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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.

WEBSITE: WWW.SVECATHOLIC.ORG

SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"This son of mine was dead,
and has come to life again."
- Lk 15:24a

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ALMSGIVING

(Cont... from previous week bulletin) My friend Ed Kenna, an octogenarian and dad, remembers the day he decided to start tithing. “When I was a senior in high school, back in 1939-40, I read an article on charitable giving in a Catholic newspaper,” he recalls. “And it had a lot of testimonies to the fruits of tithing. Breadwinners told how God provided whenever they were in need or had an emergency. I decided, then and there, to start tithing, and I’ve been doing it ever since.”

For Kenna, those 65 years have had their financial ups and downs. He served in the military during World War II, went to college and raised a family of nine children. Through it all, he says, he was often tempted, but he never wavered in his tithing. “There were many times when I reached a point where I said, ‘something has to give -but I’m not going to give up on my tithing.’” It’s a matter of trusting God, Kenna adds, “and God will not be outdone in generosity.”

Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35), but those who tithe often find themselves on the receiving end as well. “I worked as an industrial engineer through the highs and lows of American industry,” Kenna recalls. “Twice my job fell victim to corporate mergers, but the phone always rang just in time. I never lost an hour of work to layoffs.”

He sees the difficult times as God’s test of our trust. “It’s especially hard in the beginning. On your first paycheck, it hurts. On the second, the pain’s a little less. At about the third or fourth, there’s no pain at all. You get used to it. It’s a habit. But you have to make that firm resolution: I’m gonna do it and not give in.”

Kenna, like many others, interprets tithing to mean taking ten percent off the “first fruits” -gross income, rather than net. He divides this up as “5 percent to the parish and 5 percent to other Catholic institutions.” He also gives of his time and has, for many decades, been a volunteer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Indeed, many Catholics extend the concept of almsgiving beyond money to include time and talent as well, donating a portion of these to worthy causes.

~Father Anbu



All interested parishioners from SV, Elmwood, and Boyceville are invited to join in singing for the Holy Week services hosted by Sacred Heart-Spring Valley. Anyone is welcome to join us during any of the services even if you cannot make it to any of the practices! Contact Tara Huebel at tarahuebel@gmail.com or text to 715-808-9954 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to cantor any of the many Responsorial Psalms throughout Holy Week. Additional practice outside the times listed may be needed for cantors. Choir practices for Holy Week will be:

*Sat, April 5 from 9-11 a.m. with focus on Holy Thursday & Good Friday with practice for Easter Vigil and Responsorial Psalms as time allows

*Sat, April 12 from 9-11 a.m. with focus on Easter Vigil with review of Holy Thursday & Good Friday with practice of Responsorial Psalms as time allows.



First Fridays & First Saturdays Devotions

Please join us for First Friday and First Saturday devotions, April 4th and April 5th in Spring Valley. First Friday will begin with Mass at **11:00 a.m.** followed by adoration, prayers, confession and benediction. First Saturday Devotions will begin at 8:30 a.m. with adoration and prayers and followed by benediction and Mass. Confession will be available for those who are interested .

Elmwood will hold First Friday Devotions on April 4th with Mass at **8:30 a.m.** followed by adoration, prayers, confession and benediction.



Weekly Offering

COLLECTION ADULT ENVELOPES AND OFFERTORY March 22-23, 2025

	Adult	Offertory	On-Line
Boyceville	\$ 320.00	\$ 70.00	
Elmwood	\$ 800.00	\$ 218.00	
Spring Valley	\$ 1395.00	\$ 164.00	\$1319.15

Pierce County Ecumenical Choir: will be presenting their concert on Sunday April 6th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, in Spring Valley. There will be a free will offering with a portion of the concert proceeds given to the local food shelf. Refreshments will follow the concert in the Brother Michael Center. All are invited to attend!

INFORMATION

News for All



LEARN about the Candidates & VOTE in the April 1 Elections for a State Supreme Court Justice, etc. On April 1, Wisconsinites will vote

to elect a State Supreme Court Justice, as well as a number of other public officials. Though officially non-partisan, the State Supreme Court election is widely viewed as determining the ideological balance of the court, with grave implications for the issue of abortion, and other issues. For a commentary on this race, and links to learn about the candidates, visit diolc.org/social-concerns. There, you can also access information on the State Superintendent of Public Education race, as well as details on how and where to vote.

Boyceville News



Thank you to all that brought desserts for Helen Hedlund's funeral. Also, a big thank you to all that helped in any way that day - workers in the kitchen, assisting Father Anbu, the organist, singing in the choir, etc. All the help that day is greatly appreciated.

St. Jessica's Circle is inviting you to help 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.

St. Joan of Arc Circle will meet Monday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the back room (counting & CCD room).

Please send Bulletin Announcements to: admin@shsv.diolcparish.org
By NOON on Wednesdays

Elmwood News



The Elmwood Knights of Columbus \$500

scholarship is available to any high school senior who is a parishioner of Elmwood. The application deadline is April 1st. Please see the flyer hanging on the bulletin boards at church for more information or contact Steve Bates.



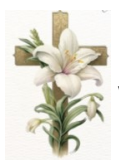
Anyone who would like to make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, can slip their name and money into the A & R box down in the kitchen. Make checks out to Elmwood Altar and Rosary. Thank you for your support!

Spring Valley News



The Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will be awarding a \$500 Brother Michael Memorial

Scholarship to a graduating senior from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Spring Valley who will be pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university, or trade school. Application forms are available at the back of Church or can be requested from Greg Buchal at ssf@wwt.net or 715-772-4452. Applications are due Sunday April 27, 2025.



If you would like to order an Easter lily for \$17 to use in your home or for it to remain in church in honor or memory of a loved one, you can use the Easter Flower offering envelope in your box of offertory envelopes or you may sign up on the order form on the table in the back of church **by Wednesday, April 2nd**. Proceeds will go to help cover the cost of the youth trip to the Steubenville Conference in July. Thank you.



Eucharistic Eucharistic adoration opportunities

We are looking for a prayer partner for the 2-3 p.m. hour, every other week, on Thursdays. Along with a weekly prayer partner for the 4-5 a.m. hour of adoration on Friday mornings. Please contact Laura Buchal at 612-562-5872 for more information.



Save the Date for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 6th! Toddlers through 12 year olds can join in on the fun after Mass.



Social Sunday in Spring Valley next Sunday, April 6th- A main dish will be supplied and parishioners are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Next Sunday, April 6th there will be a second collection taken up during Mass to support the activities of Sacred Heart youth. Envelopes will also be provided after Mass for those who wish to make a financial gift from home. Thank you for helping the youth of our parish grow in their relationship with Jesus through His Catholic Church!



This year, the parish became more aware of a wonderful Catholic resource called Relevant Radio.

Available on 1330am radio or on the free mobile phone app, Relevant Radio is a gold mine for prayer resources. Relevant Radio also provides fantastic Catholic education and really lives up to its name by being "relevant" - bridging the gap between Faith and everyday life. In addition, Relevant Radio leaves listeners feeling inspired with hope and encouragement of Faith and real life. Informational materials are available in the entrances of church.



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

Monday March 31 Mass in Elmwood

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

Tuesday April 1 Mass in Elmwood

7:00 p.m. +Edward J Pelzel (Jeff Pelzel)

Wednesday April 2 Mass in Spring Valley

6:15 p.m. +Byron & Ann Jensen (Jan & Tom Ellefson)

Thursday April 3 Mass in Boyceville

10:00 a.m. +David Hayden (William & Margaret Miller)

First Friday April 4 Mass

8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +Betty Hartung
(Catholic Life Financial)

11:00 a.m. in Spring Valley + Fr. Anbu's parents -
Sagunthala & Shanmugam (Greg & Laura Buchal)

First Saturday Mass April 5 in Spring Valley

8:30 a.m. +Jim Houdek (Mary Anderson)

Saturday Mass April 5 in Boyceville

5:00 p.m. +Helen & Vivian Hansen
(Ken & Karen Hansen)

Sunday Mass April 6

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

10:30 a.m. in Spring Valley +Br. Michael Mandernach
(John & Nancy Ellingson)



April 2025

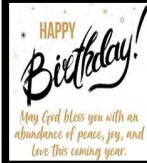
April 1st– Elmwood KC scholarship applications due

April 2-4 Tri-Parish Eucharistic Adoration in Spring Valley

April 4– First Friday Mass in Elmwood 8:30 a.m.

April 4– First Friday Mass in Spring Valley 11:00 a.m.

April 5– First Saturday Devotions in Spring Valley 8:30 am



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.

Yvonne DeGross	April 4	90 years young
Una Jenny	April 4	90 years young
Frances Ellefson	April 8	
Nada Merth	April 10	
Karen Hansen	April 13	
Rosalie Sowatzke	April 15	
Tom Birkel	April 17	
James Hartung	April 19	
Linda Kitchner	April 19	
Don Nellessen	April 21	
Jerry Smith	April 29	
June Hartung	April 30	
Dave Sowatzke	April 30	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES	
Sunday, April 6, 2025	
Elmwood 8:30 a.m.	Spring Valley 10:30 a.m.
LECTORS	
Barb C.	10th gr CCD students
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/SACRISTAN	
Steve	(S) Anne/ Mary/Tara/Rosalie
SERVERS	
Norah/ Logan	Landon/Oliver/Kennady
USHERS/HOSPITALITY	
John/Jason/Josh/Jarrood	Matt/Chuck
ROSARY	MUSIC
Barb S.	Joyful Noise

Spring Valley Stagehands Present

PASSION OF CHRIST

A MUSICAL

Adapted & Directed By
Luke Hayes

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Performance Dates
APRIL 3-5 & APRIL 10-12 at 7:30 PM
APRIL 6th & APRIL 13th at 2:00 PM

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