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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (3/21).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Connie Moga (Dave & Rita Johnson)

Stations of the Cross after Mass at Spring Valley

Wednesday (3/22).....6:00PM Stations of the Cross at Boyceville

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Elmwood

6:30-7:30PM Reconciliation

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Dorothy Hartung (Ben & Megan Bechel)

Thursday (3/23).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Lee & Vern Richardson (Julie & Bill Richardson)

Friday (3/24).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Leonard Weber (Mary Baier)

7:00PM Stations of the Cross at Elmwood

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday (3-25).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (3-26).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Jim McAndrew (Bill & Becky Sempf)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Carol & Herman Sukowatey (Mary Kiefer)

4:00PM Mass at Elmwood

+Frank Binkowski (Judy Binkowski)mn

BRIEFLY NOTED

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

Congratulations to Jack Richard Rasmussen infant son of Aric & Becky Rasmussen who is reborn in the **Sacrament of Baptism** at Spring Valley today. "Remember, Lord, Jack who, through Baptism, has been joined to your family, that he may follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit" (Roman Missal 974).

Spring Valley DAA Update: Thank you to the families who added a generous donation to their original Diocesan Annual Appeal pledge and to the families who sent a new pledge. This \$1200 reduces the balance due to \$1818.50.

Pilgrimage To the Holy Land 2019. The dates are February 15-28, 2019. Please contact Father Tom Krieg [715-835-5887](tel:715-835-5887) or email Tom4664@aol.com and he will send you the itinerary. Father Tom is at St James Parish in Eau Claire.

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

Lenten Observance: All Fridays in Lent are a day of **abstinence from meat** for Catholics 14 or older.

Holy Week Schedule:

(4/13) Holy Thursday

7:30PM Elmwood

(4/14) Good Friday

3:30PM Elmwood

(4/14) Seven Last Words

6:30PM Boyceville

(4/15) Holy Saturday

8:00PM Elmwood

(4/16) Easter Sunday

8:30AM Boyceville

10:30AM Spring Valley

4:00PM Elmwood

St. Patrick's Day Dinner:

TODAY at the Brother Michael CCD Center, Spring Valley from 11am-1pm. All are welcome!

Interparish Pastoral Council:

Meets Tuesday, March 21 at the Elmwood Church basement for a 5:30pm Indian dinner cooked by Fr. Prince with the usual meeting to follow. Council members notify the Central Office if you cannot attend.

St. Luke's Lenten Soup Supper:

A soup supper will be offered every Wednesday evening during Lent at St. Luke's Boyceville after 6PM Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to come and walk the way of the cross with Our Lord and enjoy a soup supper afterward.

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www.svecatholic.org

Third Sunday of Lent

The Third Sunday of Lent presents the long Gospel account of the meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan Woman at a well. One of the purposes of Lent is to restore one's relationship with God as indicated in today's readings. In today's Gospel we see how Jesus helps the Samaritan woman to restore her relationship with God. He invites her to make a shift in her understanding of God at four levels:

1) One needs to go beyond the visible in order to see God: As Jesus approached the Samaritan woman he asked her for water. She could see him only as a Jewish male and thus was surprised that a Jewish male was asking for water from her. She could find out that he was the Messiah only at the end of the conversation. Thus she questioned about his ability to give her living water. One hurts others because One fails to see God in the other. Mother Teresa says, "Nothing happens between you and me. Everything happens between me and my God." This attitude helps us to see beyond the visible and discover God in the other.

2) One needs to go beyond one's set boundaries in order to relate to God: The Samaritan woman was proud of being from the line of Jacob their forefather. She thought no one can be greater than their forefather. Jesus shows her the limitation of her legitimate pride. Jacob could provide water for the people and their animals. This means he could give temporary satisfaction of drinking ordinary water. One needs to go beyond one's set boundaries of satisfying one's physical thirst and develop a thirst for living water which Jesus is ready to give.

3) One needs to go beyond one's spiritual life to worship God: The Samaritan woman thought it was enough to worship God in a particular place like Mount Gerizim. Jesus shows her that true worship is done in truth and spirit. It is not enough to be spiritually satisfied in worshiping God in rituals or in geographical places. One needs to go beyond the set geographical boundaries and develop a Spirituality of truth.

4) One needs to go beyond one's concept of the Messiah: The Samaritan woman was waiting for the Messiah. She did not know that the Messiah was right there in front of her speaking to her. The woman made a gradual progress in her understanding of Jesus as she uses the titles "a Jew", "Sir", "Prophet" and "Messiah". God is found in ordinary and at times routine moments of our life, sometimes gradually, sometimes drastically. What kind of shift should we make in order to restore our relationship with God in this season of Lent?

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Stewardship for March 11-12, 2017

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Spring Valley	\$2,080	\$128.10
Elmwood	\$840	\$129.50
Boyceville	\$765	\$59

BRIEFLY NOTED

Position Opening: Sacred Heart Parishes of Elmwood and Spring Valley and Saint Luke of Boyceville are *seeking a new Administrative Assistant for the Central Office in Spring Valley*. This part-time (15hr/wk) position coordinates and directs the office services of the parishes providing administrative, secretarial, and clerical support to the Pastor and assisting him in maintaining an efficient and effective office operation. Applications and job description are available from the Central Office. *Application and resume with references due to Father Prince by March 19.*

The Church Today with 50 Years: How Vatican II Affects Modern Catholicism:

Fr. John Schultz will be presenting four sessions on "The Church Today with 50 Years: How Vatican II Affects Modern Catholicism" at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI., on March 24-25. It begins with supper at 6:30PM on Friday and ends at 3:00PM on Saturday. The cost of \$90 includes overnight accommodations, delicious meals, and program fees. The first two sessions describe what happened at Vatican II (1962-65) and its sixteen documents. The second two sessions focus on the spirituality of Vatican II and implementation of the documents, particularly Liturgy. Fr. Schultz lived and studied in Rome during the four years of Vatican II. He currently is a Priest-Chaplain at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire. For information or to register, contact St. Anthony's at info@sarcenter.com or 715-443-2236.

Attend Catholics at the Capitol March 28: Every two years, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) hosts **Catholics at the Capitol**. Hundreds of Catholics from around the state come to Madison for this day of formation and legislative advocacy. This year's keynote speaker will be Colleen Stratton, a survivor of human trafficking who will share her painful but inspiring story. **Time and place:** March 28, 8:45 am-4:00 pm at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, just 2 blocks from the Capitol, where participants are invited to meet with their legislators. Visit www.wisconsinatholic.org for more information and to register, or contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns: ministries@diolc.org or 608-791-0161.

Want to take your Marriage from Good to Great?

The Diocese is excited to host a Domestic Church evangelization retreat for married couples on May 18-21 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon. Domestic Church provides lifelong formation for Sacramentally married couples so they can grow in holiness and learn to live and take advantage of the gift of their Sacrament. Couples begin formation by attending an Evangelization retreat.

For more information on Domestic Church and to register for the retreat, please go to diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/.

