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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday-Wednesday (11/10-11/12)....NO MASS

Thursday (11-13).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Viola Krings (Larry and Dinae Wiskerhan)

Friday (11-14).....8:00 AM *Communion Service* at Spring Valley

1:30 PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Juanita Bates (Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday (11-15).....4:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Francis Kirby (Brian Kirby)

8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Walter Allen (Yvonne Degross)

Sunday (11-16).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

Missa pro populo

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Duane Kelley (John and Nancy Ellingson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to **Jeremy and Amanda (Lecheler) Hofacker** who were joined in the **Sacrament of Matrimony at Elmwood** this weekend. "Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage, Jeremy and Amanda, whom you have brought happily to their wedding day, that under your protection they may always be faithful in their lives to the covenant they have sealed in your presence" (*Roman Missal*, 1027)

Spring Valley DAA: Thank you to the 52 families who have pledged \$10295 to the DAA. We will need \$8589 pledged to meet our target. Any amount to the DAA would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps, you are torn between donating to the church roof replacement or the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Consider this: once our parish has paid the DAA target amount, any money over the target will be returned to be used on our roof or any other project. If your pledge card & envelope are missing in action, please leave a message at the parish office (778-5519) to have one sent to you.

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society: will be meeting on Nov. 13 with the Rosary starting at 7:00pm. St Joseph's group will be the host. Final plans will be made for the Nov. 15 Soup & Sandwich supper after a 4:00pm mass. Altar & Rosary news: We will be looking for new group chairs and a treasurer and Vice- President. Please contact the group chairman or an officer and volunteer. Thank You, Kathy Geraets.

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

St. Luke's: The Mitten Tree will be place at the back of church for hat and mitten donations. All items will be donated to Tiffany Creek Elementary School.

St. Luke's: We are again collecting donations for Operation Christmas Child. Information about what can be donated in on the back table. **Donations will be accepted until November 14.**

St Luke's: St. Jessica Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19th, in the church kitchen, to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

Catholic Relief Services: Help Catholic Relief Services contain the spread of Ebola and assist afflicted communities in West Africa. To donate, visit www.crs.org or the diocesan website at www.dioc.org.

Elmwood Centennial Items: If you haven't gotten your church centennial memorabilia: Centennial Book \$15.00, Ornaments \$15.00 or the 8 church window note cards \$5.00; They will be on sale after mass on **November 15.**

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**. The Basilica of Saint John Lateran is the Cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome, Italy. Early in the fourth century Constantine the Great – Emperor of Rome 306-337 AD – gave Pope Melchiodes (311-314 AD) some property and buildings for a church and his residence. The complex was designated as “Lateran” because the previous owner of the property was a man named Plautius Lateran. The buildings were converted into a church which was consecrated in 324 AD being dedicated to the Savior. Multiple times throughout its history the Basilica suffered damage from earthquakes and fires as well as the hands of invading armies. Most recently (1993) it was heavily damaged by a bomb set by the mafia in order to silence Saint John Paul II after his forceful call for them to repent or face the fires of hell. Each time it was rebuilt and eventually also dedicated to Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. The Popes lived at the Lateran complex until 1304 at which time they moved to Avignon in France. Since their return to Rome in 1377, the Popes have resided at the Vatican. Reflecting the fact that the Basilica is the Cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome – that is, the Pope – the inscription on its façade states that it is the “mother and head of all the churches of the City (of Rome) and of the world.”

We continue with part seven of the answer to the question posed by a parishioner: “**Who is a person to call if somebody needs the last rites before death if the Pastor is gone?**” Having explored the manner in which the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated, just what are the **effects** of this sacrament? The *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* summarizes that “this sacrament confers a special grace which **unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ for his good and for the good of all the Church**. It gives **comfort, peace, courage, and even the forgiveness of sins** if the sick person is not able to make a Confession. Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this sacrament even brings about the **restoration of physical health**. In any case this Anointing prepares the sick person for the **journey to the Father’s House**” (319).

Elaborating on the effects of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us it is “a **particular gift of the Holy Spirit**. The **first** grace of the sacrament is one of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death. This assistance from the Lord by the power of His Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is the will of God” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1520).

A **second** effect is “**union with the Passion of Christ**. By the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ’s Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior’s redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1521).

A **third** effect is “an **ecclesial grace**. The sick who receive this sacrament, ‘by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and Death of Christ,’ ‘contribute to the good of the People of God.’ By celebrating this sacrament the Church, in the communion of saints, intercedes for the benefit of the sick person, and he, for his part, through the grace of this sacrament, contributes to the sanctification of the Church and to the good of all men for whom the Church suffers and offers herself through Christ to God the Father” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1522).

The **fourth** effect is “a **preparation for the final journey**. If the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given to all who suffer from serious illness and infirmity, even more rightly it is given to those at the point of departing this life; so it is also called . . . the sacrament of those departing. The Anointing of the Sick completes our conformity to Christ, just as Baptism began it. It completes the holy anointings that mark the whole Christian life; that of Baptism which sealed the new life in us, and that of Confirmation which strengthened us for the combat of this life. This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father’s House” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1523).” Next week we examine who may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and when it should be requested .

Stewardship for November 1-2				
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	World Mission Sunday	All Saints day
Spring Valley	\$2790	\$189.75		\$5
Elmwood	\$637	\$97.25	\$65	\$30
Boyceville	\$675	\$191	\$40	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Cemetery Groundskeeper Wanted: Sacred Heart Elmwood is in need of a groundskeeper for the Farm Hill cemetery. Duties include lawn mowing and hedge trimming. If anyone is interested please contact Tom Weber at 639-3322.

Elmwood Church Window Greeting cards: If you are interested in purchasing greeting cards with images of the stain glass windows on the front, please contact Anna Crownhart at 639-4311.

