

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (4/25).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Carol Sukowatey (Greg & Laura Birchel)

Wednesday (4/26).....Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Elmwood

6:30-7:30PM Reconciliation

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Newell Weiser (Estate)

Thursday (4/27).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Tom & Gloria Ryan (Ryan Family)

Friday (4/28).....1:30PM Mass at Nursing Home in Elmwood

+Tom Mountin (Bob Bock)

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday (4-29).....6:30PM Vigil Mass at **Boyceville**

+Casey Lavender Wink (Paul & Rita Zimmerman)

Sunday (4-30).....8:30AM Mass at **Elmwood**

Robert & Kathy Geraets 50th Wedding Anniversary (Geraets Family)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa Pro Populo

There is NO 4:00 PM Mass at Elmwood

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 23 and on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 25! First Communicants are: Liam James Asher (Christopher), Logan John Auth (Derek and Vicki), and Brittany Jo Bechel (Bryan and Sarah). May these children hold Jesus in their hearts and their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily!

Ladies of our Parishes: Please join us on Tuesday April 25 for the spring Durand Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting at St. John's in Plum City. Registration is at 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM. The speaker will be Janette Howe of the Seven Sisters Apostolate. The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop – a lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. ***From the Elmwood Altar & Rosary Society:*** “Over the toes, under the clothes” ladies are asked to bring unopened packages of adult or children’s socks and underwear to the meeting – they will be donated to a local shelter. Please make plans to attend.

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

Thur 8:00 AM to Fri. 8:00 AM

Spring Valley

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.

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

Amy Luther - 6th (Music Leader)

John Crownhart - 8th

Sara Asher - 9th (Asst. Music

Leader)

Barb Schneider - 10th

Joe Schmitt – Altar Server Training

Our volunteer substitutes:

Dorothy Allen

Barb Bee

Laurie Brunner

Charlotte Nellessen

Becky Schmitt

Rebecca Weix

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 10:00 PM.**

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Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

The resurrection of Jesus was a new experience for the disciples. The gospel narrative of today helps them to move from fear to joy, seclusion to mission, absence to presence, disbelief to faith, mere existence to new life. It tells of Jesus breathing on the disciples and giving them the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit they are brought into the second creation leading them into something even bigger, to be born again in Christ through Baptism. Jesus gives them peace and power to forgive sins. The forgiveness that Jesus speaks of is not just the juridical wiping away of sins, but a deep reconciliation of people with God and with each other. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us about life in the early church, which was centered on the teaching of apostles, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer. In the Second Reading, from the First Letter of Peter, we are reminded of the guarantees that come to us because of all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Christ's resurrection has won for us a new birth as sons and daughters of God.

The church celebrates today, the Divine Mercy Sunday, to experience the love and mercy of God given to us in Jesus. It was named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the Vatican. Divine Mercy Sunday can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. The feast focuses the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world. In his revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus expressed His desire to celebrate this special feast. He says that the Feast of Mercy emerged from his very depths of tenderness, and mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of His Mercy. Jesus says that the divine floodgates, through which grace flows, are opened and let no soul fear to draw near to him, even though his sins be as scarlet, because the Feast of Mercy emerged from the very depths of his tenderness.

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Stewardship for April 15-16, 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	\$3163.00	\$ 68.00
Elmwood	\$1620.00	\$363.43
Boyceville	\$1049.00	\$197.75

BRIEFLY NOTED

Spring Valley DAA Update: With continued parishioner installment payments, our balance due has been reduced to \$1129.50. Every dollar brings us closer to the target amount!

St. Luke's: The Altar Society will be taking a second collection on April 23 for the needs of the DCCW. Thank you for your generosity!

St Luke's: We will be packing weekend meal bags in the WestCap building at 1:00 on Wednesday, April 26. Contact Joe Pieters with any questions at 715-643-4431.

Knights of Columbus Council #6599: The Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls after all Masses in our three parishes the weekend of April 29th & 30th. Money collected will be distributed equally to the three parishes' local school districts to be used at their discretion for students with special needs. In the past, these funds have been used to help purchase learning programs to help these students learn skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

Elmwood Altar & Rosary: The ladies will be taking up a second collection for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) before the final blessing during Mass on April 22, 2017. Proceeds are used for spirituality days, education, conventions, and charitable works throughout the Diocese.

Attention Boy Scouts: Boy Scout Recognition Sunday is June 11, 2017 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in LaCrosse at 2:00 PM. All applications for Boy Scout Religious Emblems need to be in by May 11, 2017. Please send completed applications to Cindy Sjolander, Religious Emblems Chairman, W4894 N. Kinney Coulee Road, Onalaska, WI 54650. Any questions please call 608-783-4911 or email scouting@diolc.org

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.

Spring Valley Middle/High School CCD Students: As part of your Confirmation curriculum, students in Grades 9-10 are required to attend the Durand Deanery Youth Rally on Sunday May 7, 2017 at St. Henry's Parish in Eau Galle. All other CCD students in Grades 6 through 12 are encouraged to attend. Thank you – Laura Buchal & Cindy Schlegel.

500 Years of Lutheran/Catholic History: A free presentation for Catholics, Lutherans, and others from the Chippewa Valley on Wednesday May 3, 7:00-8:15 PM, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1300 Mansfield Street, Chippewa Falls, WI. Presenters are Rev. Curt Rohland (Lutheran) and Fr. John Schultz (Catholic). Although there will be a brief brush of the 500 year history, plus a look to the future, the focus will be on the 50 years beginning in 1517 and the 50 years ending in 2017, plus our similarities and differences. This presentation is part of a series in preparation for the commemoration October 29, 2017 of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, followed by the Catholic Counter-Reformation.

Vacation Bible School: Spring Valley Community VBS is right around the corner! A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 23 at 6:00 PM in the Br. Michael Center. On Sunday April 30th Information will be distributed about this year's program, 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. Thank you to Jasmine Durrence and Becky Rasmussen (Sacred Heart-SV) and Melanie Wendlandt (St. John's-SV) who have agreed to take over as VBS Coordinators next year.

