

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (4/25).....NO MASS

Tuesday (4/26).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Mary Dodge (Dave and Rita Johnson)

Wednesday (4/27).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

Vince Breunig (Pat Webb)

Thursday (4/28).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Friday (4/29).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home

+Willis Harshman (Chris Baier)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday (4-30).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (5-1).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+John Knops (Joyce and Dennis Hill)

10:30AM First Communion Mass at Spring Valley

+Brody Sotona (Wade and Kristi Sotona)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Congratulations to the children of Spring Valley on receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass, today, April 24 and on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 13! First Communicants are: Derek Richard Clark, Collin Joseph Brunner, Kamdynn Allyn Marie Hoolihan, Bethany Clara Nilssen, Tyler Richard Ray Paulson, Ella Kay Peterson, Toby Matthew Shafer. May these children hold Jesus in their hearts and their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily!

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 pm. Any women interested in attending, contact Betty Jean Smith 715-265-7157.

Vacation Bible School Needs Teacher Leaders: The annual summer VBS hosted at Sacred Heart Spring Valley is in need of more teacher leaders for all grades and volunteers for the June 5-June 9th "Deep Sea Discovery" themed bible school week. The program begins Sunday, June 5 from 3:00-5pm and continues M-TH, June 6-9 from 6-8pm. High schoolers and middle schoolers are also welcome as volunteers! Come and join in the fun. Your help would be appreciated! Contact Julie Webb at 715-772-3114.

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.

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.

Thank you: The Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society would like to thank the families of Joyce Weber, Elwin Brunner, Dick Baier and Duanne Bee for their generous donation to the Altar and Rosary. Thank you!

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 anyone with a child who has fallen-away from the faith. To order a free copy visit:

www.freereturnbook.com.

Recommended by Bishop Robert Baron & Father Pacwa of EWTN!

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5th Sunday of Easter: The New Jerusalem

Hello Parishioners, I really thank and appreciate Elmwood Altar and Rosary women who thoughtfully remembered my ordination anniversary and served cake and ice cream to our parish people. I would like to thank Boyceville parishioners, too, because they also served cake on pot luck day. I would like to express my sincere prayers and appreciation to everyone who wished me with greetings and gifts. On 19th of April, I attended a parochial administrators meeting in La Crosse, and was privileged to receive blessings from Bishop William Callahan.

For this week, I thought it might be helpful today for us to do a little reflection on the Book of Revelations and on the New Jerusalem.

First of all, the Book of Revelations is part of that form of literature called apocalyptic material. Some bibles still refer to it as the Apocalypse. Apocalyptic material is actually a literary genre somewhere between prose and poetry. It is meant to stir up the emotions of the listener or reader and motivate him or her into action.

The Book of Revelation is a profound expression of the Christian experience. Only the Lamb that was slain can unseal the Book of God’s plan for mankind. Only Jesus Christ can restore God’s plan. He alone is our salvation. The death of the Lord, swept up into heaven, is the conquest of the Forces of Death. Evil no longer has a hold in the world of Jesus Christ.

The New Jerusalem is in our immediate future. Those who hold out for the Lord will be citizens of “the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.” They will hear a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The former heaven and former earth will pass away. The sea, chaos, will be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. The One who sits behind the throne says, “Behold, I make all things new.”

There is no room for pessimism in Christianity. The basic attitude of the Christian is optimism. God is in control. God will cure the evils of the world and answer the questions of existence in ways that are beyond our imagination.

We are part of the New Jerusalem. The trials and pains of our lives have meaning and purpose because they are part of the witness of the Christians of the ages that Jesus wins.

Don’t be negative. Don’t be pessimistic. No matter what you are facing physically, in your home, in your lives. No matter what you may fear for your loved ones. No matter what questions you have for the future, be positive. It’s a whole new world. God is in charge. We are citizens of the New Jerusalem. Christian optimism must permeate every action of our lives. Sin will never win the final battle. Evil, no matter how powerful it may seem, will never conquer the world. Jesus Christ has won. God is in control.

So what is the New Jerusalem that Christians believe will someday rule the world? The New Jerusalem is not a physical place. The New Jerusalem is the Kingdom of God among us.

And we are called to be its citizens.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for April 16-17, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Easter	DCCW
Spring Valley	\$1259	\$152.75	\$25	
Elmwood (4-17)	\$2102	\$72		
Elmwood (4-16)	\$215	\$112		\$246
Boyceville	\$923	\$106.25		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed:

Our Elmwood parish needs 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 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, Sailers pork

sausage, Swiss Miss Pudding, real maple syrup, and coffee. The meal is a free will offering for council community projects. All are welcome!

ATTENTION Spring Valley Parishioners:

We still owe the Diocese \$2367.96 toward the Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you are one of the 54% who have not pledged, expect a call from Gene Bauer, our DAA chairman, asking for your help. You don’t need a card to pledge. After placing your check in an envelope marked “DAA”, drop it in the collection or mail it to the central office to be sent off with your account number. *To receive credit for a pledge or payment, it must be in the Diocesan office before June 30th*. Thus, sent to them by June 10th. Thank you for help and generosity!

