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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (4/18).....NO MASS

Tuesday (4/19).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Paul Howard (Bob and Una Jenny)

Wednesday (4/20).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

Vince Breunig (Pat Webb)

Thursday (4/21).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Friday (4/22).....NO MASS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday (4-23).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (4-24).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Patrick Flynn (Dewayne and Helen Hedlund)

10:30AM First Communion Mass at Spring Valley

+Paul Howard (Dave and Rita Johnson)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to the children of Elmwood on receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass, today, April 17 and on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 14! First Communicants are: Taylor Sue Asher (Jeff and Sara), Blake Marcus Bechel (Melvin and Sara), Hannah Marie Fesenmaier (David and Brenda), Jayden Robert Obermueller (Charley and Renee). May these children hold Jesus in their hearts and their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily!

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Elwin Brunner** of Elmwood who was buried this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Elwin from all sins, that he who believed in the Resurrection of Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory" (Funeral Mass, Collect).

Elmwood First Communion Mass: After the First Communion Mass on April 17 everyone is invited to the Church basement for donuts and refreshments!

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.

Attention Altar Society: There will be a deanery meeting of DCCW at St. Joe's, Menomonie on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. Any women interested in attending, please contact Betty Jean Smith (715) 265-7157.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

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 Jessica Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 9:30AM in the Brother Michael Gathering Place.

St Luke's: On Mother's Day (May 8) we will be selling roses for \$2 apiece proceeds go to right to life.

Special Recognition:

Sacred Heart of Elmwood would like to recognize all our volunteer teachers:

Vicki Auth -1st

Marilyn Bowell -2nd

Tim Bowell – Teacher Aide 2nd

Katia Weix – 3rd

Ben Blegen –4th

Jolee Glampe - 5th

Allison Glampe - Teacher Aide 5th

Amy Luther - 7th

John Crownhart - 8th

Sara Asher - 9th

Barb Schneider - 10th

Joe Schmitt – Altar Server Training

Our volunteer substitutes:

Dorothy Allen

Barb Bee

Laurie Brunner

Charlotte Nellessen

Becky Schmitt

Rebecca Weix

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Fourth Sunday of Easter: Jesus Did This for Us

Let me begin today with a story about Mother Theresa. During her visit to the United Nations several years ago, Blessed Mother Theresa was approached by a diplomat who said, “I am not a Catholic, Mother. But I want to know: how should I pray?” The frail little nun took his burly hands in hers and spread out five of his fingers on one hand. “When you pray,” she said, “Think about the many blessings you have received; then, at the end of the day, count out on each finger the words spoken to you by Jesus: “You did this for me.” The diplomat left holding up his hand as though it were a trophy and saying: “You did this for me.”

In this simple prayer, Mother Theresa made real for the diplomat that the Resurrection can and does live within every person. The love and peace of the Good Shepherd is present to us in the many moments of compassion that bless our lives. In kind words, in the listening ear, in the generous actions of others for us, there is Jesus, doing this to me. He is also present in the blessings we extend to others. The Good Shepherd of today’s gospel, God’s Word of love made flesh, guides us every day in our journey to the eternal life of the Father.

“In him, we live and move and have our being,” as St. Paul says to the Athenians in Acts 17. We are protected from the rain of attacks on our lives with the Divine Umbrella he extends over us. We live under his merciful love for us.

“Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ,” St. Paul tells the Christians under persecution in Rome, “Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Under the mercy of the Lord we are protected from our worst enemy, ourselves. We avoid that which destroys his presence in our homes and hearts. This is a great mercy. Each of us knows that which is self-destructive in our lives. We continually petition the Lord for strength to fight that which destroys us. In little steps, sometimes too small to realize, we walk away from death and walk with the Lord. We live under the mercy of Jesus Christ. Life, meaningful life, is about Jesus Christ.

We are called upon today to recognize his presence in our lives. Like the disciples of Paul and Barnabas at the conclusion of today’s first reading, the only real need we have in our lives is to learn how to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. For the Mercy of God directs our lives to happiness. Jesus did this for us.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for April 9-10, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Easter	PCCW
Spring Valley	\$1985	\$97.01		
Elmwood	\$852	\$225.50	\$25	\$65
Boyceville	\$845	\$60		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed:

Our Elmwood parish is in need of more Lectors for mass and, with Deacon Ray gone, we also need our Eucharistic Ministers back again (if you are already a Eucharistic Minister please look at the ministry schedule and note when you are scheduled). For those who are interested in being trained as a Eucharistic Minister, Fr. Prince is holding a training session after the 7:30PM Mass on Wednesday, May 4. Please call Mary Sailer at 715.639.4902 if interested. We need your help!

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:

On Sunday, April 24 from 8am-12pm at the Sacred Heart, Elmwood Church basement, the Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, Sailer’s pork sausage, Swiss Miss Pudding, real maple syrup, and coffee. The meal is a free will offering for council community projects. All are welcome!

Spring Fest at St Henry Parish, Eau Galle:

Sunday, April 24, 3pm. Raffles, Cake Walk, Homemade goods, John Harmon Chicken dinner from 4pm-8pm. Advance Sale tickets only. Contact Shirley Smith 715 283 4843. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter 191.

Discover What God Wants for Your Marriage and the Five Tools Every Couple Should Know

Attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience on April 22-24, 2016 at the Best Western, Black River Falls, WI. To register, for more information or additional weekend dates go to www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-920-4352.

Totus Tuus:

The parish of St. John the Baptist in Glenwood City is hosting a catechetical program in which four dynamic college students will share their energy, enthusiasm, and faith with children of our area. The program involves attendance at mass, sacraments, games, skits, songs, and other activities. The elementary program (children entering grades 1-6) will run Monday, July 25-Friday, July 29 from 9:00am-2:30 pm. The cost of the program for elementary is \$20.00 per student. Children are to bring a sack lunch each day. Beverages and snacks will be provided. The middle and high school program runs from 7:30 to 9:30 pm from Sunday, July 24-Thursday, July 28. The cost of the evening program is \$10.00 per student. For information or to register contact St. John’s at 715.265.7331.

