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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:

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM Elmwood
Thursday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

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 6	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass in Spring Valley Stations of the Church- Spring Valley	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Wednesday	March 7	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Thursday	March 8	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Mickey Traynor (Mike Veenendall)
Friday	March 9	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home Stations of the Church- Elmwood	+Gloria Hince (Robert Weix)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	March 10	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Joyce Weber (Jerry Weber)
Sunday	March 11	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+Rene Sailer (Ricky & Mary Sailer)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Elwood Burke (Paul Burke Family)

Stewardship for February 24-25th, 2018
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 540.00	\$ 65.10
Spring Valley	\$ 1480.00	\$ 90.00

PASTORAL REFLECTION

The liturgy of the Third Sunday of Lent begins with the acknowledging God's holiness and his claim on us that we belong to him. It recognizes the fact that we are his own people, and must live in a way that reflects his holiness.

Our first reading tells about the covenant God made with Israel by giving them Ten Commandments to live by. God gave them to Moses so that his chosen people will live by the norms given by him. They had to observe them faithfully in order to live the covenant fully. In our second reading Paul calls us to embrace divine wisdom though the world may see it as foolishness. He tells them that we preach Christ crucified. He tells them that God's weakness is greater than human strength.

The Gospel of John is often considered the most difficult of the Gospels – highly symbolic in its expression and deeply theological in its content. John likes to use terms with more than one meaning and thus invite us to a deeper level of reflection. The gospel text of today focuses on the temple. In the act of cleansing the temple and the debate that ensued between Jesus and the leaders of the temple, Jesus offers a new interpretation of the temple: that, He is the new temple!

When Jesus was hanging on the cross about to breathe his last, "there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two" (Lk 23:44-45, RSV). This event describes a moment of revelation in the history of salvation: God is not hidden any more in the dark corner of the temple but hangs on the cross outside the city walls. There is no more secrecy about the Holy of Holies where only the high priest could enter. Because of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus – the paschal mystery – everyone who believes in Jesus has access to the Holy of Holies. The 'hour' has now come (Jn 13:1).

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News for All

Pope Benedict XVI on Life : “In the light of my recent Encyclical Letter on Christian love, I would like to underline the importance of the service of love for the support and promotion of human life. In this regard, even before active initiatives, it is fundamental to foster a correct attitude towards the other: the culture of life is in fact based on attention to others without any forms of exclusion or discrimination. Every human life, as such, deserves and demands always to be defended and promoted.” – Address on February 5, 2006

This Week in FORMED: As Lent continues, and we strive to encounter Christ in a deeper way, we have an audio talk by Msgr. James Shea called Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross to offer. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a Catholic Lenten tradition that many are familiar with. In this beautiful series of three short talks, Msgr. Shea dives deeply into the mystery of Christ’s sorrow on Good Friday and then through the joy of what His Sacrifice means for us. This week, log in to formed.org, listen to Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross, and then pray the Stations of the Cross. 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**

Elmwood News

Altar and Rosary: March meeting is the 8th at 7:00 P.M. We will talk about new officers, chairs, group activities, low Sun. & Options for Women. Looking forward to seeing you there. Pres. Sharon Weber

Altar & Rosary will be decorating our church Altar with live plants this year for Easter. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please send check to Box 54, Elmwood or drop in the A & R box in the church basement. Thank you.

In this Lenten season, join with other parishioners in praying the thirty day novena to St. Joseph. As we pray for our own private intentions, we also will be praying for the requests of all those participating in the novena. The novena prayer pamphlets are found at the entrances and in the back of the church. March is St. Joseph’s special month, so begin the novena on Ash Wednesday or anytime during Lent, but no later than March first, so that Good Friday is the final day for this novena.



Third Sunday of Lent Prayer:

Prayer to Be Disciples and Missionaries

Hail Mary ...

Lord you left your Mother in our midst
that she might accompany us.

May she take care of us and protect us
on our journey, in our hearts, in our faith.

May she make us disciples like herself,
missionaries like herself.

May she teach us to go out onto the streets.

May she teach us to step outside ourselves . . .

May she, by her meekness, by her peace,
show us the way.

Amen.



Spring Valley News

A liturgy planning meeting: will be held on Tuesday, March 6 following the stations of the cross. We’ll be covering the details for planning Holy Week. All are welcome to attend.

DAA update: \$19322.44 (95%) of our target has been paid. With your continual payments & pledges, our \$20375 DAA target will be achieved.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner – 3/18/18: Sacred Heart of Spring Valley will host its annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on Sunday, March 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brother Michael Center. Please sign up to bring pies or Jell-O, and to help work Saturday or Sunday. The sign-up sheets are in the church entry. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Please come and join us in a good meal and fellowship. Spread the word! We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends at the dinner on March 18!

Did you know? Mary Ellen and Dorothy Zimmer skillfully sliced and displayed pies for years at our St. Pat’s Dinner, we are fortunate that their Great niece and great great niece Diane Brooke and Katie Bartko continue their tradition.

Eucharistic Adoration: We are looking for two or more people to permanently take over the 1:00 - 2:00 hour of Eucharistic adoration on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Laura Buchal at 715-772-4452 for more information.

In Need of Mass Servers: With a couple of our youth graduating this Spring, we are in need of a few more altar servers. If any youth in grades 3rd or older are interested in helping with mass, please contact the Central Office for more information. Thank You!