person. Good News is JESUS Himself! Yes, Jesus is the Good News. May we then surrender ourselves in front of this tremendous mystery – Jesus Christ, the Good News! Believe! Recognize the Kingdom that is already here. May this greater power enfold us and transform us. May we become our best selves in the unconditional love of God!



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Elmwood News

Fazoli's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Hosted by the Elmwood CCD Program and Co-Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 191. The event will be at the Elmwood Auditorium on Wed. Feb. 7th from 5-8 PM. The meal is your choice of spaghetti/fettuccine, breadsticks, garden salad, beverages, and enjoys homemade desserts and Culver's custard. Take-out is available. Tickets are being sold at this time. \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Cash donations are welcome. Please purchase tickets by Feb. 1st; there will be a limited number of tickets available at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Elmwood CCD Programs. For information please contact Marilyn Bowell, DRE at 715-664-8975. (Please contact Marilyn if you or your business would like to donate a door prize for the event.)

Altar & Rosary: Soup and Sandwich Supper will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Sacred Heart, Elmwood Church Basement. The supper will be held from 4-7 pm and is a freewill offering with proceeds going towards the repair of the church sidewalls and the Stations of the Cross. Bingo from 5-7 pm along with paddles for cookies will also be sold.

Our Prayer Circle is in need of more people. When prayers are requested, we call the next person on the Circle. If we get a recording, we call the next name and leave a message until we actually talk to a person. If anyone is interested in joining the Circle, or is presently on the Prayer Circle and would like to be removed, call Anna 715-639-4311

The Sesquicentennial Anniversary of our LaCrosse Diocese (1868-2018) 'Feed My Lambs' book is available. A sample of the book is in the back of each church to look at. Cost for the book is \$30. Please see Father to receive your copy of the book. Make checks payable to "Elmwood Sacred Heart Church"

Our churches old snow blower (two stage electric start) is for sale---any offer will be considered. Call Tom Weber at 715-941-1811.

Spring Valley News

10th Annual Right To Life Breakfast will be Sunday, January 28th 9am-12:30pm in the Brother Michael Center. Free-will donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the financial, emotional, and spiritual support of area women in need of pregnancy assistance. Please join us for a great cause and share in a delicious breakfast with wonderful community fellowship! Public welcome!

Annual PCCW Meeting : Will be held, Monday, January 22 at 6:30pm in the Brother Michael Center. All are welcome to participate come with your ideas for the coming year. Looking for someone to head the committee for the St. Patrick's dinner. Please contact Liz Erickson or Peg Vorlicek by January 22.

DAA Update: With the recent installment payments & pledges, \$18331.01 (90%) of our DAA target has been paid. Thank you for your continual payments. If you are not pledging to the DAA, regardless of the reason, please communicate it to the Diocese by returning your card with "0" on it. Pledge cards are available in the church entrance.

The Sesquicentennial Anniversary The Diocesan 150th Anniversary Books - Feed My Lambs - The cost is \$30. Please make checks payable to the parish. Contact the parish office if you would like to purchase a copy.

News for All

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting: Father Prince would like to meet with the Elmwood and Spring Valley Pastoral Councils at 7:00 PM on Tuesday January 23, 2018 in the Brother Michael Center immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass in Spring Valley. If Councilors are unable to attend, please contact the Central Office.

This Week in FORMED: This Sunday the Gospel reading calls each of us to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the virtue and witness of Saint Peter, learn the difference between following Jesus closely and following him at a distance. To learn more check out Lectio: Peter - Session 7 featured on the home page at Formed.org. In this powerful study, Dr. Tim Gray shows us what it truly means to follow Christ and to seek forgiveness. Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register -and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

50th Jubilee Celebrations -Request for Names : The Diocese is asking for names of couples in our parishes who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during this calendar year of 2018. Please let the Central office know and we'll forward these on. Also if anyone is having a milestone birthday over 70, please let us know and we will announce it in the bulletin along with any wedding anniversary celebrations.

Mass Intentions for 2018: Please note that the central office works on the Mass intentions for both parishes on a continual basis. If you have a specific date you would like to request, please let the central office as soon as you can. Thank you- Anne and Beth

Respect Life Prayer: Since Sunday, January 21 is the eve of the sad anniversary of Roe v. Wade, it would be most appropriate for the Prayers of the Faithful to reflect our concern for life in the womb. We Pray For every little child, and especially for those who live in their mother's womb: that they might grow in the image and likeness of the God who made them.

