

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.

WEBSITE: WWW.SVECATHOLIC.ORG

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
- Jn 8:7

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ALMSGIVING

In the late fourth century, St. John Chrysostom looked at the good life people were living in the imperial court, and he was filled with righteous anger. In the name of God, he raged against those who owned toilet seats made of gold, while other people starved in cold hovels. While our commodes may be made of less precious materials, many Americans today enjoy a better standard of life than any Byzantine emperor ever knew. Central heat, central air conditioning, electric lights, consistently safe food and water, antibiotics, and even aspirin-these are luxuries beyond the dreams of our ancient ancestors.

We are living high, but are we giving high?

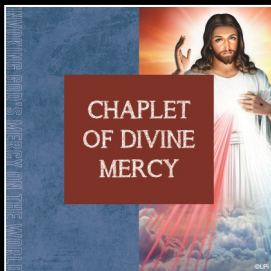
It's a good question to ask ourselves during Lent. It is a scandal, after all, for Christians to have closets over-stuffed with clothing when there are families who are shivering because they can't pay their heating bill. It is a scandal for Christians to be epidemically overweight when they have near neighbors who go to bed hungry. We need to give to God-whom we meet in our neighbor-until these problems go away. Whatever we give, whether it's a tenth or a twentieth or half, is symbolic of the greater giving that defines the Christian life. As God gave himself entirely to us, so we give ourselves entirely to Him. In the Eucharist, He holds nothing back. He gives us His body, blood, soul and divinity-everything He has. That's the giving we need to imitate.

Charity begins at home, where we daily make the choice to give our time, our attention, our affirming smile, and give generously. But charity must not stop there, because for Catholics "home" is universal, and our family is as big as the world. We need to dig deep and give much where much is needed. But, whenever possible, our charity should also involve personal acts, not just automatic withdrawals from our bank account. Pope John Paul asked us to see, and be seen by, "the human face of poverty."

We give what we have till we have nothing left to give. My friend and sometime co-author Regis Flaherty remembers his sister Pat as a woman who practiced giving all her life, to her siblings, her husband, her children and her friends. To the end, she gave what she could. "When she was dying she was in and out of consciousness, but whenever she looked up at us, she would invariable smile-absolutely amazing considering how much she was suffering."

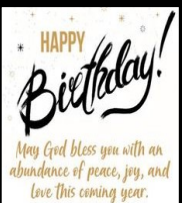
Sometimes all we can give is a smile, but sometimes that is the greatest sacrifice, the greatest prayer, and indeed the most generous and most sacrificial alms.

Source: (<https://stpaulcenter.com/posts/intro-to-lent-iii-almsgiving?srsltid=AfmBOopPDp0AHpH68kSoN0DG9J4bj8Ry7XGTbdtXY-sNHaxNsh621KVM>)



Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Explained The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the chaplet opens with a recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed. The beads usually used for the Our Father are used to recite this prayer: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world," followed by ten Hail Marys and the words "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



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. Feel free to mail them a card!

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		

Remember that on **MAY 3rd**, **NEW** Mass times will start for Elmwood and Boyceville parishes.

Saturday Mass in Elmwood at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass in Boyceville at 8:30 a.m.



COLLECTION ADULT ENVELOPES AND OFFERTORY March 29-30, 2025

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>On-Line</u>
Boyceville	\$ 450.00	\$ 126.00	
Elmwood	\$ 1790.00	\$ 125.00	
Spring Valley	\$ 891.00	\$ 231.00	\$ 459.65

INFORMATION

News for All



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.

Catch the Fire of the Spirit, Grow in your Faith—Join Lay Formation! Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation Institute cycle that begins in the fall of 2025. Deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a community of learners, catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and let Him make you a contagious witness to Christ! See the complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation or contact Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.



The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, April 27. A bulletin insert explaining the message of God's Mercy is available for download here: diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 18. A companion resource—a guide to praying the Chapel of Divine Mercy and the short daily Novena prayer—is also available for download at the same link above.

Boyceville News



Lenten Baby Drive - Thank you for all the wonderful donations we have received to date for the Lenten Baby Drive for Options for Women, Menomonie. They will be so grateful for these donations. We will continue to collect items through Lent. A list of suggested items they are in need of can be found on the back table next along with the baskets for collecting these items.

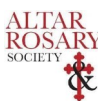
West CAP - The Food Pantry in Boyceville is seeing a shortage of shelf stable food donations. If you are able to donate, they are in special need of cereal, pasta, soups, tuna, canned fruits and side dishes. There is a bin in the back of the church where you can place your donations.



Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper - the last Stations of the Cross and soup supper will be this Wednesday, April 9th. All are welcome!

St. Luke's Palm Sunday service will be next Saturday night, April 12th. Please join us.

Elmwood News



The Altar and Rosary meeting for April will be held this Thursday, April 10th at 1:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



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!

Reminder for CCD classes: April 6th & 13th after Mass. April 27th is Youth Mass and First Communion with a celebration following Mass.

Ladies of the Parish we are looking for your help. Please see the sign-up at the back of the church. There will also be a list of things you can volunteer to help with handed out. We are also updating our list of contact information. (phone number & emails) We need everyone's help with our activities to be successful!!



Please consider sharing your Faith with the youth of our parish by becoming a CCD teacher. Lessons are already set for you to follow. Contact Stephanie Beyer if interested (715-307-0180)

Spring Valley News

gratitude: I received a very nice note this past week and would like to share it with you. "Beth, As we left Spring Valley last Sunday, Fr. Tim said, 'I guess this is our closure to Spring Valley.' I write to express profound gratitude for parishioners and staff for your support to Michael throughout the years, and in particular for the celebration on Sunday. You surely are a parish, 'alive and well'. The spirit of collaborative ministry was so evident, everybody helping above all. " ~Sister Mary Mandernach (for Br. Michael's family)



Scholarship

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.

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

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

Monday April 7 NO Mass in Elmwood

Tuesday April 8 Mass in Elmwood

7:00 p.m. +Juanita Bates (Patty Hawkins)

Wednesday April 9 Mass in Spring Valley

6:15 p.m. +Dennis Wood (Craig & Beth Ingli)

Thursday April 10 Mass in Boyceville

10:00 a.m. +Tony Schmidt (Joe & Gloria Pieters)

Friday April 11 Mass at the Elmwood Assisted Living

10:00 a.m. +Dick Zeithaml (Sharon Hunger)

Saturday Mass April 12 in Boyceville

5:00 p.m. ~for the strengthening of the Catholic Faith
(St. Luke A&R)


Sunday Mass April 13

8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +Roselyn & Cheryl Sylla
(Bill Sylla)

10:30 a.m. in Spring Valley +Al & Pat Johnson
(Rita Johnson)

5th SUNDAY OF LENT



 LITURGICAL MINISTRIES	
Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025	
Elmwood 8:30 a.m.	Spring Valley 10:30 a.m.
LECTORS	
Joel	Peter/Jason
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/SACRISTAN	
Pat	(S) Connie/Katie/Eric/Darlene
SERVERS	
Norah/Logan/Jayden	Adeline/Porter/Weston
USHERS/HOSPITALITY	
Jim/Dennis/Jeff/Glenn	Jim/Tony
ROSARY	MUSIC
Mary Ann	Sacred Heart Choir

Upcoming EVENTS

April 6th -Pierce County Ecumenical Choir concert in Spring Valley at 7:00p.m.

April 8th– Bulletin information due to the central office by NOON for the April 13th bulletin.

April 10th– Elmwood Altar and Rosary meeting 1:30 p.m.

April 10th– Spring Valley Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m.

April 14th- Bulletin information due to the central office by NOON for the April 20th bulletin.

April 17th– Holy Thursday Mass in Spring Valley 7:00 pm

April 18th–Stations of the Cross in Spring Valley 12:45pm

April 18th - Good Friday service in Spring Valley 1:30 p.m.

April 19th- Holy Saturday Mass in Spring Valley 8:00 p.m.

April 20th- Easter Sunday Mass in Elmwood 8:30 a.m.

April 20th- Easter Sunday Mass in Boyceville 10:30 a.m.

April 22nd - Spring Valley hosts the Durand Deanery DCCW spring meeting 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 or call 715-772-4452 or 612-562-5872

Lucy Nellessen at lucynell@hotmail.com or 715-778-5937

Cindy Schlegel at 715-338-1192

Elmwood- Anna Crownhart 715-639-4311

Boyceville- Judy Humpal stlukeboyceville@gmail.com or



Diocese Annual Appeal The Diocese has received to following from the three parishes for the 2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal as of April 2, 2025:

St. Luke's Boyceville parish \$ 6,130.00 (92.6 %) toward the \$6620.00 DAA target.

Sacred Heart Elmwood parish \$ 10,680.00 (67.36%) toward the \$15,855.00 DAA target.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Spring Valley parish \$ 19,467.98 (95.57%) toward the \$ 20,370.00 DAA target.

Please contribute to the 2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal if you have not done so, by using your pledge card, (extra pledge cards may be found in the churches), or donate on-line at <https://diolc.org/stewardship/>