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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (3/28).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley

+LaMonie Hanson (Sowatzke Family)

Stations of the Cross after Mass at Spring Valley

Wednesday (3/29).....6:00PM Stations of the Cross at Boyceville

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Elmwood

6:30-7:30PM Reconciliation

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Charles Bates (Patty Hawkins Bates)

Thursday (3/30).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Tom Ryan (Dave & Rita Johnson)

Friday (3/31).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

For health (John Shafer)

7:00PM Stations of the Cross at Elmwood

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday (4-1).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

+Dorothy Hartung (Hartung Family)

Sunday (4-2).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Peter Johnson (Judy Knops)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Jacqueline Bernard (Sheila Bernard)

4:00PM Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Henry Hince and Bernard Hofacker** from Elmwood who died this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servants Henry & Bernard from all his 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).

New Administrative Assistant: *Congratulations to Anne Helmer* of Spring Valley who has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant of our tri-parishes. Please extend a warm welcome to her as she joins the parish staff! Thank you to Becky Schmitt who has served as our Administrative Assistant for 4 1/2 years and organized our parish administration into one central office.

Spring Valley DAA Update: Our balance due is \$1818.50. When we combine each of our individual monetary gifts with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the Diocese, each contributor makes a very real difference in the ability of the Diocese to provide ministries and services. Please donate to the DAA.

Elmwood Altar & Rosary: April Altar & Rosary meeting will be **Monday, April 3rd at 7:00pm**, (the second Thurs. is Holy Thurs; we have changed the date for April only.) We will talk about Low Sun. and Father's ordination party.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM

Spring Valley

Wednesday 6:30-7:15PM

Elmwood

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. Luke's: St Jessica's circle will meet March 29th at 9:30 AM. Come enjoy.

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.

Elmwood Easter Altar Flowers:

Anyone who would like to donate for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one may do so by mailing check to P.O. Box 54 Elmwood or using the A & R box in church basement. Thank you.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

The gospel reading of this Sunday invites us to reflect on the story of the encounter between Jesus, the man born blind, his parents, and the Pharisees, so that we may experience Jesus as the Light of the World. What does light do? It dispels darkness; it makes us recognize possibilities. In the context of the gospel of today, the light helps us recognize God in person of Jesus.

The Word of God this Sunday invites us to acknowledge our own blindness and come into the presence of the Light of the World. The pathway traced by the blind man in his journey of discovery of the true nature of Jesus is marked by three stages and these stages could be our own:

“The man called Jesus” (Jn 9:11): It is surprising to note that someone can receive favors from Jesus, and not recognize the agent. His real cure was caused by the one who was sent from the Father (Jn 6:44). Perhaps the man was also too busy working out a new career, having to give up begging. But his indifference to Jesus is actually challenged by the imbroglio created by the Pharisees.

“He is a Prophet” (Jn 9:17): When the Pharisees challenge the blind man he begins to see the true light. As a result of their persistent inquisition he questions his own indifference. So when they asked him, “what have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?” The man answered, ‘He is a prophet’” (Jn 9:17). Who is Jesus for me? Is he still that wonderful man who lived 2000 years ago? Or is he just an abstract definition from the Catechism: “the second person of the trinity”?

“Lord, I believe” (Jn 9:38): Finally the scene is set for the climax. It is actually Jesus who catches up with the blind man who has been now thrown out of the synagogue. Jesus makes his self-revelation to him. And “the man said, ‘Lord, I believe,’ and worshipped him” (Jn 9:38). His gesture of ‘worship’ truly confirms his belief in Jesus as the Lord and God!

We are challenged by the Word of God at least to acknowledge our blindness – our difficulty in accepting the true nature of Jesus. And patiently we wait for an encounter with Jesus. We only hope, soon or later, the words of St Paul would be true for us: “You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; behave as children of light...” (Eph 5: 8-9)

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Stewardship for March 18-19, 2017

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles
Spring Valley	\$1,253	\$166	
Elmwood	\$1,355	\$192	\$70
Boyceville	\$695	\$50	

BRIEFLY NOTED

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Results: We served 146 people at the March 19th St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Everyone enjoyed the delicious ham dinner. The Pie Raffle raised \$95 for the Steubenville youth trip. The Irish Coffee Bar donated \$88 to the Spring Valley Community Vacation Bible School. Thank you to all who helped with the dinner, donated food/beverages and took part in the Irish Coffee Bar and Pie Raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Pilgrimage To the Holy Land: The dates are February 15-28, 2019. Please contact Father Tom Krieg 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.

This Week on FORMED: This week-end we celebrate the Annunciation of our Lord on March 25th, nine months before His coming into the world at Christmas. Easter and Christmas are inextricably linked so it is appropriate to contemplate the mystery of the incarnation while in this season of Lent. If you want to listen to these stories from the Scriptures in a new way, check out "The Christmas and Easter Story: Excerpts from the Truth and Life Audio New Testament" on the Audio tab of Formed.org. We also cannot forget to honor our Blessed Mother on the Feast of the Annunciation. To gain a greater appreciation of her and her role in the Church check out the talk "Mary, the Indispensable Mother of God" by Tim Staples, also on the Audio tab of Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26**

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

Vacation Bible School: VBS Sunday is right around the corner and will occur on April 30th Information about Cave Quest and registration forms will be available for students not in the Spring Valley School District. Registration forms will be sent home in backpacks Monday, May 1st for students in Spring Valley and will be due on May 19. We are still looking for VBS Coordinators to shadow this year and take over next year! We are also looking for a Recreation Activity Coordinator. Please contact Julie Webb (715-772-3114) as soon as possible if you are interested in either of these positions.

