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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (4/4).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Lee and Vern Richardson (Julie & Bill Richardson)

Stations of the Cross after Mass at Spring Valley

Wednesday (4/5).....6:00PM Stations of the Cross at Boyceville

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Elmwood

6:30-7:30PM Reconciliation

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Newell Weiser (Estate)

Thursday (4/6).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Carol Sukowatey (Mike and Mary Lansing)

10:00AM Mass at Spring Valley Health Care Center

+Tom and Gloria Ryan (Ryan Family)

Friday (4/7).....1:30PM Mass at Heritage of Elmwood NH

+Joanne Schwebach (Schwebach Family)

7:00PM Stations of the Cross at Elmwood

Palm Sunday

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

+Juanita Bates (Patty Bates Hawkins)

Sunday (4-9).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+David Hill (Judy Knops)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Genevieve Miller (Mike and Mary Lansing & LaMoine Hanson)

4:00PM Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

BRIEFLY NOTED

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.

Spring Valley Parish Volunteer Fair: The parish committees of Sacred Heart Spring Valley parish are seeking volunteers for various positions and will be hosting a volunteer fair today after mass. Please stop in the Br. Michael Center and see where you can offer your time and talent to our parish.

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.

Elmwood Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Mark your calendars for the Knights of Columbus annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 30th at Sacred Heart, Elmwood. The breakfast will be held from 9-noon following an 8:30am mass at Sacred Heart, Elmwood. *A 6:30pm Saturday vigil mass will be celebrated at St. Luke's Boyceville that weekend (4/29-30) in place of the usual 8:30AM Sunday Mass to accommodate the KC Breakfast.

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

Wed. 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Elmwood

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

Elmwood Parishioners:

Please note that **the 4:00PM Sunday mass will be canceled on Sunday, April 23 and Sunday April 30th** due to First Communion in our parishes. The 4:00PM mass will resume Sunday, May 7th.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today, the 5th Sunday in Lent, we conclude the trilogy of instructions taken from the Gospel of John for Catechumens. The gospel readings of the previous two Sundays focused on water (Jn 4) and light (Jn 9). Today our focus is on life (Jn 11). These three narratives are a build up to the Easter vigil which will also revolve around water, light and new life. These three elements simply point to Christ, the source of life.

The gospel narrative of today is a sign performed by Jesus in order to reveal his identity: "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (Jn 11: 25). It is also an invitation to participate in the promise of Jesus: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). Just as Jesus invites the dead Lazarus to rise to new and abundant life, he invites us: "Lazarus, come out" (Jn 11:43). There are three dimensions in the gospel narrative of today.

Presence of Jesus: Both Martha and Mary in their first expression of faith in Jesus declare, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (Jn 11:21, 32). However, what they fail to recognize is that Jesus is now here. He who could have prevented the death of their brother could also now raise him to life. The presence of Jesus does make a difference. Even in our lives. It brings life – new lease of life.

Personal response: That promise of abundant life by Jesus becomes true for us when we can respond readily to his call. When Jesus cries out: "Lazarus, come out," Lazarus responds readily. He does not shy off from the invitation of Jesus, saying, for example: "Oh, why do you disturb me Jesus. Here I am in this world of darkness; I am alright. Why don't you leave me alone!" Lazarus comes out to new life. Jesus does not force on us his life, we need to respond to share in it.

Role of the Community: At least on two occasions in the gospel text of today, Jesus invites the crowd to do their part in the process of giving life back to Lazarus. He who could raise a dead man to life could have also magically moved the stone at the mouth of the grave. But Jesus requests the crowd, "Take away the stone" (Jn 11:39). Again, when "the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth, Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go'" (Jn 11:44). The believing community around the individual plays its role in facilitating the sharing in the life of Christ.

As we move towards the Holy Week, may we recognize the presence of Jesus, and respond to his call, even assisted by the community around us.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for March 25-26, 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	\$1805.00	\$320.00
Elmwood	\$685	\$115
Boyceville	\$775	\$73.86

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!

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.

This Week on FORMED: This Sunday's readings are all about God's ability to raise us from the dead. This is foretold in the reading from Ezekiel and fulfilled in the raising of Lazarus from the dead in the Gospel. However, Jesus didn't come primarily to heal us physically, but rather to heal us spiritually. These ideas and more are pondered in the Opening the Word video for this week-end found on the Programs 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.

Basic Evangelization Training April 28-29 (Fri. 7 pm - Sat. 4 pm) at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse Adam Janke, Program Director of St. Paul Evangelization Ministries, will provide a two-day immersion into the fundamentals of evangelization. Gain the skills and confidence to share your faith wherever you may be! Real-world practicality and an exciting opportunity for any Catholic. Perfect for starting or energizing a parish evangelization team, this training has been given to thousands around the U.S., Canada and beyond. Complete info, brochure and **online registration** at www.dioc.org/basic-evangelization.

