



**SACRED HEART- ST. LUKE**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**6TH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

“And whoever loves me  
will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and  
reveal myself to him.”  
- Jn 14:20-21

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Rite of  
Reconciliation

**CONFESSIONS:**

**Anytime by appointment**

Elmwood- Saturday's 6:30-6:50 pm  
Boyceville- Sunday's 8:00 - 8:20 am  
Spring Valley- Wednesday's 5:30 -  
6:10 pm

**Spring Valley Pastoral  
Council**

Jim Huebel  
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Teresa Nilssen  
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Greg Buchal  
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Pastoral Council**

Derek Auth  
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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**May 10, 2026 6th Sunday of Easter**

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

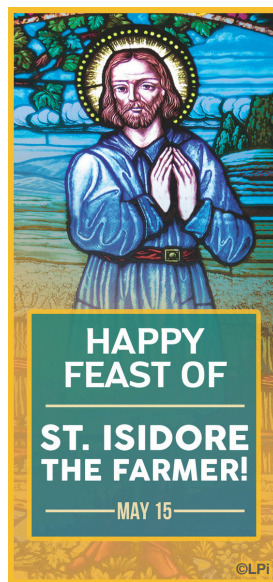
We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans. — Father John Muir @LPI



**Blessing for Mother's Day**

Dear Lord, Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow. For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love. For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort. For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation. Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen.



**Anger and Astonishment:** As we till the soil and tend the flocks, we are reminded that our labor is part of God's ongoing creation. In the Church's tradition, we are blessed with heavenly companions who intercede for us in this sacred work. Among them is St. Isidore the Farmer, a humble man of the land whose life of prayer and service reminds us that holiness can be found in the furrows of the field where daily labor becomes an offering to God and every act of care participates in the renewal of creation. A story often told about St. Isidore was his practice of often coming late to work after attending Mass.

Squire de Vergas, his master, decided to observe Isidore at his work. He hid himself in a clump of bushes near the field where his laborers were working. Isidore arrived later than usual, walking slowly behind his team of oxen and plow. The gentleman's anger soon turned to astonishment. Two angels, one on either side of Isidore and each with a plow, were helping their companion. Maria always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble rural home. Often Isidore would bring hungry people home to feed them. One day in frustration, Maria told Isidore that there simply was no more stew to give. He insisted that she look one more time and five more people were fed. The qualities found in the lives of Isidore and Maria—commitment to family, social justice work, love for the land, service to the poor, and a deep spirituality—are qualities that exist in rural America.

**We thank God for our rural lives, formed still by the rhythms of nature and church, With you, help us to rejoice in the relationships with God, each other and the land. Isidore and Maria, pray for us. Amen.**

~Father Samuel Martin - Diocese of LaCrosse, Vicar for Clergy



**Stewardship Weekly Offering**

**May 2-3, 2026**

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
<b>Boyceville</b>	<b>\$ 765.00</b>	<b>\$ 137.00</b>
<b>Elmwood</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Spring Valley</b>	<b>\$ 1699.00</b>	<b>\$ 92.01</b>

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## **BOYCEVILLE NEWS**



**Mother's Day Roses** - The Knights of Columbus rose sale will take place immediately following Mass this morning. \$2.00 a rose with all proceeds going to Right to Life.

**A big thank you** to all of the ladies who helped prepare and cleanup for the Deanery Spring Assembly Meeting. We finished the cleanup on Wednesday a.m. in record time. Not everything went as planned, but everything worked out without any problems. Also thanks to Joe P., Tom H. for their support and help. It was truly an example of how well our parish works together. Bonnie Cronk, Altar Society President



**Potluck** - there will be potluck following Mass next Sunday, May 17th. Join us for good food and great fellowship. All are welcome!

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## **ELMWOOD NEWS**



**The Altar and Rosary** May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. We will be discussing our UFO Days bake sale, which will be replacing our Father's Day pie sale. We will decide on the process and how to proceed, as it's been many years since we've had this event. Many voices are welcome.

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## **SPRING VALLEY NEWS**

**We are looking for** someone to hold the 3-4 pm hour of Eucharistic adoration on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Laura Buchal for more information or to sign up for this hour. "There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration." (St. Pope John XXIII)



**Mother's Day Flowers** will be for sale today after 10:30 mass. A free will offering with the proceeds raised going toward flowers and plants for the prayer garden.

**High School Summer Faith & Fun!** For students going into / currently in High School are invited to fan the flame of Faith this Summer, while having a blast with friends! Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month (5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19) from 6-9pm, on the church grounds. Don't take a "Summer Vacation" from your relationship with God.... Keep Going deeper and have some fun! Contact Brian Zweber with questions 715-222-6501.



**The May Knights of Columbus** Knight of the month is Mike Lansing and the May family of the month is Tyler and Aarynn Bosshart. Thank you for all you do for our parish family.

**Our parish is participating** in a Joint Parish Raffle through Catholic Parish Initiatives, and hope you can support our Sacred Heart of Jesus youth in this important fundraising effort! For all tickets sold, the parish youth will receive 50% of funds raised, with an anonymous donor matching up to \$3000!! Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased by contacting one of our youth, Jasmine Durrence or Beth Ingli. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday, July 19, 2025 and can be viewed online live at [www.parihsraffle.com](http://www.parihsraffle.com). Total prizes \$68,000.00 in American Express Gift Cards with the First prize at \$30,000.00 Good Luck!

**Seven Sisters Apostolate** 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 looking for a woman to partner with the Seven Sisters on Fridays. The hour can be held at any time of the assigned day, at any Catholic Church, and does not have to be in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Please contact Laura Buchal at 612-562-5872 for more information.

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**May 16 Saturday Vigil Mass in Elmwood**

7:00 p.m. +Yvonne Sinz (Tom & Sharon Weber)

**May 17 Sunday Mass**

8:30 a.m. in Boyceville +John Knops

(Judy Knops)

10:30 a.m. in Spring Valley +Keith Mark

(Jessie & Matt Shafer)

**NEWS FOR ALL**



**What is "Rebuild My Church"?** The Rebuild My Church Initiative exists to accompany the priests, people and parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse as we go through a process of pastoral

planning that will allow us to live more abundantly as disciples of Jesus who make disciples. Change is inevitable, but we want to choose changes that build a culture of discipleship and accompaniment in our parishes. Piloting of local pastoral planning begins in August. You can stay updated by going to : <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>



**Elmwood's May crowning was done by Renee Obermueller. Her daughter Ella, mom Rosalie, sister Becky and niece Madyson assisted her.**

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Elmwood May 16 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.		Spring Valley May 17 <sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
Pat	<b>Lectors</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> grade students
Barb C.	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	(S) Greg/Lynn Eric/Darlene
Zander/Wyatt	<b>Mass Servers</b>	Landon/Lukas Cameron
Jeff /John Greg / Steve	<b>Ushers/ Hospitality</b>	Jim / Matt
Barb S.	<b>Rosary/Music</b>	Sacred Heart Choir

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**News for the May 17<sup>th</sup> bulletin due by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**



**Diocese Annual Appeal**

The Diocese has received to following from our parishes for the 2025-2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal as of May 5, 2026.

**Sacred Heart** Elmwood parish \$8320.00 (52%) toward the \$16,155.00 DAA target.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus** Spring Valley parish \$15801.82 (77%) toward the \$20,395.00 DAA target.

Please contribute to the 2025-2026 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/>



**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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