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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Tuesday (4/18).....6:30 PM Mass at Spring Valley

+Carol Sukowatey (Barry and Mary Anderson)

Wednesday (4/19).....Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition at Elmwood

6:30-7:30PM Reconciliation

7:30PM Mass at Elmwood

+Art & Flora Rayment (Estate)

Thursday (4/20).....8:00 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Barry Anderson (Dave & Rita Johnson)

Friday (4/21).....1:30PM Mass at Assisted Living in Elmwood

+Gertrude Geraets (Estate)

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday (4-22).....8:00PM Vigil Mass at Elmwood

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday (4-23).....8:30AM Mass at Boyceville

+Jane Squillace (Paul & Rita Zimmerman)

10:30AM Mass at Spring Valley by visiting priest Fr. Biju

+Don Miller (Ioliene Grant)

10:30 AM Mass at Elmwood (First Holy Communion)

+Oliva Pelzel (Bernard and Donald Hofacker)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood First Communion Mass: Will be at 10:30 AM in Elmwood on April 23. 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 23 everyone is invited to the Church basement for donuts and refreshments! Note: There will still be 10:30 AM Mass in Spring Valley on that day as well and the usual 8:00 PM Mass in Elmwood on Saturday April 22. *Reminder: No 4:00 PM Mass on Sunday April 23.*

Want a More Joyful Marriage?: We invite all couples to attend the Domestic Church retreat that will be held at St. Anthony Spirituality Retreat Center on May 18-21 (Thursday evening through Sunday at noon). This wonderful experience teaches spouses how to achieve greater unity, love and joy as a husband and wife. If you need more information about this retreat, please call [608-791-2673](tel:608-791-2673) or email ahainzen@diolc.org. To register online go to: <http://diolc.org/marriage/> and click on marriage enrichment.

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 Altar & Rosary:

The ladies will be taking up a second collection for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) after Mass on April 22, 2017. Proceeds are used for spirituality days, education, conventions, and charitable works throughout the Diocese.

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.

Springfest: St. Henry Parish, Eau Galle on Sunday April 30, 2017. Starts at 3:00 pm with raffles, bake sale, and plant sale. John Harmon Chicken Dinner served from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Advance tickets only!!! Call Shirley Smith at 715.283.4843 or Marion Baier at 715.283.4463. Co-Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter 191. See you there!!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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Easter Sunday

Today the Church is celebrating the highest solemnity of Christian faith, namely, the belief in the resurrection of Jesus. The First and the Second readings of today's solemnity show how this belief was at the core of the faith of the Early Church (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4). Biblical theology believes in two proofs of the Resurrection of Jesus: the empty tomb and the apparitions of the risen Lord. The proof of the empty tomb is not strong enough without the apparitions of the Risen Lord. Today's Gospel Reading (Jn 20:1-9) provides us with three responses to the empty tomb.

1) **The first response is by Mary of Magdala:** Her seeing of the empty tomb (that the stone was rolled away) was more physical (Greek: blepo) than spiritual. Therefore she feared that the body of Jesus was displaced. Her act of informing Peter and the Beloved Disciple connotes the sense of obedience to the authority. The running of the two disciples together is symbolic of curiosity. But this curiosity is overcome by the sense of hierarchy. There are two types of hierarchy here: the hierarchy of authority and hierarchy of love. The fact that the Beloved Disciple overruns Peter, and yet waits for Peter to enter the tomb first, signifies that the hierarchy of love does not compete with the hierarchy of authority.

2) **The Second Response is by Peter:** Peter's seeing (Greek: theoreo) was more analytical than physical. He analyzes how the clothes of Jesus were lying, how the handkerchief which was wrapped around his head was folded and was lying in a corner, etc. This made him curious about the whole thing but this analysis was not enough for Peter to believe that Jesus was truly risen from the dead.

3) **The Third response is by the Beloved Disciple:** The climax of seeing is achieved by the Beloved Disciple. He saw (Greek: horao) and believed, which means his seeing is more spiritual than either physical or analytical.

How do I look at the fact of the resurrection of Jesus? In what way do I need to change my way of looking at the mystery of Easter?

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

Rev. Prince Raja

Stewardship for April 8-9, 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	\$1473.00	\$145.00
Elmwood	\$1755.00	\$117.50
Boyceville	\$1663.00	\$125.00

BRIEFLY NOTED

Spring Valley DAA Update: With a \$40 pledge donation from a family & continual parishioner installment payments, our balance due is \$1236.50. To date, 51% of our parish families have chosen to support the DAA. If the remaining families would return a pledge card with an average donation of **\$14⁰⁵**, we would reach our goal. Every dollar brings us closer to the target amount.

Elmwood Easter Altar Flowers: Thank you to the families who donated the beautiful Easter flowers in memory of their loved ones. A list of the families who donated can be picked up at the church entrances.

Celebrating Father Prince's Ordination: Please join us for cake and ice cream in the church basement after the 8:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday April 22 in Elmwood. Hosted by St. Rita's Group.

Elwood Alter and Rosary Society: The spring Durand Deanery meeting will be in Plum City at 7:00 PM on April 25th. "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 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.

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. 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) if you are interested in either of these positions.

St Luke's: From Brooklyn Hellmann: Thank you St Luke's Parish for supporting my mission to serve. My experience on the Pine Ridge Native American Reservation in June of 2016 has etched the desire to make a positive impact on the lives of others. I will be returning to the reservation this July to continue my mission to serve. *Please take time to view the album that Brooklyn compiled while working on the reservation last summer.

