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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (5/11).....NO MASS

Tuesday (5-12).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Bernard Grant (Bob and Una Jenny)

Wednesday (5-13).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood

+Margaret Kasten (Don and Mary Schmitz)

Thursday (5-14).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Charlotte Bruener (Dave and Rosalie Sowatzke)

Friday (5-15).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Anna Seipel (John and Joanne Schwebach)

The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday (5-16).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

Missa pro Populo

Sunday (5-17).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+Bernice Gatz (St. Jessica Circle)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Jeff Anderson (Ray Bartholmay)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood CCD Flower Sale: On Saturday, May 9th there will be a carnation flower sale after Mass. Free will donation or any cash contribution in memory of a loved one is welcome. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Life. Proceeds will go to CCD program.

St. Luke's Mother's Day Rose Sale: We will be selling roses for \$2 each after Mass on Mother's Day, May 10th. The proceeds will go for Pro-Life. Thank you!

Mother's Day Gifts: This year if you would like to give your mother a memorable gift for Mother's Day we still have some Centennial 18 carat gold plated ornaments left. To purchase, please call Sharon Weber: 715-639-3322 or Lois Freiermuth: 639-3307.

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society: will meet on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00PM in the Elmwood Church Basement.

Elmwood Graduates: On Saturday May 16 at the 8:00pm mass the Sacred Heart Parish of Elmwood is very proud to recognize the high school graduates from our parish: Nickolas Bechel, Katie Brunner, Jacob Burke, Matthew Fesenmaier, Jason Larson, Kaitlyn Sabelko, Nicholas Webb, Jennifer Weix and Justine Weix. May the Lord God bless their lives from this day on with goodness, faith and love.

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

Elmwood Lectors Needed:

We are in need of Lectors for our Saturday night 8:00PM mass. This invitation is open to all parishioners. Anyone interested in becoming a lector or a substitute contact Mary Sailer (639-4902).

St. Luke's: Potluck Sunday is May 17th after 8:30 a.m.

Mass. All are invited to join in the good food and fellowship.

Spring Valley CCD Program CRE

Needed: Thank you to Anne Helmer for her dedicated years of service to our CCD Program! We are grateful for her hard work in the religious education of our parish children and wish her well as she steps down from the position. Anyone interested in the position of CRE may contact the Central Office.

Spring Valley VBS Schedule:

Where: Sacred Heart CCD Center.

When: Sunday June 7 with

activities from 3-5pm. Family Dinner Potluck from 5:15-6pm.

Monday, June 8 to Thurs., June 11.

Free Will Donation

VBS Activities from 6:00-8:15pm

Closing Program: Thursday, June 11

Doors open at 7:45pm -Bring your camera!

Thank You: The Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society would like to thank the Schwebach family for the generous donation made in memory of Joanne Schwebach.

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Happy Mothers' Day to all the women of our parishes! May the Lord richly bless all of you – those chosen by God to be mothers both biologically and spiritually as well as those called to exercise a motherhood of faith alone! The following passage (104) from the 1995 *Encyclical Letter The Gospel of Life Evangelium vitae* of **Saint John Paul II** is a fitting mediation for Mothers' Day in light of the attacks against women and innocent human life unleashed in our day in our nation and world: “In the Book of Revelation, the **‘great portent’ of the ‘woman’** (12:1) is accompanied by ‘another portent which appeared in Heaven’: **‘a great red dragon’** (Revelation 12:3), which represents Satan, the personal power of evil, as well as all the powers of evil at work in history and opposing the Church’s mission. Here too Mary sheds light on the community of believers. **The hostility of the powers of evil is, in fact, an insidious opposition which, before affecting the disciples of Jesus, is directed against His Mother.** To save the life of Her Son from those who fear Him as a dangerous threat, Mary has to flee with Joseph and the Child into Egypt (see Matthew 2:13-15). **Mary thus helps the Church to realize that life is always at the center of a great struggle between good and evil, between light and darkness.** The **dragon** wishes to devour ‘the child brought forth’ (see Revelation 12:4), a figure of **Christ**, whom **Mary** brought forth ‘in the fullness of time’ (Galatians 4:4) and whom the **Church** must unceasingly offer to people in every age. But in a way **that child is also the figure of every person, every child, especially every helpless baby whose life is threatened**, because as the [Second Vatican] Council reminds us – ‘by His Incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every person’ (*Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 22). **It is precisely in the ‘flesh’ of every person that Christ continues to reveal Himself and to enter into fellowship with us, so that rejection of human life, in whatever form that rejection takes, is really a rejection of Christ.** This is the fascinating but also demanding truth which Christ reveals to us and which His Church continues untiringly to proclaim: ‘Whoever receives one such child in my Name receives me’ (Matthew 18:5); ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me’ (Matthew 25:40).” On this weekend we can all say “Thank you, mom, for receiving me as a gift!”

Congratulations to **Deacon Billy Dodge** who, upon ordination to the Priesthood, has been assigned by Bishop Callahan as the Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of Blessed Sacrament and Newman University Parishes in La Crosse. Last weekend it was also announced that effective July 1 **Father James Kurzynski** is the Pastor of Saint Joseph in Menomonie. We are very blessed to have him as our neighbor as he is one of the finest younger priests of our Diocese of La Crosse. Menomonie’s previous Pastor – Father John Selva Manohar – has already returned (April 26) to his home Diocese in India at the request of his Bishop. Since they have no Pastor, as Dean of the Durand Deanery, then, it falls to me to be the **Parochial Administrator** of Saint Joseph Parish through June 30. In addition to giving direction in answer to questions from staff and parishioners, I am covering the Menomonie parish’s urgent pastoral needs (for example, Anointing of the Sick) and funerals. My first week “on the job” has already meant two funerals! **Pray for your priests and seminarians!**

In our parishes, the terms of some members of the Pastoral Council are expiring. **Please give prayerful consideration to the nomination of their replacements.** To nominate a parishioner (including yourself) simply **submit the name (or names) of the nominee(s) in writing** by placing it in the offertory collection basket, mailing it to the Central Office, or emailing it to my Administrative Assistant, Becky Schmitt (admin@svecatholic.org). A parishioner is **eligible** to serve on the Pastoral Council who: (1) is at least sixteen years of age; (2) is baptized, confirmed, and registered member of the parish in full communion with the Catholic Church; (3) is willing and able to serve for the elected or appointed term; (4) is a contributing member of the parish in prayer, time, talent and treasure; and (5) maintains a public posture not inconsistent with the teachings of the Church. In order to serve fruitfully on the Pastoral Council, the councilor should be **wise and prudent** – a committed Catholic with the capacity for study, for reflection, and for reaching sound conclusions. **Nominations close after Masses on Sunday, May 10. Elections in all three parishes will be held at all Masses next weekend.**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! *Father Kevin C. Louis, STL*

Stewardship for May 2-3			
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>			
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles
Spring Valley	\$1885	\$5.30	
Elmwood	\$2755	\$124	\$113
Boyceville	\$1380	\$116	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Spring Valley VBS: We are in need of a few more activity coordinators to lead our Recreation, Craft, and Community Service areas. We are also starting to look for teachers. VBS 2015 will be held Sunday, June 7- Thursday, June 11. Please contact Missy Hague if you'd like to help: 715-778-4318 or vbs4sv@gmail.com. We are so excited for our Colossal Coaster World theme!

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Pope John Paul II, told us about the best and most effective way to grow in holiness. He states that: **"our essential commitment in life is to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist."** Holy Hours are still available at the Spring Valley Eucharistic Chapel. Anyone interested in holding an hour as a regular or as a substitute, please contact Laura Buchal at 772-4452 for more information.

