

# SACRED HEART

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Sacred Heart parishes, in Spring Valley and Elmwood, and St. Luke's in Boyceville, love the Lord Jesus Christ and are dedicated to His Sacred Heart. Guided by the Word of the Lord, we commit ourselves to give praise and honor to God through liturgical worship, family and private prayer, and service to one another. We strive to develop a living faith and a growing spiritual community by providing opportunities for spiritual, educational, and social enrichment. Our faith will be strengthened through active involvement of all members.

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## SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025



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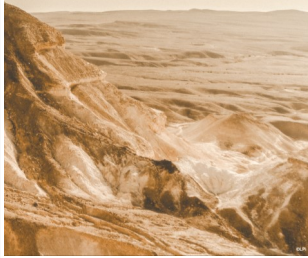
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# INTO THE DESERT.

LUKE 4:1



**Pastor Reflection:** This week, our RCIA candidates and catechumens begin a phase of their journey called the period of purification and enlightenment. Really the path of RCIA is the journey of us all. We as Catholics pray our church calendar into this Lenten season it is not just the “soon-to-be” Catholics who need to be en-

lightened and purified. It is a season for all of us.

Our Lord, in this week’s Gospel, goes into the desert for forty days. While he literally went into a desert, the desert can be a metaphor for this period in our lives as we try to realign our lives to the way God wants us to live. The desert. What does that mean to you? Could it be silence? Could it be austerity? Could it be the stripping away of everything that separates you from God? Where do you go to rest, to pray, to center yourself?

And our Lord was tempted. It is comforting to see the human side of our Lord and to know that he faced some of the things that we ourselves have faced. But Satan faced the incarnate God. He should have known better. We, through our fasting and abstinence of this season and through the purification and enlightenment of our journey, should gain in fortitude through our desert experience to show the evil one to whom we belong.

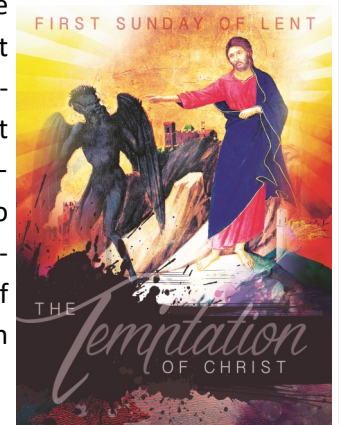
**Prayer:** Heavenly Father may the solitude and testing of the desert lift and strengthens our souls to be more fitting to be joined with you. Make our sacrifices and our sufferings be pleasing to you and bring us closer to your cross so that we may rejoice in the Easter that awaits us.

**Closing:** What is one way that you can shut out the noise of the world and join in the desert experience of Jesus?

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – WHAT THE DEVIL DOESN'T

**HAVE** By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

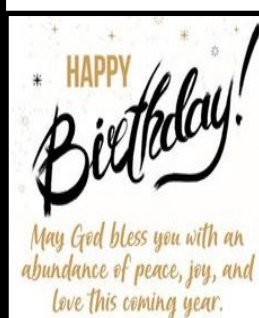
The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do). He knows them so well that here, in today’s Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him. See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master’s degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master’s student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn’t have a particular passion for what they’re studying? I sure have. The devil didn’t rebel against God because he didn’t understand God’s will. He rebelled because he understood God’s will perfectly — and he didn’t like it. The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today’s Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. It doesn’t work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not just human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We’re not divine. We’re just human. Well, here’s the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it’s not a master’s degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn’t make you holier.) We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice. Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond. ©LPi



### COLLECTION ADULT ENVELOPES AND OFFERTORY March 1-2, 2025

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
Boyceville	\$ 770.00	\$145.00
Elmwood	\$ 1076.70	\$ 48.00
Spring Valley	\$ 1285.00	\$ 91.00
February 23, 2025		
Elmwood :	\$925.00	\$215.00

In 2025 we will be celebrating and praying for our parishioners, in their birthday month, who are our “Golden” members and have over 70 years of wisdom.



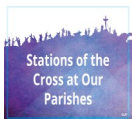
Ray	Timm	March 3
Karen	Peterson	March 8
Herbert	Radtke	March 14
Richard	Weber	March 17
Patricia	Johnson	March 20
Rita	Johnson	March 23
Kathy	Geraets	March 24
Donald	Hetchler	March 25

# INFORMATION

## News for All



**40 days of Mass** during Lent Father Anbu will celebrate 40 Masses during Lent. He will offer an additional Mass on Mondays in Elmwood at 10:00 a.m., starting on March 10th.



**Stations of the Cross-** Boyceville on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., in Elmwood on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and in Spring Valley on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



**You are invited** to join the Adult/Teen Lent Study Group that will take the amazing journey "Life-Changing Presence - the Sacraments." Make a Lenten resolution to encounter the real Person of Jesus in relationship like never before! Mondays of Lent (Monday March 10th - Monday April 14th) from 6:30-8pm in the Br. Michael Center. All are welcome to attend!



**Father Anbu** would like to recognize those couples who have been married for 50 years or longer. So this year, the week before their anniversary, the couple's name will be in the bulletin, so you may pray for them or even send them a card. On **March 15th**, **Gordie and Bonnie Cronk**, will be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

**Saturday March 29th**, the Spring Valley parish will host a special Couples' Marriage Retreat from 9:30am to 4pm. The day is designed to be truly a time of spiritual rest and recharge, as well as a powerhouse of practical resources to strengthen your marriage to its fullest potential! Mass, Adoration, Confession, prayer, music, talks, mentor couples, fellowship...You will get the graces and real help of it all to live your marriage vocation better than ever. Couples of all ages and stages are welcome. No cost to attend. RSVPs are due to Marie Zweber by Monday, March 24th.

**Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith—Join the Lay Formation Institute!** Registration is now open for the next two-year lay formation cycle that begins in the fall of 2025. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See the complete information and application form at [diolc.org/lay-formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation) Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call 608.791.0161.

## Elmwood News



**SAVE THE DATE** for The Elmwood Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 30th from 9-11 am in the Sacred Heart church basement. Free will donation. All are welcome to attend.

## Boyceville News



**Soup suppers** (free will offering) at St. Luke's will once again be served immediately following the Stations of the Cross (6:00 p.m.) on Wednesday evenings beginning on March 12th. All are invited!

**St. Jessica's Circle** is inviting you to support a Lenten Baby Drive for Options for Women in Menomonie, WI. We would like to fill the cradle and baskets located on the back table with some small new baby items. Copies of a list of suggested items that they could use is on the back table as well. A little Lenten gesture would be appreciated by some very sweet little people.



**Fling into Spring** on Sunday, March 16th, 2025 -free pancakes, juice & coffee

served 11:30-12:30 in the Brother Michael Gathering Place (church dining hall). Followed by Bingo with prizes, cards, or board games. All ages welcome!

## Spring Valley News



**Church Environment coordinator needed:** Liz Erickson is ready to retire from decorating the church after 30 years of service. Therefore we are looking for an individual, a couple or a group of people to take over this very important job as caretaker of the liturgical setting of our parish. Please contact Beth in the central office if interested or have any questions.



**Eucharistic adoration opportunities** We have two different hours of adoration on Thursday afternoons that need support. The 1-2 pm hour is open and we are looking for a prayer partner for the 2-3 pm hour. Please contact Laura Buchal at 612-562-5872 for more information.

**Next weekend** is the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Sunday, March 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Brother Michael Center. To pre-order your meal, reserve a table or request delivery call: Mary Lansing @ 715-778-5832. Bishop Battersby will also be here to celebrate Mass and rededicate the Brother Michael Center that day.



**The Spring Valley** Knights of Columbus will be holding an Euchre tournament on March 22nd.

Please send Bulletin Announcements to: [admin@svecatholic.org](mailto:admin@svecatholic.org)  
By NOON on Wednesdays



FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WHO  
HAVE DIED AND FOR THE SICK,  
WE PRAY IN 2025

**Monday March 10 Mass in Elmwood**

10:00 a.m. *Missa Pro Populo*

**Tuesday March 11 Mass in Elmwood**

7:00 p.m. +Deceased members of the Leo & Elsie  
Schmidt family (Robert & Kathy Geraets family)

**Wednesday March 12 Mass in Spring Valley**

6:15 p.m. +Sr. Alice Thome (Craig & Beth Ingli)

**Thursday March 13 Mass in Boyceville**

10:00 a.m. ~Frank Kowalczyk (Terry Mohn)

**Friday March 14 Mass at the Elmwood Assisted Living**

10:00 a.m. +David Crownhart (Tom & Sharon Weber)

**Saturday Mass March 15 in Boyceville**

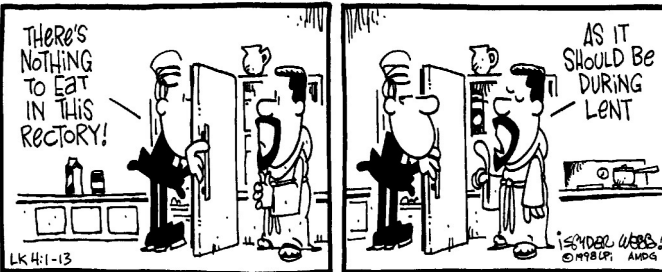
5:00 p.m. +Amanda Van Dalen (Tom & Judy Humpal)

**Sunday Mass March 16**

8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +Rene Sailer (Ric & Mary Sailer)

10:30 a.m. in Spring Valley +Gerry & Marge Gerlach  
(Rita Johnson)

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Elmwood 8:30 a.m. Spring Valley 10:30 a.m.

**LECTORS**

Sacred Heart Youth Merrick/ Liz

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/SACRISTAN**

Stephanie/Anna (S) Greg/Eric/Lynn/Rosalie

**SERVERS**

Austin/Amber/Hannah Toby/Milo/Cora

**USHERS/HOSPITALITY**

Sacred Heart Youth Josh/Matt

**ROSARY MUSIC**

Sacred Heart Youth Sacred Heart Choir



March 2025

- March 10– Monday Mass in Elmwood 10:00 a.m.
- March 10– Adult Lenten Study "Life-Changing Presence - the Sacraments" in SV 6:30 –8:00 p.m.
- March 13– Elmwood Altar and Rosary meeting 1:30 p.m.
- March 16– Spring Valley St. Pat's Dinner 11 am– 1pm with Bishop Battersby celebrating the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- March 22– KC Euchre Tournament in Spring Valley
- March 25– PCCW meeting in Spring Valley 6:00 p.m.

**Contacts to Remember for the Prayer Line**

To include a name to our prayer list please contact:  
Spring Valley: Laura Buchal at [ssf@wwt.net](mailto:ssf@wwt.net) or call 715-772-4452 or 612-562-5872  
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Cindy Schlegel at 715-338-1192  
Elmwood- Anna Crownhart 715-639-4311  
Boyceville- Judy Humpal [stlukeboyceville@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeboyceville@gmail.com) or 715-643-3081

**The Spring Valley Embers Youth Group kids have been staying busy with activities these last few months!**



**In December they had our Christmas party with fun games, lunch, a Christmas movie, & baking cookies.**



**In February they had a group lunch and a fun day tubing at Trollhaugen in Dresser Wisconsin!**