September 13, 2026

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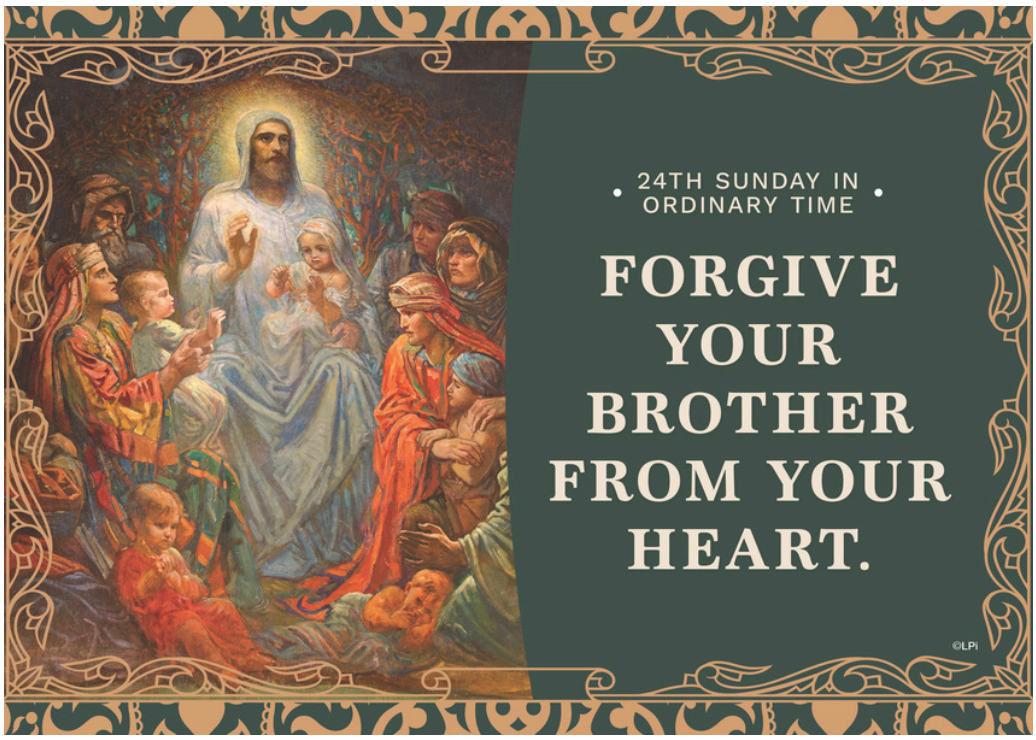

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Anytime by appointment
Spring Valley-Saturday 5:30-5:50 pm
Elmwood–Sunday's 8:00 - 8:20 am
Spring Valley– Wednesday's 5:30 – 6:10 pm
Boyceville- Thursday 9:30-9:50 a.m.

The Season of Creation

September is a special month for Christians to renew their commitment to **care for creation and protect our common home**. Pope Francis made care for creation a central part of his ministry, especially through his encyclical Laudato Si', published in 2015. He reminded us that the earth is not merely a resource to be used, but **God's precious gift entrusted to our care.**

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and continues until October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis encouraged Christians during this season not only to pray, but also to reflect on our way of life and to take concrete action for the protection of creation. One of Pope Francis' important insights is that **everything is interconnected**. The cry of the earth is closely connected with the cry of the poor. Environmental destruction affects especially those who have the fewest resources to protect themselves. Therefore, safeguarding creation is also an act of justice, compassion and love for our brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis invited us to experience what he called "**ecological conversion.**" This means changing our attitudes and daily habits: avoiding unnecessary consumption, reducing waste, saving water and energy, protecting nature, and respecting every living creature. He reminded us that our choices about food, transportation, consumption and the use of natural resources have consequences for our common home.

This September, we can ask ourselves:

- Do I see creation as a gift from God or simply as something to use?
- How do my daily choices affect the earth and other people?
- What can I change in my lifestyle to reduce waste and protect nature?
- How can my family, parish, school or community become a better steward of creation?

Pope Francis' message is ultimately a message of **hope and responsibility**. We are not helpless before the environmental crisis. Every act of care matters. When we plant a tree, avoid waste, protect water, use resources responsibly, or help someone affected by environmental injustice, we participate in God's work of renewing creation.

As Pope Francis reminded us, the Season of Creation is a time "**to pray, reflect and act.**" Let this September therefore become a time of gratitude for God's beautiful creation, repentance for the ways we have harmed it, and renewed commitment to become **faithful stewards of our common home**.

Prayer: *Loving Creator, open our eyes to the beauty of your creation and our hearts to its suffering. Teach us, like St. Francis and Pope Francis, to recognize that all creation is your gift. Give us courage to change our lifestyles, protect the earth, care for the poor, and work together for a healthier and more just world. May our words become actions and our actions become signs of your love. Amen.*

Stewardship Weekly Offering
September 5-6, 2026

	Adult	Offertory
Boyceville	$ 2803.57	$ 57.00
Elmwood	$ 690.00	$ 153.25
Spring Valley	$ 955.00	$ 37.00

Upcoming Events

September 15 - Elmwood Pastoral council meeting
September 17 - Spring Valley Pastoral Council meeting
September 19- SV Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast and bake sale

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 this morning. God's blessings on you, Joe, on your 90th birthday and always.

Altar Society - The women of St. Luke's will meet for an Altar Society meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the church dining hall. Agenda topics we will be discussing include replacing the kitchen stove with a smaller one and the Fall church cleaning tasks.

ELMWOOD NEWS

Faith Formation (CCD) begins today, Sunday, September 13th following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Next Sunday, the youth will be helping with Sunday Mass.

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

Our Condolences: Our deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers are extended to the family of Doris Traynor. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant, Doris, from all her 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)

We need your help. The Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast and holding bake sale as part of Dam Days on Saturday September 19 (8:00am to 11:00am). The proceeds of the breakfast and bake sale will go to the Staying Put organization and the Spring Valley Food Shelf. We are in need of bakery items to sell and would greatly appreciate your help by providing cookies, cake, bread, bars, or other bakery items for the sale. Thank you for your help and support.

The Spring Valley Education Foundation is bringing "The Looney Lutherans" back to Spring Valley, for Dam Days on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at Emmaus Church! Cost is $15 at the door! Show starts at 7pm! The Spring Valley Education Foundation is a non-profit with a mission to creatively generate financial support intended to enrich and enhance the opportunities and educational experiences of Spring Valley School District students and members of the school community! 100% of funds raised from the event will be put back into our local community!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

Important Words to Know and Understand

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Community The fifth characteristic is that we participate in our parish community and foster deeper relationships with individuals with whom we can share and grow in our faith. A disciple knows that one's faith is not meant to be lived in isolation. We are part of a family. "We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24). Disciples of Jesus actively seek each other out and look for opportunities to celebrate the love of God together, whether that be at Mass, on retreat, at a restaurant, at work or school, or evan at a football game. (Discipleship Quads, Dcn. Bob Rice)

Mass INTENTIONS

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

September 15 Tuesday Mass in Elmwood
7:00 p.m. +Ric Sailer (Greg Fesenmaier)

September 16 Wednesday Mass in Spring Valley
6:15 p.m. +Jim Raleigh (Beth & Craig Ingli)

September 17 Thursday Mass In Boyceville
10:00 a.m. *Missa Pro Populo*

September 18 Friday Mass at the SVHCC
10:0 a.m. +Una Kannel-Jenny (Ruby Westlund)

September 19 Saturday Vigil Mass in Spring Valley
6:00 p.m. +Audrey Olson (Cory Olson)

September 20 Sunday Mass
8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +Roselyn & Cheryl Sylla (Bill Sylla)

10:30 a.m. in Boyceville +Richard Lalyua (Barb Lalyua)

Devotions, Explained! Litany
A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Spring Valley Sept 19th at 6:00 p.m.	**NEW TIMES**	**Elmwood** Sept 20th at 8:30 a.m.
Porter / Peggy	**Lectors**	Sacred Heart Youth
(S) Anne / Gene Katie / Renata	**Extraordinary Ministers**	Anna / Stephanie
Cameron / Weston	**Mass Servers**	Logan / Eli
Bill / Tony	**Ushers/ Hospitality**	Sacred Heart Youth
Sacred Heart Choir	**Music/Rosary**	Sacred Heart Youth

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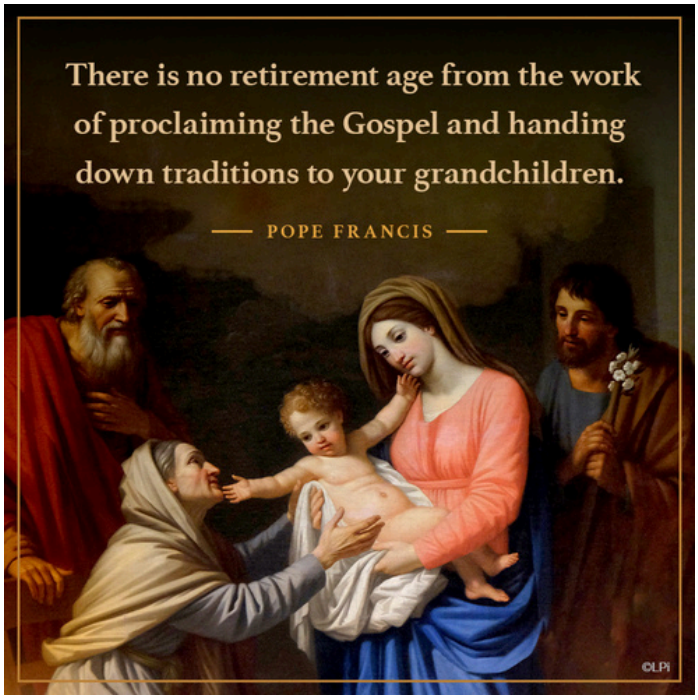
admin@shsv.diolcparish.org
News for the September 20th bulletin is due by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept 16th

A Blessing for Grandparents
Dear God, Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen.