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NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome new parishioners into our parish family. Please contact the Central Office for information on how to join.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: there will not be adoration during Holy Week

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM Elmwood
Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM Spring Valley
Wednesday 6:30-7:15 PM Elmwood
Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM Elmwood



OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	March 27		NO MASS in Spring Valley	Father will be attending the Chrism Mass in LaCrosse
Wednesday	March 28	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood and Stations of the Cross	+ Bob Bock (Mickey Traynor)
Holy Thursday	March 29	7:30PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Henry Hince (Ken & Barb Cepek)
Good Friday	March 30	3:00 PM	Good Friday Service in Spring Valley	

EASTER SUNDAY

Saturday	March 31	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass in Spring Valley	+ Susan Geraets (Bob and Norma Radtke)
Easter Sunday	April 1	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+ Bernard Hofacker (Jeff & Susan Pitman)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Mickey Traynor (Jane Seifert)

Stewardship for March 17-18th, 2018
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 1692.00	\$ 85.00
Spring Valley	\$ 1015.00	\$ 70.00

PASTORAL REFLECTION

With the celebration of the Palm Sunday or the Passion Sunday we enter into the Holy Week. Passion Sunday is a day to reflect on the pain, suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. The day begins with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as King. He is entering with majesty into the Temple city to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record his arrival riding on a donkey, while the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the street and shout "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

With the celebration of the Psalm Sunday we are beginning the period that is most sacred in the Christian calendar: the Holy Week. In these eight days we are invited to relive the last days of the earthly life of Jesus. We are invited to live through different emotional states that Jesus went through. In living through these moments, we have an opportunity to contemplate the very mystery of the principal paradoxes of human life itself: popularity and betrayal, fellowship and loneliness, strength of will and weakness of flesh, consolation and pain, support and suffering, death and resurrection.

The Holy Week simply yet powerfully reminds us that there are times in our life when we are helpless. We are faced with questions that have no answers, and Mysteries that have no solutions. Yet there is a meaning and depth in that silence and absence. Because at a particular time in history, God shared that human condition – the mystery of incarnation. Jesus shared in our human condition, including suffering and death.

Palm Sunday is an occasion to reflect on the final week of Jesus' life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the mystery of salvation.

Rev. Prince Raja

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News for All

Our Condolences: Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Bob Weix** from Elmwood, who died this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant George 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)

Eucharistic Adoration: There will not be adoration during Holy Week. Adoration is not to take place in a monstrance: "The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a closed tabernacle or pyx. Under no circumstances may it be exposed in a monstrance." (Paschales Solemnitatis, n.55)

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of **the Lord's resurrection** from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are **50 days** of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

Attention High School Seniors – Scholarship Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus are offering a \$250 scholarship to any graduating high school senior who is a member of either Elmwood or Spring Valley Parishes. Please contact Mike Raleigh at [715-639-6582](tel:715-639-6582) for an application.

This Week in FORMED: This week check out an audio version of *The Stations of the Cross*. The Stations of the Cross is the traditional prayer of the Church during Lent, especially during Holy Week. This audio version beautifully combines the prayers of a great saint, St. Alphonsus Ligouri, with the Latin hymn *Stabat Mater* to draw you into a more intimate experience of Christ's journey to Calvary. This Holy Week, journey with Christ toward Good Friday with the *Stations of the Cross* on formed.org. Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Respect Life: "Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death." Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

Farmers' Hotline With historically high numbers of farmers declaring bankruptcy, there is also a high amount of distress. There is HELP. We offer two helplines: The Farmers' Hotline in Madison is [800-942-2474](tel:800-942-2474) Organic Valley farmer hotline number is: [888-809-9297](tel:888-809-9297)

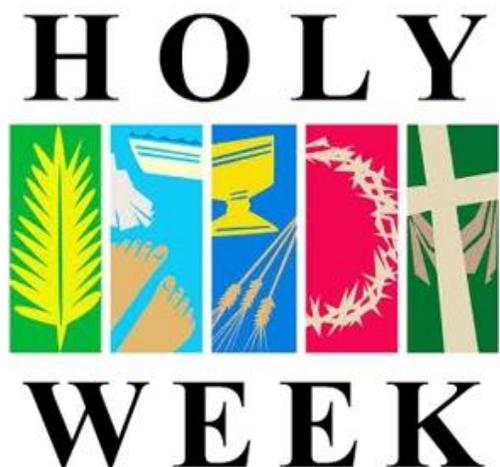
Elmwood News

Altar & Rosary will have a second collection for Low Sunday, April 7th and 8th. The Bishop has given his blessing on this collection again this year.

Elmwood High School Seniors: Applications for the choir scholarship are hanging on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for
the human race to follow
caused our Savior to take flesh
and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed
his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for every and ever. Amen



Spring Valley News

St. Patrick's Day Dinner : Thank you to everyone who helped with the St. Patrick's Day dinner; we served 195 meals. Maybe you made a Jell-O, or a pie, maybe you helped decorate or wash dishes....maybe you prayed for a successful day....never the less, everyone's help was much appreciated. Most of all, thank you for attending - this is an event that our Parish has facilitated for years...we all get so busy in our day to day lives, we sometimes forget how important our Parish Family is to us....on this special day we get to spend time with our Sacred Heart family and our surrounding community. God Bless you all. Mary Lansing

A Sincere Thank You ... to Mary Lansing for coordinating the St. Pat's Dinner for our parish this year.

Annual Appeal Update: Recent installment payments have brought our amount paid up to \$19593.87. If you have not pledged, we encourage you to pledge. There are extra pledge cards in the church entrance.

A Special Thank You: to Wade and Kristi Sotona for donating the supplies, and to Logan Sotona for building the "sandwich board" signs to be used for special events at our parish.

SV Seniors Staying Put: list of events sponsored by Staying Put for the month of April are in the back of church to pick up.