

SACRED HEART - SAINT LUKE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday-Tuesday (4/11).....NO MASS

Tuesday (4/12).....6:30PM Mass at Spring Valley
+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Wednesday (4-13).....7:30PM Mass at Elmwood
Dell Jane Kannel (Marvin Kannel)

Thursday (4-14).....8:00AM Mass at Spring Valley
+Paul Howard(Lamonie and Ed Hanson)
10:00AM Mass at the Spring Valley Healthcare Center
+Delmar Ellingboe (Marlene Ellingboe)

Friday (4-15).....1:30PM Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home
+Frank Crownhart (Dorothy Allen)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday (4-16).....8:00PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood
+Zeona King (Arnie Bauer Sr. Familu)

Sunday (4-17).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville
+Persecuted Christians of the World
10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley
Missa Pro Populo

10:30AM First Communion Mass at Elmwood
+Marion Radle (Steven Radle)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Our **deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers** are extended to the family and friends of **Joyce Weber** and **Gloria Hince** of Elmwood who were buried this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servants Joyce and Gloria 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 Beau Thomas Morgan infant son of Dillon and Kylie Morgan of Elmwood and **Brooke Marianna Wolf** daughter of Mark and Jennifer Wolf of Elmwood and **Andrew Weston Hughes** son of Samuel and Ariel Hughes of Boyceville who were reborn in the **Sacrament of Baptism** at our parishes this weekend. "Remember, Lord, Beau, Brooke and Andrew who through Baptism have been joined to your family, may they follow Christ, your Son, with a generous heart and a willing spirit" (Roman Missal).

Elmwood First Communion Mass: will be at 10:30 AM in Elmwood on April 17. Elmwood CCD Families please note that there will NOT be CCD class before this Mass. However, this is our youth mass and a part of our CCD Program. After the First Communion Mass on April 17 everyone is invited to the Church basement for donuts and refreshments! **Note: There will still be a 10:30 AM mass at Spring Valley on that day as well and the usual 8PM mass in Elmwood on Saturday, April 16.**

Attention Altar Society: There will be a deanery meeting of DCCW at St. Joe's, Menomonie on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. Any women interested in attending, please contact Betty Jean Smith (715) 265-7157.

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

Interparish Finance Council:

Meets on Tuesday, April 19th at 7PM at the Brother Michael Catholic Center in Spring Valley. Council members, notify the Central Office if unable to attend.

St Luke's: Pot Luck Sunday is TODAY! Please plan to attend and enjoy good food and fellowship.

St Luke's: St Jessica Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 9:30AM in the Brother Michael Gathering Place.

Elmwood Altar & Rosary

Meeting: Will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 7PM in the Church basement.

Free Catholic Book: Catholic author Brandon Vogt is offering free copies of his book: "*Return: How to draw your child back to the Church*". Helpful for anyone with a child who has fallen-away from the faith. To order a free copy visit: www.freereturnbook.com. Recommended by Bishop Robert Baron & Father Pacwa of EWTV!

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday 3PM.**

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Third Sunday of Easter: Feed My Sheep

Today’s Gospel reading contains a wonderful resurrection scene at the conclusion of the Gospel of John. The disciples had returned to fishing. Why were they back in the boat? Had they given up on Jesus? Or were they merely making a living for their families until they heard from the Lord? We really don’t know. But like the first time Jesus called out to them, actually in the Synoptics, Matthew, Mark and Luke, they were not very successful until the Lord told them to cast their nets off to the right side of the boat. They didn’t recognize the Lord until they saw the results of listening to Him. They caught 153 large fish. Why 153? Remember in the Synoptics, Jesus said, “I will make you fishers of men.” Well, some writers have posited that 153 was the number of nations known to exist.

“It is the Lord,” John said to Peter. Peter then tucked in his clothes and jumped into the water to be with Jesus. This is backward. People usually get rid of their clothing when they jump into the water. Peter secured his. Why? He was going before the Holy One. He was swimming to the Presence. Out of respect, he needed to be dressed appropriately. The vast majority of us do the same thing when we come to Church on the weekends. We dress properly out of respect for the Presence we are coming before.

When Peter and the other disciples in the boat came upon Jesus, they found Him sitting at a fire. He offered them breakfast. He ate with them. Jesus was not a ghost. Ghosts do not eat. There is no place for the food to go. Jesus had a resurrected body. It was holy, but a real human body. He told them to join Him in the meal.

Then we come to that wonderful dialogue between Jesus and Peter demanding the triple affirmation from Peter as a negation of his triple denial on Good Friday. “Do you love me, Simon Peter?” “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” “Then feed my sheep.”

Jesus was not about to let Peter wallow in his own guilt and self-pity. Peter had done a terrible thing. He had denied the Lord. It is clear that Peter sought the Lord’s forgiveness. The gospels say that he wept bitterly after he heard the cock crow. In the Gospel of Luke, 22:61, after the third denial Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Their eyes met. I can only imagine that Jesus would have had forgiveness in His eyes. Now, after the Resurrection, there were more important things to consider: Peter would remain the head of the apostles. He would be the point man in the establishment of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not ask Peter to do anything all that extraordinary to prove his love. He just asked him to feed the Lord’s sheep. The rest of Peter’s life would be spent feeding the Lord’s sheep.

The missing section was that Peter and John were flogged. They left the Sanhedrin rejoicing that they had suffered dishonor for the sake of the name of Jesus. We know that Peter would eventually go to Rome and, as the Roman historian Tertullian states, endure a passion like his Lord’s. The Christian theologian, Origen, as well as others wrote that Peter was crucified, head downward.

A whole world is looking to us. We have a mission to complete with our lives. We are members of the Body of Christ. We need to fulfill our function within the Body for the good of the world. We must proclaim Jesus Christ with our lives.

Jesus was raised from the dead so we can share in His life, and so we can give this life to others. “Show your love for me, Simon Peter, by feeding my sheep,” the Lord said. “Show your love for me, faithful Christians, by feeding my sheep,” the Lord says to us. Jesus has much work for us to do.

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Stewardship for April 2-3, 2016

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

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Candles	Easter
Spring Valley	\$1611	\$133	\$18	
Elmwood	\$1875	\$143.03		\$40
Boyceville	\$1150	\$50		

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Elmwood CCD Reminder:

Grades 7-10 are required to attend the Youth Rally to be held on Sunday, May 1 in Eau Galle. This is part of our CCD program, 11th and 12 graders are invited.

Thank you, Marilyn Bowell DRE/Youth Minister.

Celebration of Fr. Prince’s Ordination:

After the 8PM Mass on Saturday, April 16th the Altar and Rosary will serve cake and ice cream to celebrate Fr. Prince’s Ordination Anniversary in the Elmwood Church basement. Everyone is welcome.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:

On Sunday, April 24 from 8am-12pm at the Sacred Heart, Elmwood Church basement, the Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, Sailors pork sausage, Swiss Miss Pudding, real maple syrup, and coffee. The meal is a free will offering for council community projects. All are welcome!

Spring Fest at St Henry Parish, Eau Galle:

Sunday, April 24, 3pm. Raffles, Cake Walk, Homemade goods, John Harmon Chicken dinner from 4pm-8pm. Advance Sale tickets only. Contact Shirley Smith 715 283 4843. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter 191.

