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St. Francis de Sales

“You have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy...”

St. Francis de Sales believed that all people are called to be saints. In other words, all people are called to be holy. We have read or heard it many times before, but some things - most especially, important things - bear repeating: “When he created things, God commanded plants to bring forth their fruits, each one according to its kind. In like manner, God commands Christians, the living plants of the Church, to bring forth the fruits of holiness, each according to one’s position and vocation.” (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part I, Chapter 2)

Striving for perfection - growing in holiness - “living Jesus” - is a formidable challenge. Embracing a life of virtue requires strength and courage. Renouncing sin requires strength and courage. Turning a deaf ear to temptation requires strength and courage. On any given day, our progress in devotion is marked by both success and setbacks. However, this striving to be holy is made even more difficult when we attempt to be holy in a way that doesn’t fit our state or stage of life - a way of living that doesn’t fit who we are. While we are all indeed called to be holy, we are not called to be holy in exactly the same way as others. Francis reminds us:

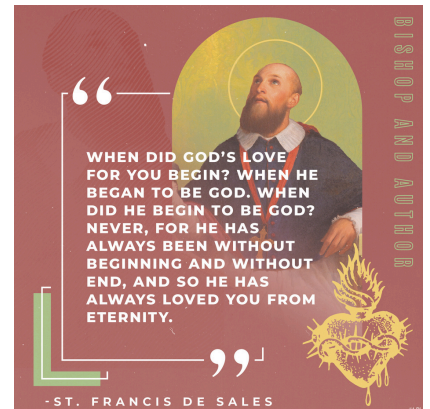
“Devotion (holiness) must be exercised in different ways by the gentleman, the worker, the servant, the prince the widow the young girl and the married woman. I ask you, is it fitting for a bishop to want to live a solitary life like a monk? Or for a married man to want to own no more property than a monk, for a skilled workman to spend his whole day in a church, for a religious to be constantly subject to every sort of call in service to one’s neighbor, which is more suited to the bishop? Would not such holiness be laughable, confused and impossible to live?” (Ibid) Francis de Sales put it another way in a Conference (On the Virtues of St. Joseph) to the early Visitation community:

“Some of the saints excelled in one virtue, some in another, and although all have saved their souls, they have done so in very different ways, there being as many different kinds of sanctity as there are saints.” (Conference XIX, p. 365). A more contemporary reflection on this issue comes from Nobel prize-winning author and holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel: “There are a thousand and one gates leading into the orchard of mystical truth. Every human being has his or her own gate. We make a mistake of wanting to enter the orchard by any gate other than our own.” (Night, Page 3)

To be sure, if there is indeed one model of Christian holiness, we find it in Jesus Christ, the one in whom all of us are consecrated. But to be holy - like Jesus is holy - is not about trying to be like someone else. Rather, being holy is about having the strength, integrity and courage to be who and how God wants each one of us to be, precisely in the places, circumstances and relationships in which we find ourselves each day.

Be who you are and be that well.

~Father Anbu



Upcoming Events

- January 17- St. Luke’s Potluck 5:00 pm
- January 18- Spring Valley’s Right to Life Breakfast
- January 21- Bulletin news due at NOON for the Jan 25/Feb 1 bulletin
- January 22- St. Luke Altar Society meeting
- January 22- Tri-Parish Council meeting in Spring Valley
- January 24- Spring Valley KC Euchre tournament
- January 24-31: Central office closed- Beth on vacation
- January 28- “Cor Jesu-Heart of Jesus” in SV 7:00-8:15 p.m. open to the parish



Stewardship Weekly Offering January 10-11, 2026

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>On-Line</u>
Boyceville	\$ 720.00	\$ 115.00	
Elmwood	\$ 840.00	\$ 212.00	
Spring Valley	\$ 1184.35	\$ 56.00	\$ 1061.50

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NEWS FOR ALL

New look for the bulletin! Since Windows 11 will not support Microsoft Publisher anymore, we had to switch the bulletin design to CANVA. Beth has been working with the program the past couple of weeks to learn how to use it. She designed a new logo for our Tri-Parishes to use with Father Anbu's approval, which is now on the bulletin.



Today we pray for the Pro-Life Initiatives, Prayers and

Intentions. Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever. Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless <https://www.usccb.org/prolife>

There will be a combined two week bulletin for January 25th and February 1st, as Beth will be on vacation the week of January 26th. Please send any information for that bulletin to the central office by Noon on Wednesday, January 21st. Thank you.

Follow up on Rebuild My Church Listening Sessions: After some unexpected technical delays, you can now view comments and analysis from the 40 listening sessions that were held throughout the diocese this fall at: <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/listening-sessions-2025/>

BOYCEVILLE NEWS

Potluck Tonight - Please join us for our monthly potluck immediately following Mass today. We always have more than enough so don't worry if you forgot to bring anything. Join us for good food and good fellowship.

2025 Contribution Statements - the 2025 parishioner offering statements are available on the back table for your records/reference.



ALTAR SOCIETY -

Important meeting on Thursday, January 22, after Mass. We will be discussing and setting up committees for April, when it is our turn to host the Deanery meeting. Please plan to attend.

ELMWOOD NEWS

Thank You!! To all of those that helped make the Elmwood Parish Christmas Party a success.

Congratulations!! Elmwood KC's Knight of the Year John Schneider and the Elmwood KC's Family of the Year Charley and Renee Obermueller.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, February 11th. Tickets are \$12 Adult & \$6 Child (6 & under). Please contact a CCD student or Stephanie Beyer (715-307-0180) for reservations. There will also be students/sign up sheet at the back of the church.



The Elmwood offertory numbers for Christmas and December 28th were listed incorrectly last week. \$4435.00 was received for Christmas and \$420.00 was received on December 28th.

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

The 19th Annual Sacred Heart of Jesus "Right To Life" Breakfast is this Sunday, January 18th from 9am-12:30pm in the Brother Michael Center. Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted! Proceeds will go to area pregnancy support agencies to help support the financial, medical, emotional, & spiritual needs of women in need of pregnancy assistance. Please join us for a great cause and share in a delicious breakfast of French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Muffins, Fresh Fruit and Beverages with wonderful community fellowship! Everyone is welcome!

The Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will be holding an Euchre tournament on Saturday, January 24th in the Brother Michael Center. Registration is from 11:30 am-12:45 pm with a fee of \$40.00 per team. Tournament begins at 1:00 pm. Lunch will start at 11:30 am (Free Will Donation)



January 20 Tuesday Mass in Elmwood

7:00 p.m. +Steve Weber & Bill Wittig
(Tom & Sharon Weber)

January 21 Wednesday Mass in Spring Valley

6:15 p.m. +Tom Ellefson (Craig & Beth Ingli)

January 22 Thursday Mass in Boyceville

10:00 a.m. +Tony Schmidt (Joe & Gloria Pieters)

January 23 Friday Mass at the Elmwood Asst. Living

10:00 a.m. +Allan Timm (Joe & Laurie Schmitt)

January 24 Saturday vigil Mass in Boyceville

4:00 p.m. +Br. Michael Mandernach
(Tom & Judy Humpal)

January 25 Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m. in Elmwood +James Cook
(Joe & Laurie Schmitt)

10:30 a.m. in Spring Valley +Gelene Harrison
(Greg & Laura Buchal)



Contacts to Remember for the Prayer Line

To include a name to our prayer list please

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Cindy Schlegel at 715-338-1192

Elmwood- Anna Crownhart 715-639-4311

Boyceville- Judy Humpal stlukeboyceville@gmail.com or
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37th Annual

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
and SILENT AUCTION**

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026 - 8am-1pm

Brother Michael Center

S104 Sabin Av. Spring Valley, WI

All proceeds go
to the service's
equipment fund.



Questions or to

Make a Donation:

Call: 715-778-4452 x1

Email: svaapublicrelations@gmail.com

**WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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Elmwood 8:30 a.m.	January 25, 2026	Spring Valley 10:30 a.m.
Barb	Lectors	Peter/Porter
Steve	Eucharistic Ministers	(S) Lynn/Karrie Denise/Renata
Jayden Cody Ella	Mass Servers	Kennady Cameron Jack
Joe/Steve Aaron/Paul	Ushers/ Hospitality	Jim/Josh
Jeff	Rosary/ Music	Sacred Heart Choir

CONFESSIONS: Anytime by appointment

Boyceville Saturday's 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Elmwood- Sunday's from 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.

Spring Valley- Wednesday's from 5:30 - 6:10 pm



Rite of
Reconciliation

**THIS MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. DAY,
WE PRAY FOR A
RENEWED COMMITMENT TO
LOVE, HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND NONVIOLENCE**



Virtues, Explained! Peace

Our modern Catholic understanding of peace
is derived from the Hebrew concept of
shalom, or wholeness, and refers not just to
an absence of violence but to a personal
reconciliation with one's Creator.