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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

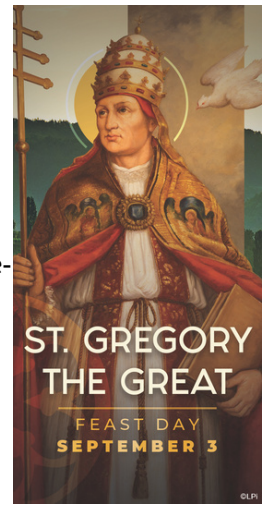
Saint Gregory the Great

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us give thanks to God for the life and witness of **Saint Gregory the Great**-pope, pastor, teacher, and servant. Gregory lived at a difficult time in the life of the Church and the world. Yet in the midst of uncertainty, conflict, and suffering, he showed what true Christian leadership looks like: **humility, service, prayer, and trust in God.**

Saint Gregory came from a wealthy and influential family. He could have chosen a life of comfort and honor. Instead, he desired to give himself to God. He became a monk, embracing prayer, simplicity, and service. But God had other plans for him. Gregory was eventually called to become Pope. One of the titles associated with Saint Gregory is especially beautiful: **"Servant of the servants of God."** He understood that authority in the Church is not about power or prestige. It is about serving others. Jesus Himself taught us: "Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant."

This is an important lesson for all of us. In our homes, workplaces, parishes, and communities, we may sometimes seek recognition or want others to notice what we do. Saint Gregory reminds us that true greatness is found not in being served, but in serving with love. Gregory was also a man of deep prayer. Although the responsibilities of the papacy were heavy, he never forgot that his strength came from God. His leadership was rooted in prayer. Before he could guide others, he first had to listen to the Lord.



This is a lesson we desperately need today. Our lives can become busy, noisy, and full of distractions. We may try to solve every problem by ourselves. But Saint Gregory reminds us that we need moments of silence, prayer, and listening. We cannot give what we have not first received from God. Saint Gregory also had a great love for the poor and those in need. He understood that love for God must always lead to love for our neighbor. Faith is not simply something we profess with our lips; it must be expressed in works of mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and generosity. Perhaps today we can ask ourselves: **Whom am I called to serve? Who needs my patience? Who needs my forgiveness? Who needs a word of encouragement?**

The life of Saint Gregory teaches us that holiness does not mean escaping the problems of the world. Rather, holiness means bringing Christ into the world through the responsibilities and challenges we face each day. May Saint Gregory the Great inspire us to be humble servants, faithful in prayer, generous toward those in need, and courageous in living and proclaiming the Gospel. And may we always remember his example: that the greatest among us is the one who serves. **Saint Gregory the Great, pray for us. Amen.** ~Fr. Anbu

The Fall Mass schedule will be starting on September 5th with these Mass times going through December 27, 2026

	Spring Valley	Elmwood	Boyceville
Sept / Oct	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
Nov / Dec	6:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Stewardship Weekly Offering
August 22-23, 2026

	Adult	Offertory	On-Line	Mission Coop
Boyceville	$ 550.00	$ 60.00		$ 342.00
Elmwood	$ 580.00	$ 147.00	$113.30	$ 280.00
Spring Valley	$ 1371.00	$ 109.00	$ 1365.50	$1083.00

Upcoming Events

August 30- Salad bar lunch in Spring Valley 11:30 a.m.
September 2 - SV CCD parent meeting at 6:30 p.m.
September 5-6 NEW WEEKEND MASS times start

BOYCEVILLE NEWS

The family of Joe Hellmann invites all family & friends of Joe to help him celebrate his 90th birthday in the dining hall immediately following Mass on Sunday, September 13th. God's blessings on you, Joe, on your 90th birthday and always.

ELMWOOD NEWS

At our Altar and Rosary meeting on September 10th we will discuss the UFO bake sale versus the Father's Day pie sale for the future. All ladies are welcome to attend the 1:30 p.m. meeting. Thank you Anna Crownhart

We are waiting for the new base trim to arrive. This is the trim that goes around the perimeter on the wall at the floor. Once the base trim is stained and installed the final coat will be applied to the floor and the base trim. After the final coat we can install the transition strips between the carpet and the hardwood and move all of the sanctuary furniture back into place. It may be a week or two before we can start moving furniture back. We are hoping to have Mass in the church by Sunday, September 13th.

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

All are welcome to join us for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Salad Luncheon following Mass on Sunday, August 30, 2026. A Free-Will Fundraiser for Youth Programs.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

As America marks its 250th birthday, the gift our nation needs most is God's unfathomable Mercy. There is an important nationwide prayer initiative called **Mercy 4 Life**. Churches and faith communities across America are being invited to dedicate Sunday, October 11, 2026, to repentance, prayer, healing, the protection of human life, and the renewal of our nation. The goal is to unite at least 250 Masses and prayer services on one day. You can learn more here: hosea4you.org/mercy4life Watch the Mercy Across America video: youtu.be/pMrmiDPSoRg Thank you for prayerfully considering it.

Witness to the Word. Share Your Stories of Faith: Help us tell the stories that matter. Our diocesan magazine, Catholic Life (reaching nearly 50,000 households), and our "Connecting the Diocese" radio show and podcast are built on one shared mission: proclaiming the Good News through the lives of ordinary Catholics. What makes them powerful is you—your faith moments, your journeys, your encounters with Christ. Everyone reading this bulletin has either experienced a transformative moment with the Lord, knows someone who has or is praying for someone to encounter Him. Sharing these stories isn't just inspiring—it's going out on mission. It brings others to Christ and helps us live out the Great Commission. A quick scan takes people to a mobile-friendly form with just three short questions. That's all it takes to suggest a story. Our Faith, our magazine, our podcast - your stories.

Catholics and Faithful Citizenship The midterm elections are approaching, and the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns has a webpage dedicated to Faithful Citizenship, with both original commentary "Politics, Voting, and Christian Faith" https://diolc.org/social-concerns/faithful-citizenship/

Mass INTENTIONS

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

September 1 Tuesday Mass in Elmwood
7:00 p.m. +Mary Ann Jensen (Jim & Aprile Smith)
September 2 Wednesday Mass in Spring Valley
6:15 p.m. +Kurt Hetzel (The Johnson family)
September 3 Thursday Mass In Boyceville
10:00 a.m. ~For a safe school year (Deb Hoage)
September 4 First Friday Mass
8:30 a.m. a.m. in Spring Valley +Una Kannel-Jenny (The Kannel family)
11:00 a.m. in Elmwood +Ric Sailer (Mary Sailer)
September 5 First Saturday Mass in Spring Valley
8:30 a.m. +Jenny & David Lickness (Family & Friends)
September 5 Saturday Vigil Mass in Spring Valley
6:00 p.m. +Brody Sotona (Kristi & Wade Sotona)
September 6 Sunday Mass
8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +Robert, Betty & Robert Jr. Hartung (Bob & Mary Milliren)
10:30 a.m. in Boyceville ~For the sick of our parish (Terry Mohn)

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Spring Valley Sept 5th at 6:00 p.m.	**NEW TIMES**	**Elmwood** Sept 6th at 8:30 a.m.
Kelly / Liz	**Lectors**	Holly
(S) Lynn / Karrie Katie / Eric	**Extraordinary Ministers**	Pat
Landon / Lukas Emmet	**Mass Servers**	Elliot / Amber
Chuck / Gene	**Ushers/ Hospitality**	John / Jason Josh / Jarrod
Sacred Heart Choir	**Music/Rosary**	Barb

Please send Bulletin Announcements to:
admin@shsv.diolcparish.org
News for the September 6th bulletin is due by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept 2nd

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response toreporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office for Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.