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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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most beautiful mysteries of the Catholic faith. It teaches us that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven. This feast reminds us that God's plan for humanity is not limited to this earthly life. We are created for eternal life with God, and Mary gives us a powerful example of what it means to trust completely in His promise.

The Assumption is closely connected with Mary's unique role in salvation history. From the moment of the Annunciation, Mary freely accepted God's will when she said, "Let it be done to me according to your word." She became the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and faithfully followed Him throughout His life, even standing beneath the cross. Because of her intimate participation in Christ's life, the Church teaches that she was also uniquely united with Him in His victory over sin and death.

Theologically, the Assumption points first to the Resurrection of Jesus. Christ conquered death through His Resurrection, and Mary's Assumption is a participation in that victory. It does not mean that Mary possessed divine power or that she was equal to God. Rather, everything Mary received came from God's grace and from the saving work of her Son. Her glorification shows what God desires ultimately to accomplish in those who belong to Christ.

Mary's Assumption also gives us hope concerning the human body. Christianity teaches that the human person is both body and soul, and that God does not intend to abandon our bodies forever. At the end of time, all the faithful will experience the resurrection of the body. Mary, already assumed into heaven body and soul, is therefore a sign and anticipation of the destiny promised to the Church. She shows us that eternal life involves the transformation and glorification of the whole person.

This mystery also challenges me to reflect on how I respond to God's will. Mary did not always understand everything that God was doing, but she trusted Him. Her life included joy, uncertainty, suffering, and sacrifice. Yet she remained faithful. The Assumption reminds me that faithfulness to God may not always bring immediate answers or comfort, but God never abandons those who trust in Him.

Mary is therefore a model of Christian discipleship. Her Assumption encourages me to look beyond temporary struggles and place my hope in God's eternal promises. When I experience difficulties, I can remember Mary's perseverance and her complete trust in God. She reminds me that suffering and death do not have the final word; Christ does.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ultimately points us toward Jesus. Mary's greatness comes from her relationship with Him and from her faithful cooperation with God's grace. Her glorification gives us confidence that God also calls us to share in His eternal life.

As I reflect on this feast, I am encouraged to imitate Mary's humility, obedience, faith, and perseverance, trusting that if I remain faithful to Christ, I too am called to the fullness of life with God. ~Fr. Anbu

Stewardship Weekly Offering
August 8-9, 2026

	Adult	Offertory	On-Line
Boyceville	$ 335.00	$ 176.00	
Elmwood	$ 1155.00	$ 62.00	
Spring Valley	$ 1003.00	$ 110.00	

Upcoming Events

August 15-16- Blest Art display at the three Masses

August 22-23- Mission Coop Appeal- Fr. Seban Thanippallil here for the Vincentian Missions in Kerala India.

BOYCEVILLE NEWS

Our condolences - Our deepest sympathies and assurance of prayers to Karen Hansen and family in the loss of their beloved husband and father, Ken on August 8th. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant, Ken, from all his sins, that they who believed in the Resurrection of Christ, may, when the day of resurrection comes, be united with you in glory". (Funeral Mass, Collect)

25-26 Financial Report - Copies of the annual financial report to the Parish for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is available on the back table. If you have any questions, please see Judy Humpal or email her at stlukeboyceville@gmail.com.

ELMWOOD NEWS

No announcements this week

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

The Religious Education information for the 2026-2027 year is being finalized and will be mailed out to families the week of August 17th. If you know of a family new to our parish or has a first grader in school, please contact Jasmine Durrence, CRE (Coordinator of Religious Education), so they can be added to our student list. Classes will be starting on Wednesday, September 9th with a parent meeting scheduled for September 2nd in the Br. Michael center from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The parish is looking for volunteers to be part of our new “Church Emergency/Safety Team”. There are many different needs to establish this team and thus many different skill sets will be needed. If you are interested in being part of the very first Safety Team established at Sacred Heart of Jesus parish and are willing to participate in a training meeting, please contact Beth in the central office. A meeting will then be scheduled in September to take the steps and plan what to do if there is severe weather, a fire or a medical emergency in our parish. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

Welcome One Home: The Power of Your Invitation Though there are many reasons why Catholics stop attending Mass and other aspects of parish life, it is safe to assume the majority will only come back if they are personally invited. A simple invitation to someone who has been away from the parish can remind them that they are remembered, loved, and always welcome. A personal invitation can become the first step toward someone coming home. No matter how long someone has been away or what circumstances have shaped their journey, the Catholic Church remains a place where God's mercy, healing, and love are always offered. If even one person is absent from our parish family, their absence has an impact on the community.

A new initiative has been developed that is entitled “Welcome One Home” and the website contains downloadable resources for parishes. The bulletin insert cited above is part of this initiative, along with other resources, are available by visiting-https://diolc.org/evangelization

Mass INTENTIONS

For all the faithful who have died and for the sick, we pray in 2026

August 18 Tuesday Mass in Elmwood
7:00 p.m. +Mary Ann Jensen (Anna Crownhart)

August 19 Wednesday Mass in Spring Valley
6:15 p.m. + Samantha Reese (The Schlegel family)

August 20 Thursday Mass In Boyceville
10:00 a.m. +Olivia Sundby
(Deb Hoage & Evie Wadzinski)

August 21 Friday Mass at the SVHCC
10:00 a.m. +Una Kannel-Jenny (Ruby Westlund)

August 22 Saturday Vigil Mass in Elmwood
7:00 p.m. + Eugene Falkner (John & Barb Schneider)

August 23 Sunday Mass
8:30 a.m. in Boyceville ~For the Living & deceased members of St. Luke's parish
10:30 a.m. in Spring Valley +Faye Howard Johnson (Mary Ann Richardson)

Virtues, Explained! Wisdom

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elmwood Aug 22nd at 7:00 p.m.		**Spring Valley** Aug 23rd at 10:30 a.m.
Sara	**Lectors**	Kelly / Merrick
Pat	**Extraordinary Ministers**	(S) Greg / Lynn Eric / Gene
Logan / Elliot	**Mass Servers**	Milo / Cora / Levi
Joe / Steve Aaron / Paul	**Ushers/ Hospitality**	Josh / Bill
Jeff	**Rosary/Music**	Sacred Heart Choir

Please send Bulletin Announcements to:
admin@shsv.diolcparish.org
News for the August 23rd bulletin is due by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19th

Mission Cooperation Appeal-Aug. 22 & 23

Fr. Seban Thanippallil V.C, a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India will be in our parishes on Aug. 22 and 23 weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all the Masses next weekend (Aug. 22 and 23) and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru. Please visit their web site, *https://www.vincentians.in/*, to learn more about them.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be special mission collection next weekend (Aug. 22 and 23) to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Envelopes will be available to make a donation.

St. Pius X - Feast Day August 21st

St. Pius X (1835 – 1914), born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was from the Austrian Empire in what is now modern-day Veneto, Italy. He was the 257th Pope and served from 1903 until his death in 1914. As Pope, he emphasized the importance of fostering a personal relationship with Jesus through the Sacrament, advocating for its accessibility to all Catholics, regardless of social status. St. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. Despite his rejection of modernism, a movement that challenged traditional Catholic teachings, St. Pius X was the first Pope to use a typewriter for his encyclicals, signaling an embrace of modern technology during his time as Pope. St. Pius X, Pope of the Eucharist, pray for us!