

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

OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	April 3	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	Kathy Sabelko-cancer (Jerry Sabelko)
Wednesday	April 4	7:30 PM	NO Mass in Elmwood	Carpets are getting cleaned in church
Thursday	April 5	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Mickey Traynor (Jane Seifert)
		10:00 AM	Mass at SVHCC	+Bernard Hofacker (Barbara Grotkin)
Friday	April 6	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Joan Binkowski (Altar and Rosary Society)
		1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home	+Jeanne Mountin (Dorothy Mountin)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	April 7	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Kathy Feucker (Feucker Family)
Sunday	April 8	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Juanita Bates (Patty Hawkins)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Elwood Burke (Paul Burke Family)

Stewardship for March 24-25th, 2018

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$1,105.00	\$ 247.00
Spring Valley	\$ 2,261.00	\$ 71.25

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!



‘Alleluia’ is one expression that we hear so often during Easter. And when we hear a Catholic shouting out ‘Alleluia’ we think, they have become a Pentecostal. What does ‘alleluia’ mean? It simply means, ‘Praise the Lord!’ But this praise is also filled with thanksgiving, joy and triumph. Several psalms begin and end with this expression. This is one of those expressions that has come to be used in Christian tradition in its original Hebrew expression, like ‘Amen’ and ‘Hosanna’. ‘Alleluia’ is an apt expression in the context of what we celebrate during Easter – it is simply to praise the lord for his triumph over death.

To the Disciples the Resurrection was a new experience. It was something totally unexpected and new. It gave them a new vision of life. They were persons totally transformed with the presence of the Resurrected Jesus. They had seen his suffering and during that time most of them had remained hidden out of fear. For them as it is for us the celebration of Easter Sunday totally reverses the image of Good Friday. It tell us what Good Friday is about; It tells us that what took place on the cross on Good Friday was not just a simple death but a real sacrifice, it was not a defeat but a triumph over sin and death, and it was not an end but a great beginning.

The celebration of Resurrection is the first feast that early Christians ever celebrated. In fact it was such a powerful event that they celebrated it every Sunday. Yes, even today... Sunday is the day of the Lord, the day of Resurrection. Belief in the Resurrection is central to Christian life. It is the event and experience of Easter that confirms our belief in Jesus as the Son of God, as it confirmed the belief of the apostles. St Paul tells us, “if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain” (1Cor 15:14).

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News for All



Baptism: Congratulations to **Amber Marie Nelson**, who, on the Easter Vigil, is reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism. "Remember, Lord, Amber, who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that she may follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (Roman Missal 974).

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time, and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

Attention High School Seniors – Scholarship Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus are offering a \$250 scholarship to any graduating high school senior who is a member of either Elmwood or Spring Valley Parishes. Please contact Mike Raleigh at [715-639-6582](tel:715-639-6582) for an application.

This Week in FORMED: Did you know that our parish has purchased a gift for you? Enjoy a free subscription to formed.org—an incredible online gateway to inspirational Catholic movies, powerful audio talks and ebooks, and video studies that will help you learn your faith, all in one place! This week, our FORMED Pick of the Week is a video called Symbolon: The Paschal Mystery. Why do Christians worship a crucified God? We've all heard that Jesus died for our sins and rose again at Easter, but what does this really mean? One viewer said of this video, "Symbolon is giving me an understanding of my Catholic faith that I never got growing up!" 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**

Elmwood News

Altar & Rosary will have a second collection for Low Sunday, April 7th and 8th. The Bishop has given his blessing on this collection again this year.

Elmwood High School Seniors: Applications for the choir scholarship are hanging on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

Elmwood CCD Reminder: Grades 7-10 are required to attend the Youth Rally to be held on Sunday, May 6 in Eau Galle. This is part of our CCD program, 11th and 12 graders are invited. Thank you, Marilyn Bowell DRE/Youth Minister.

Easter Sunday:

Christ is Risen! Spread the Good News!

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought
by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Spring Valley News

A Huge Thank You: to all who contributed food and helped at our St. pat's Dinner. Thank you especially to Sneakers for their generous donation and to the SV Drug and Hardware for the milk. After all bills, we made \$1680.00. Thanks Again!

Do you like to clean? We are looking for an individual or a couple, to keep our facilities looking clean and to set up for events in Spring Valley. Time would be 10-15 hours a month. A Big Thank You to Jenny Hagen, for doing such a wonderful job in the past. She is ready to step down and pass "the broom and vacuum" to someone else. Please contact the Central Office for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration: We are looking for two or more people to permanently take over the 1:00 - 2:00 hour of Eucharistic adoration on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Laura Buchal at 715-772-4452 for more information.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 10th-June 14th and the theme is "Maker Fun Factory- Created by God, Built for a Purpose." On VBS Sunday, April 29th, church representatives from each church will share information and hand out registration forms.