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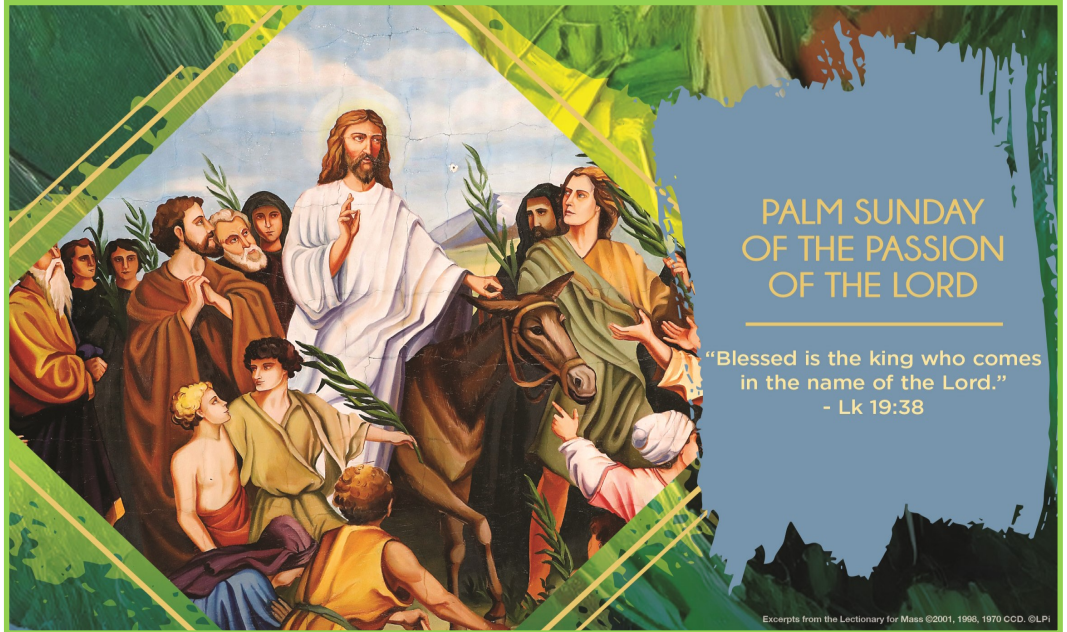
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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40 HOURS DEVOTION



Thank You... Our Tri-parish recently completed a Forty Hours' Devotion, hence I would like to thank and congratulate all those people who participated and prayed for our parish. Especially My heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Liz Erickson who made a beautiful decorations and Mrs. Laura Buchal who organized this wonderful adoration and finally My mother general (secretary) Beth for having coordinated everything.

What is the Forty Hours' Devotion?

Forty Hours' Devotion is a special exposition of the Blessed Sacrament over a period of three days, during which prayers continues uninterrupted for an approximate total of 40 hours. It begins and ends with a solemn Mass, and there is a Eucharistic procession and benediction at the end of the final Mass. The Forty Hours is similar to a parish renewal or retreat, but with more time for mental and personal prayer, and fewer talks. Often a visiting priest celebrates the Masses and gives the homilies and meditations. It is a time to be alone in prayer with Jesus but also for the community to come together for liturgical prayer. The number 40 and period of three days is a remembrance of the 40 hours from Jesus' burial until His resurrection, but also a remembrance of the 40 days fast of Jesus in the desert. Probably the first inspiration for this devotion came from the middle Ages, when the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to the repository tabernacle, referred to as "the Easter Sepulcher," during the Triduum.

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been the fervent devotion of the Saints. Their adoration lasted hours, sometimes whole days or nights, always keeping intimate company with Jesus. Absorbed in contemplating Him, they surrendered their hearts in a pure offering of adoring love. Here is what some Saints have written about their experiences of encountering Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.

"The Eucharist is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth," – St. Bernard

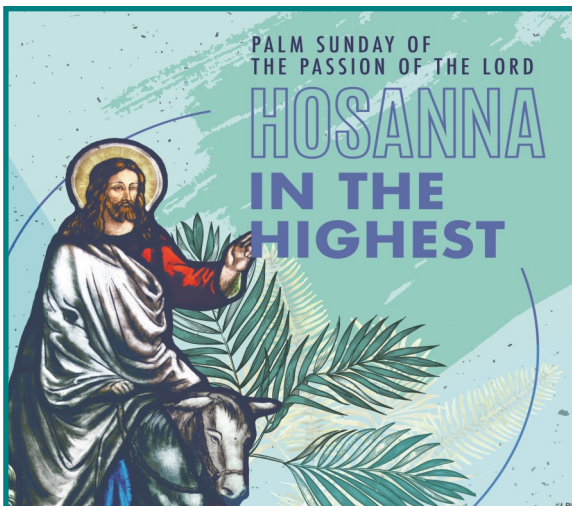
"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because It gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself," – St. Pius X

"If we really loved the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness; and we should regard those moments as the happiest of our lives." – St. John Vianney (on Adoration of Jesus in the Most the Blessed Sacrament)

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." – St. Alphonsus Liguori

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer." – Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

May the Eucharistic Lord continue to bless you and be with you! ~Fr.Anbu



Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

INFORMATION

News for All



Attention all women of the Tri-parishes. Please join us for a meal, prayers, reflections, music and speaker Chris Carsten on Tuesday, April 22, at the Brother Michael Center for the Durand Council of Catholic Women gathering. Meal will begin at 6:00. Chris will speak starting about 6:40. Hope you can make it. Any questions, contact Mary Lansing at mlansing@svtel.net



Father Anbu would like to continue 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 **April 19th, Jeff and Ruth Esanbock** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. We are in need of one of the ladies of the parishes to hold an holy hour every week for Father Anbu on Mondays. Please contact Laura Buchal for more information.



Message from Bishop Battersby: "Experience the Tenderness and Love of our Father" You are invited to listen to a compelling message from Bishop Battersby about God's love and mercy. His 7-minute message is available at diolc.org/mercy The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on April 27th, with the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday, April 18th. Parishes Hosting Divine Mercy Sunday in our area may be found at <https://diolc.org/catechesis/divine-mercy/>

Boyceville News



The Spring meeting of the Durand Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be meeting on Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in Spring Valley. Any ladies of St. Luke's that would like to attend and are interested in carpooling from St. Luke's, contact Bonnie Cronk - 715/556-1014.



A sincere thank you to all who were able to join us for the Stations of the Cross and that attended the Soup Suppers this Lenten season. Thank you to the members of St. Joan of Arc, St. Jessica's and the Knights of Columbus for providing the delicious soups and breads and to all of you for your generous free will donations that supported our causes each week.



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.

Elmwood News

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



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.



Thank you to Greg Kannel for doing so MANY maintenance projects in our buildings! From installing the two AED cases in the church and center to installing the new window blind in the church cry room that the PCCW purchased. We appreciate all that you do!

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 We are looking for a weekly prayer partner for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday mornings from 4-5 am. Please contact Laura Buchal for more information.



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

Monday April 14 Mass in Elmwood

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

Tuesday April 15 Mass in Elmwood

7:00 p.m. +Ambrose, Fannet & David Sagstetter
(Dennis & Ramona Schneider)

Wednesday April 16 Mass in Spring Valley

6:15 p.m. +Vern & Mary Dean Lundquist
(Greg & Laura Buchal)

Holy Thursday April 17 Mass in Spring Valley

7:00 p.m. +David Lickness (Craig & Beth Ingli)

Good Friday Service April 18 1:30 p.m. in Spring Valley

Holy Saturday Mass April 19 in Spring Valley

8:00 p.m. +Jim & Dede Houdek
(Bill & Karen Fesenmaier)

Easter Sunday Mass April 20

8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +Robert, Betty & Robert Jr.
Hartung (Bob & Mary Milliren)

10:30 a.m. in Boyceville *Missa Pro Populo*



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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 pm

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.



**LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES**

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

Spring Valley 7:00 p.m.

Lectors- 1st- Kelly Johnson 2nd- Stephanie Beyer

Sacristans: Greg/Lynn **Eucharistic Ministers-** Connie/Rosalie

Servers- Porter/Oliver/Cameron/Eli- need one more

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Spring Valley 1:30 p.m.

Lectors- 1st- Jason Nilssen 2nd- Jeff Pitman

Sacristans- Greg/Lynn **Eucharistic Ministers-** Denise/Eric

Servers- Oliver/Kennady/Cody/Jayden

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

Spring Valley 8:00 p.m.

Lectors- 1st- Kelly Johnson 3rd- Susan Pitman

7th- Peter Coyne Epistle- Beth Ingli

Sacristans- Greg/Lynn **Eucharistic Ministers-** Eric/Karrie

Servers- Toby/Milo/Cora/Oliver **Ushers-** Josh/Mike

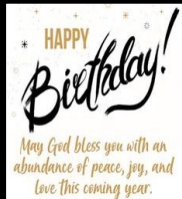
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Elmwood 8:30 a.m.

Lector- John **Eucharistic Minister-** Barb C.

Servers- Hannah, Ella and Zander **Rosary-** Barb S.

Ushers- Jeff, John, Greg, Steve



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!

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		



COLLECTION ADULT ENVELOPES AND OFFERTORY April 5-6, 2025

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>On-Line</u>
Boyceville	\$ 1255.00	\$ 68.00	
Elmwood	\$ 1145.00	\$ 230.00	
Spring Valley	\$ 1586.00	\$ 93.27	\$ 859.50

PALM SUNDAY

