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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (3-24).....8:00 AM at Elmwood
+Joseph Jensen (Dale & Mary Ann Jensen)
Tuesday (3/25).....6:30 PM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
Stations of the Cross
Wednesday (3/26)....7:30 PM *Communion Service* at Elmwood
Thursday (3/27).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
Friday (3-28).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley
1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH
+Frank Crownhart (Nancy Pelzel)
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross at Elmwood

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday (3-29).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Walter Bechel (Bill & Roselyn Sylla)
Sunday (3-30).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville
+David Hill (Joyce & Dennis Hill)
10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa pro populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Interparish Pastoral Council Meeting: was rescheduled for **Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 PM** in Spring Valley. Council members please notify the Central Office if unable to attend. Thank you.

KC's Pancake Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Pancake and French Toast Breakfast from **8AM-12PM in the Elmwood Sacred Heart Church Basement on Sunday, March 30th**. The breakfast is a free-will offering with the proceeds going to help renovate the Seminarian Chapel in LaCrosse. The Altar & Rosary Society will be selling Centennial Ornaments at the breakfast as well. All are invited to come and enjoy a tasty breakfast!

Spring Valley St. Patrick's Dinner: Served 190 people (down 100 from last year) and grossed about \$1200; expenses were \$900. Thanks to all who helped and donated! A special thank-you to Matt Huepfel who donates the milk every year!

Elmwood First Communion Mass: will be at 10:30 AM in Elmwood on April 6. Elmwood CCD Families please note that there will NOT be CCD class before this Mass. **There will still be a 10:30 AM mass at Spring Valley on that day as well.** After the First Communion Mass in Elmwood on April 6 everyone is invited to the Church basement for donuts and refreshments!

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM
Elmwood
Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM
Boyceville

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Boyceville
Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM
Spring Valley

Eucharistic Adoration:

There are many hours in need of immediate prayer partners for Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley. Why not consider taking an hour now and holding it through Lent to see if it's a good fit for you? Contact Laura Buchal for information at 715-772-4452.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence from eating meat** for those 14 years of age or older.

Elmwood CCD Families: Please remember to pick up your dessert dishes from the Fazoli Spaghetti Dinner. **The dishes are in the kitchen of the Elmwood Church basement.** Thank you for your contribution to the Fazoli Dinner!

Elmwood CCD Program Reminder: parents and students our **last CCD class is Sunday, April 13th.**

St. Luke's: Holy Week Readers needed! If interested please sign up on the sheet provided on back table. Thanks!

St. Luke's: A BIG *thank you* to all the parishioners of St. Luke's, from Margaret Erickson, for all the prayers and cards she has received since breaking her arm a few weeks ago.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 3:00 PM.**

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Congratulations to our own Ben Blegen who was featured in this week’s The Catholic Times diocesan newspaper! A photo (page 3) of a beaming Ben, his godfather Joe Schmitt and me with Monsignor Gorman illustrates the story about the Rite of Election at our Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman on March 9. In that ceremony Monsignor Gorman – acting on behalf of Bishop Callahan – called Ben to be among the elect, that is, to be baptized at the upcoming Easter Vigil. Ben, a graduate of Spring Valley High School, currently resides in Elmwood and works at the Spring Valley Public Library and the Coop in Elmwood. During these last three weeks of Lent we pray specially for Ben as he prepares to be baptized and confirmed as well as receive his First Holy Communion. **Our prayerful accompaniment of Ben is expressed in the Masses of the Lord’s Day through the special ritual called the Scrutinies.** The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is the section of *Roman Ritual* which is the “how-to” manual for the preparation for and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) for adults who have never been baptized. The manual explains that “the Scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. These rites, therefore should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. Because they are asking for the Sacraments of Initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and His Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance. In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ these three Scrutinies are celebrated” (141-143). **May these Scrutinies not only profit Ben, but may each of us to experience a renewal of faith through their celebration!**

The excellent coverage of one of our own in our diocesan newspaper brings to mind a complaint recently registered by an Elmwood parishioner. This person objected: “Why is there nothing in our parish bulletin about Diocese of La Crosse retreats or events?” The first thing to note is that **in order for an item to appear in our bulletin, it must be submitted** in a timely fashion to Becky Schmitt who is its editor. If promoters of events do not submit materials to Becky, they are not going to appear in our bulletin! A second thing to note is that **because of limited space in the bulletin, items are included in the bulletin according to the following priority:** events in our parishes, events in our communities, events in our Durand Deanery, and then events in our Diocese of La Crosse. I was rather puzzled that this person could not find any diocesan events or retreats in our bulletin. An examination of our bulletins for the past six months (25 weeks) showed that, **in fact, there were only seven weeks out of that 25 where our bulletin did not have at least one diocesan event advertised** (September 14/15 and 28/29, October 12/13 and 19/20, November 30/December 1, December 7/8 and January 18/19). A third and final note, **our parishes provide all our parishioners directly in their homes The Catholic Times which not only lists diocesan events but often has full-length stories about upcoming events.**

On a personal note, in your charity please remember in your prayers my stepmother, Marilyn, who this Tuesday undergoes total knee replacement surgery at Saint Joseph Hospital in Marshfield. God willing, later this year she will have the same surgery on her other knee. I will be in Marshfield this week to accompany Marilyn and my dad during the hospitalization and transition back to their home. Also, please pray for my brother, Brian. He has begun an experimental treatment for leukemia through Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Father Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Stewardship for March 15-16

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$1308.00	\$131.25
Elmwood	\$1178.00	\$156.81
Boyceville	\$1240.00	\$81.00

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Centennial Ornaments Sale: The Altar & Rosary Society is selling Centennial Ornaments after Saturday Vigil masses in the back of church and at various church events until they are gone. The ornament is 18 kt gold-plated and comes in a gold gift box with an insert of the Church history. The ornaments are \$15. If you would like to purchase, please contact Lois Freiermuth 715-639-3307, Sharon Weber 715-639-3322 or Susan Pitman 715-235-2827.

Natural Family Planning: The Couple to Couple League is offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at **St. Bridget’s Church in River Falls, WI.** New streamlined methodology and materials integrate Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Saturday, April 12 at 9:00AM. To register call 612-721-3791 or email: twincitites.ccli.org@gmail.com.

Elmwood Altar & Rosary Society: The Altar and Rosary will again decorate the church Altar with Easter Lilies and spring flowers. Anyone wishing to donate in memory of a loved one may do so by sending donations to: P.O. Box 54 Elmwood or using the A & R drop box in the church kitchen.

Elmwood Dresses for Africa: The little dresses, shorts and eye glasses for Africa will be collected by April 12th. Any of these items can be left in the vestibule of Elmwood or brought to our Altar and Rosary meeting on April 12th. Thank you.

Elmwood Centennial Planning Committee: meets on **Wednesday, April 2 after the 7:30 PM mass.** All are invited to come and share their ideas for the celebration of our parish’s centennial!

