

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday-Tuesday (3/28-29).....NO MASS

Wednesday (3-30).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
+Charles Bates (Patty Hawkins)

Thursday (3-31).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Friday (4-1).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home
+Frank Crownhart (Gary and Marion Chapman)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday (4-2).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (4-3).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+David Hill (Joyce and Dennis Hill)
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Lorne Hanson (Mary Buhr)

1:00PM Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Spring Valley
Followed by Communal Anointing of the Sick
1:00-2:45PM Reconciliation
3:00PM Benediction

BRIEFLY NOTED

Divine Mercy Sunday at Spring Valley: All are welcome to join in prayer during Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, April 3 from 1:00-3PM. There will be a communal anointing of the sick; this is open to all who are ill even if it's not a terminal illness. Confession will be offered during this time and the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited.

St Luke's: Thank you to all who donated toward the purchase of Easter flowers to adorn our altar.

Knights of Columbus Farewell Party: The KC Council #6599 is hosting a farewell party for Deacon Ray after the 8PM mass in Elmwood on Saturday, April 2 in the basement of the Church. All are welcome!

Farewell Party for Deacon: Will be held Sunday, April 3 after the 10:30am Mass in Spring Valley at the Br. Michael Center. Join us in saying goodbye to Deacon Kevin. Coffee and bars will be served. All are welcome!

Elmwood CCD Reminder: Grades 7-10 are required to attend the Youth Rally to be held on Sunday, May 1 in Eau Galle. This is part of our CCD program, 11th and 12 graders are invited. Thank you, Marilyn Bowell DRE/Youth Minister.

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. 8 AM to Friday 8AM
Spring Valley

St Luke's: St Joan of Arc Circle will meet at 9AM on Saturday, April 2 at the Downing Café. Please try to attend as this is the last meeting until fall.

St. Luke's: People of St. Luke's will be packing bags for the Weekend Meals program on Wednesday, March 30, at 1:00pm at the Westcap building.

Free Catholic Book: Catholic author Brandon Vogt is offering free copies of his book: "*Return: How to draw your child back to the Church*". Helpful for any parent or grandparent with a child who has fallen-away from the faith. To order a free copy go to: www.freereturnbook.com. Recommended by Bishop Robert Baron and Father Mitch Pacwa of EWTN!

Sacred Heart on Facebook: Spring Valley Sacred Heart has a Facebook page for the young and young at heart. You'll find it under Sacred Heart Youth Group. Follow on us Facebook!

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Hello, I wish you all a Happy Easter! May the Risen Lord Jesus Christ bless all the families of our parishes!

The feast of Easter is the celebration of Jesus’ victory over death and mankind’s hope for eternal life. This feast gives us the hope of our own Resurrection and at the same time keeps us united with the living Christ who has promised to remain with us. The theme of today’s Mass includes both **proclamation** and **witness**. St Paul tells us that if Jesus had not risen from the dead, our faith would be in vain.

Today’s Gospel from John draws our attention to the **empty tomb** as the sign of Jesus’ resurrection to life. In this story of the empty tomb, John involves Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and himself as his beloved disciple. In the Gospel of today, Mary Magdalene is asked to go and proclaim the Resurrection to all.

To the disciples, the Resurrection of Jesus was something new and unexpected. It was a total transformation and it gave them a new vision of life. They had been witnesses of his suffering and death and, during that time, they had remained hidden out of fear. Their hope in Jesus was shattered. The resurrection brought about a complete turn around and they began boldly to proclaim that Jesus, who died on the Cross, was alive.

Later, when they were arrested, persecuted and imprisoned, they rejoiced as they were now even more closely related to the life experience of their Lord through his resurrection. For Jesus, his death was a fulfilment of his Father’s will as he accepted it in total obedience that led to his victory.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is at the very heart of Christianity. For his disciples it was indeed a mystery. The Easter Sunday for them was a total reversal of the image of Good Friday. His death which seemed to be a defeat before the world is now shown as a triumph, a victory over death. His dying on the cross in reality was a passage to new life.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for March 19-20, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	DAA Rebate
Spring Valley	\$1,127	\$116.76	
Elmwood	\$980	\$220.12	\$170
Boyceville	\$1190	\$58	

BRIEFLY NOTED

Spring Valley's Diocesan Annual Appeal:

THANK YOU to those who have already helped pay \$17,472.04 of our \$19,910 assessment. The remaining balance due is \$2,437.96. If you are one of the 54% who have not returned a pledge card, the parish would appreciate the return of your card. It takes your donations to the DAA to fund 38 ministries such as, the seminarian program designed to educate our 37 seminarians. Consider using the monthly payment option with the final payment due June 30th. If you're unable to make a pledge, return your pledge card with a"0".

Boy Scout Religious Emblem:

Applications need to be submitted as soon as possible for Boy Scout religious emblem badges. Scout Recognition Sunday is May 1st at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse at 2PM with Bishop Callahan. Any questions can be directed to your council representative or Cindy Sjolander at: clsjolander@yahoo.com or 608-783-4911.

Looking for an Accountant:

Options for Women in River Falls is looking for a volunteer with accounting expertise. If you can help, contact JoAnne at (715) 425-8539 or optionsforwomenrf@outlook.com. Thank you!

Celebration of Fr. Prince’s Ordination:

After the 8PM Mass on Saturday, April 16th the Altar and Rosary will serve cake and ice cream to celebrate Fr. Prince's Ordination Anniversary in the Elmwood Church basement. Everyone is welcome.

Year of Mercy Diocesan Website:

Visit <http://sites.dioc.org/mercy/> for information on corporal and spiritual works of mercy, a list of pilgrimage churches in our diocese, devotional resources and much more!

Saint Faustina: Messenger of Mercy:

Nancy Scimone will perform a gripping spiritual performance of “Saint Faustina-Messenger of Mercy” on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3 at St. John the Baptist Church 757 First Street, Glenwood City.

Schedule:

- 10:30AM Mass begins (followed by Adoration)
- 11:30AM Lunch
- 12:30PM Drama presentation (approximately 1-1 ½ hours)
- Adoration following presentation
- 3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
- Confessions will also be available

For more information please contact 715-265-7133.

Business Manager Position:

The Tri Parishes of St. Mary’s Durand, Holy Rosary, Lima and Sacred Heart, Mondovi is seeking a business manager. Detailed position description is available upon request. Please email any questions to stmrydsu@nelson-tel.net with Business Manager Position as the subject.

