

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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 20	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass in Spring Valley Stations of the Cross- Spring Valley	+ Henry Winzig (Family & Friends of Henry)
Wednesday	March 21	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+ Joanne Schwebach (John Schwebach)
Thursday	March 22	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Mickey Traynor (Jane Seifert)
Friday	March 23	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home Stations of the Cross- Elmwood	+ Virginia Lecheler (Berneice Asher)

## PALM SUNDAY

Saturday	March 24	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+Leroy Keenlyne (Steve & Carol Lecheler)
Sunday	March 25	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood Mass in Spring Valley	+ Charles Bates (Patty Hawkins) +Luetta Schlosser (Don & Lucy Nellessen)

**Stewardship for March 10-11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$1058.00	\$225.07
Spring Valley	\$ 3526.00	\$ 81.00

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

### We Want To See Jesus Lifted High

We are just one week away from the Holy Week and away from our celebration of God's love shown in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. For us Christians this season of Lent is a time of special grace in which we experience the presence of a personal God who cares and loves us.

In the First Reading taken from the Book of Jeremiah we hear of God's promise of a New Covenant with his people. A covenant meant an agreement between two unequal persons, freely entered into, binding perpetually, and sealed by blood. Today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews teaches us, through the example of Jesus, how we must respond to God's calling that draws us to him. The author tells us that in his human nature, Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered.

In the gospel story of today, thanks to Philip and Andrew, the Greeks get to see Jesus. As they approach Jesus, they witness a divine revelation: "A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will again glorify it'" (Jn 12:28); that through the death of Jesus, God's love will be made visible and thus His name will be glorified. And Jesus himself goes on to tell them, "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself" (Jn 12:32).

This is not the first time that we hear this expression from the mouth of Jesus in the Gospel of John. When Jesus talks to Nicodemus (the gospel text of last Sunday), Jesus says: "as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up" (Jn 3:14). The stage of forgiveness and healing: "as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up" (Jn 3:14). When Moses lifted up the serpent people who gazed on it were healed (Num 21:4-9). So too gazing at Jesus lifted up in his death and resurrection we could experience death to our old selves and rising to new life.

**Rev. Prince Raja**

