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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday (3-30).....NO MASS

Tuesday (3-31).....NO MASS OR CONFESSION

7:00 PM Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Wednesday (4-1).....7:30 PM Mass at Elmwood

+Margaret Kasten (Don and Mary Schmitz)

Holy Thursday

Thursday (4-2).....7:00 PM Mass at Boyceville

+Peter Johnson (Lois Johnson)

Eucharistic Adoration and Night Prayer

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday (4-3).....Veneration of the Cross 1:00 PM at Boyceville

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday (4-4).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Boyceville

Missa pro Populo

Sunday (4-5).....8:30 AM Mass at Elmwood

+Walter Bechel (Loretta Hofacker)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

+Duane Kelley

BRIEFLY NOTED

Baby Bottle Fundraiser: Please remember to return your full baby bottles to Church and put in the designated tubs in the church entryway. Fill the baby bottles with coins, currency or a generous check. All proceeds go to Pregnancy Helpcenter of River Falls to fund additional services for young women during their pregnancies. Whatever you give will help save children's lives!

Rosary Making Group: We are interested in starting a "Rosary Making Group" at our churches. We could make "mission style rosaries" or "rope rosaries". There is no experience necessary. We will teach you how to do this. Ages welcome for this would be between 11-111. We would like to have our group meet at the Sacred Heart, Spring Valley CCD Center the first Wednesday of the month from 7-8PM. We will start on April 1st. Please give us a call if you have any questions. Thanks, Pam Burke & Cindy Schlegel Pam-715-307-8312 Cindy-715-684-3324

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Results: The March 15th St. Pat's Dinner was a success! Great food and conversation was enjoyed by the 175 people served. Thank you to everyone who helped with the dinner and/or donated food and beverages. It was greatly appreciated! The Irish Coffee Bar donated \$157 to the Spring Valley Community Vacation Bible School. The P.C.C.W. is awaiting final numbers to determine the overall money raised by the dinner.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 6-7:30 PM

Elmwood

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Boyceville

Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM

Spring Valley

St. Luke's: St. Joan of Arc Circle will meet at **9 am on Saturday, April 11th** at the Downing Cafe. The meeting will be held a week later than usual so as not to interfere with Holy Week.

Elmwood Knights of Columbus: are hosting a free will offering **Pancake Breakfast today in the Elmwood Church basement from 8am-12pm.** The breakfast consists of Pancakes & French Toast served with Real Maple Syrup, Sailors pork sausage and Swiss Miss Pudding, coffee and milk.

Spring Valley 80th Birthday

Celebration Invite: The children of Yvonne DeGross and Una Kannel-Jenny would like to invite everyone to celebrate their 80th birthday on April 4th, 2:00pm at Ruth and Jeff Esanbock's.

Card Shower: Let's shower Jacob Richardson with a card shower! Send cards to Jacob Richardson: N7872 Cty Rd. CC Spring Valley, WI 54767. Mom and dad will deliver them to him. Thank you!

Icon Reception: St. Bridget Church, River Falls, is hosting an icon reception on Friday, April 17, 6:30-8:30 pm to celebrate the newly installed icon stations of the cross. You can see the beautiful icons, meet artist Julie Green, and enjoy dessert, music, and a raffle for four smaller icons. The evening is free and all are welcome!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 3:00 PM.**

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Today’s Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord begins **HOLY WEEK**. The **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** is celebrated this week in our parishes on **Wednesday** (7:30 PM at Elmwood). The last opportunity for **Confession** before Easter is **Wednesday at 6:00 PM at Elmwood**. With the participation of the faithful from all parts of the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Callahan concelebrates the **CHRISM MASS** with his Priests at the **Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman on Tuesday at 10:30 AM**. During this Mass the Bishop exhorts the Priests to fidelity in fulfilling their office in the Church and invites them to renew publicly their commitment to priestly service. The Bishop also consecrates the Sacred Chrism and blesses the Oil of the Infirm and the Oil of the Catechumens. The stocks containing the Sacred Chrism and the Holy Oils for use in our parishes are filled and brought back for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick in Spring Valley, Elmwood and Boyceville throughout the coming year of faith. The liturgical celebrations marking the climax of Holy Week – the **Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday through Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday** – are known as the **SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM** or the three holy days “of the Crucified, Buried, and Risen” (Congregation for Divine Worship, *The Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts* [hereafter PS], 38). “Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through His **Paschal Mystery**: dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord is the **culmination of the entire liturgical year** . . . These days are . . . of **utmost importance in the spiritual and pastoral life of the Church**” (Congregation for Divine Worship, *Ceremonial of Bishops* [hereafter CE], 295-296). **I strongly encourage you to carefully plan your week so that you might be able to participate in these celebrations hosted at Elmwood and receive the abundant graces God wishes to bestow.**

With the **HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** – celebrated at **7:00 PM at Boyceville** – the Church “devotes herself to the remembrance of the Last Supper. At this Supper on the night before He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, loving those who were His own in the world even to the end, offered His Body and Blood to the Father under the appearances of bread and wine, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink, then enjoined the Apostles and their successors in the Priesthood to offer them in turn . . . This Mass is, first of all, the **memorial of the institution of the Eucharist** . . . (It is also the **memorial of the institution of the Priesthood**, by which Christ’s mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. In addition, this Mass is the **memorial of that love by which the Lord loved us even to death**” (CE, 297). **Immediately following this Mass until 10:00 PM**, we have the opportunity to be with the Lord in prayerful **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**. It was after the Last Supper that Jesus asked His disciples to pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. He extends that same invitation to us! I strongly encourage **each family of our parish to accept this divine invitation and commit itself to some time of prayer before our Eucharistic Lord** Holy Thursday evening. Let us not have the Lord say to us as He said to the Apostles: “So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?” (Matthew 26:40). The time of adoration concludes with the celebration of **NIGHT PRAYER at 9:45 PM**. All are welcome.

At the **GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION** – celebrated at **1:00 PM at Boyceville** – “the Church **meditates on the Passion** of her Lord and Spouse, **adores the cross, commemorates her origin from the side of Christ** asleep on the cross, **and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world**” (PS, 58). **Good Friday** is a **day of penance** for Catholics “because the Spouse has been taken away” (see Mark 2:19-20): **abstaining from eating meat** for those 14 years of age and older, and **fasting** (one full meal and two smaller meals) for those who are 18 but not yet 59. “It is also **recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed**, in order that the Church with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection” (PS, 39). The **EASTER VIGIL MASS OF HOLY SATURDAY** – celebrated at **8:00 PM at Boyceville** – “according to a most ancient tradition . . . (is) ‘one of vigil for the Lord’ (see Exodus 12:42), and the vigil celebrated during it, to **commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead**, is regarded as the ‘mother of all holy vigils’ (Augustine of Hippo, *Sermon* 219). For in that night the Church **keeps vigil**, waiting for the Resurrection of the Lord, and **celebrates the Sacraments of Christian Initiation**” (PS, 77).

“The **Resurrection of Christ** is the **foundation of our faith and hope**, and through **Baptism and Confirmation** we are inserted into the **Paschal Mystery of Christ**, dying, buried, and raised with Him, and with Him we shall also reign” (PS, 80).
The Masses of **EASTER SUNDAY** are **8:30 AM at Elmwood and 10:30 AM at Spring Valley**). Rev. Kevin Louis, STL

Stewardship for March 21-22				
“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Roof Fund	Easter
Spring Valley	\$1716.50	\$136.50	\$100	
Elmwood	\$500	\$145.42		\$8.28
Boyceville	\$820	\$77.49		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society: We are collecting PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS to be used to purchase wheel chairs for children. Plastic caps (paper or foil liners removed) from beverages, tooth paste, detergent, shampoo, cream cheese, etc are accepted. **Water bottle caps need to be kept separate.** For details visit: www.capsoflove.com. **Please put caps in the pails in the entry of our church by April 28th.** The Deanery Meeting speaker will take them with her that night. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project!

Elmwood First Communion Mass: will be at 10:30 AM in Elmwood on April 12. 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 12 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 11.**

