

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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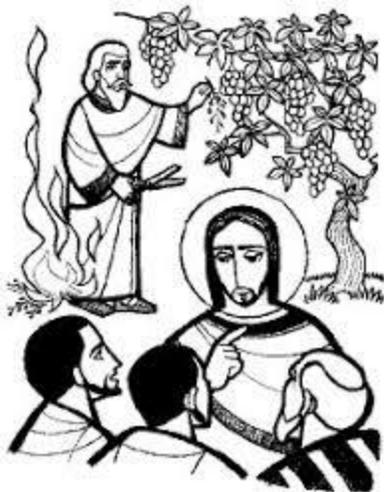
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome new parishioners into our parish family. Please contact the Central Office for information on how to join.

## 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



in that service. Our true living comes by opening ourselves to God and to the world by becoming persons open to his will. The close identification of Jesus with the Father is the over-riding theme of today's Gospel passage. At the same time Jesus invites his followers to identify themselves with him and his mission.

In this gospel passage from the last discourse of Jesus, we hear Jesus say that he is the Vine and we are the branches. Without his initiative of being pruned, no branch can bear any fruit. He says that each one must bear fruit to the glory of the Father. In the first reading the misgivings about Paul's conversion are quickly dismissed as he boldly proclaims the gospel. In the second reading John insists that our love for others must be authentic. We are to believe in Jesus and keep God's commandment of loving one another.

God's command is that we believe in Jesus and in him love one another. Those who obey this command abide in Jesus and he abides in them. It is by the indwelling Holy Spirit who was given to us by God who will remain with us. For if we shine in the fruit of the Spirit, and then the Spirit of Jesus is within us. If the Spirit of Jesus is within us, then Jesus abides in us. So let us prepare ourselves for today's Eucharist: let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to be with us this great sacrament, and through it abide forever in God.

**Rev. Prince Raja**

## OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	May 1	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	<i>Misso Pro Populo</i>
Wednesday	May 2	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	<i>Misso Pro Populo</i>
Thursday	May 3	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley Mass at SVHCC	<i>Kathy Sabelko- cancer (Jerry Sabelko)</i> <i>+Luetta Schlosser (Marvin &amp; Dell Jane Kannel)</i>
Friday	May 4	8:00 AM 1:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home	<i>+Mickey Traynor (Jane Seifert)</i> <i>+Rene Sailer (Ricky &amp; Mary Sailer)</i>

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	May 5	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	<i>+Robert Weix (Weix Family)</i>
Sunday	May 6	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	<i>+Henry Hince (Berniece Asher)</i>
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	<i>+Mary Jane Gruber (Mike and Mary Lansing)</i>

**Stewardship for April 21-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**  
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	April 14-15th	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 647.74	\$ 665.00	\$ 180.00
Spring Valley		\$ 1702.50	\$ 155.00

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## News for All

**Our Condolences:** Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Ardith Howard** from Spring Valley, who died on April 20<sup>th</sup>. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Ardith from all her 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)

**The Knights of Columbus** will be having their annual Pancake & French Toast Breakfast this Sunday April 29, 2018 from 8:00am to Noon in the basement of the Elmwood Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Pancakes, French toast, sausage, real maple syrup, pudding, coffee, and milk will be served. A free will offering is requested with the proceeds going to church restoration projects, scholarships, and to support youth activities.

**50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebration:** Congratulations to John and Barbara Schneider on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which is on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It is such a joy to experience the wisdom of these couples who have lived through the joys and sorrows of married love. We ask, Lord, that you will continue to protect them, and guide them as they go forth from this 50th anniversary.

**2018 Parish Pictorial Directory:** It's been five years since our last pictorial directory was done and many new members have joined our parish family, along with a new Priest! So we will be working with Lifetouch Church Directories, as in the past. Our scheduled "picture dates" will be Thursday – Saturday, July 12 – 14 (At Sacred Heart Elmwood) and Thursday – Saturday, July 26 – 28 (At Sacred Heart Spring Valley). We will need a few volunteers from each parish to help with this project. There is a planning meeting scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> with our Lifetouch rep, Bret. If you are interested and would like more information on what type of help we need, please contact the Central Office. Thank you- Beth

**This Week in FORMED:** In the Church we appropriately give a lot of devotion to our Blessed Mother, but often neglect St. Joseph making him the Forgotten Guardian of Jesus. St. Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church. These week on Formed.org draw closer to the humble, faithful father entrusted not only with the paramount mission of protecting Jesus and Mary, but also to us as a powerful intercessor. In this captivating talk, Dr. Mark Miravalle explores Saint Joseph's hidden life, powerful witness, and continued influence in the world today. Find all of this content and so much more on [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

**Pro-Life: God makes no Distinctions:** God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1: 26) in each one. He makes no distinctions because he perceives in all of them a reflection of the face of his Only-begotten Son, whom "he chose... before the foundation of the world.... He destined us in love to be his sons... according to the purpose of his will" (Eph 1: 4-6)."

**Farmers' Hotline:** With historically high numbers of farmers declaring bankruptcy, there is also a high amount of distress. There is HELP. The Farmers' Hotline in Madison is 800-942-2474

## Elmwood News

**Diocesan Annual Appeal - We're Almost there!** Sacred Heart of Elmwood has reached its Diocesan Annual Appeal goal of **\$15,215** with total pledges to date of **\$15,260**. Of that pledged amount, **\$14,960** has been received. For our parish to receive back 25% of that total, we need the remaining \$255 in pledges by June. If you have pledged but not yet made some or all of your payments, please do so in May! There are envelopes available in the back of the Church to mail in your check or credit card number. If you have forgotten the amount that you pledged, or can't remember if you fulfilled your pledge, please contact Jeff Pitman at 715-235-2827 for the details of your pledge. **Thank you for your outstanding generosity!**

**Special Recognition: Sacred Heart of Elmwood would like to recognize all our volunteer teachers:**

Vicki Auth -1<sup>st</sup>, Tim & Marilyn Bowell -2<sup>nd</sup>, Katia Weix – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ben Blegen –4<sup>th</sup> Jolee Glampe – 5<sup>th</sup>, John Crownhart – 6<sup>th</sup> Amy Luther – 7<sup>th</sup>, Sara Asher – 9<sup>th</sup> Barb Schneider – 10<sup>th</sup>. Joe Schmitt – Altar Server Training. Our volunteer substitutes: Barb Bee, Laurie Brunner, Becky Schmitt, Rebecca Weix

**Elmwood CCD Reminder:** Grades 7-10 are required to attend the Youth Rally to be held on Sunday, May 6 in Eau Galle. This is part of our CCD program, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12 graders are invited. Thank you, Marilyn Bowell DRE/Youth Minister.

## Spring Valley News

**Congratulations** to the children of Spring Valley on receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The First Communicants are: Savanna Chamberlin, Aurora Durrence, Rachel Falde, Austin Ford, Madyson Rasmussen, Lauren Sabelko, Milo Shafer, Connor Stevens, Rosalyn Toutant, Brayden Turner, Chace White, Emma White and Cameron Wood. May these children hold Jesus in their hearts. May their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily!

**Religious Ed Coordinator needed:** Becky Hannack will be resigning as Coordinator of our Religious Education at the end of this year and we are in need of someone to fill these shoes. We'd like to thank Becky for coordinating our program this past year!!! If you are interested in taking on this important role in our parish or would like more information, please contact the Central Office.

**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.



**Please note:** that we schedule out the mass intentions one month in advance. If you would like a mass said on certain day, please contact the Central Office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. We try to accommodate your request the best we can, however many parishioners have requested dates a year in advance. Thank you- Beth and Anne