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Our Mass Schedule for This Week

Monday-Wednesday (4/6-8).....NO MASS

Thursday (4-9).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

Friday (4-10).....8:00 AM *Communion Service at Spring Valley*

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday (4-11).....8:00 PM VIGIL Mass at Elmwood

+Frank Crownhart (Wayne and Pate Nohelty)

Sunday (4-12).....8:30 AM Mass at Boyceville

+David Smith (James Smith)

10:30 AM Mass at Spring Valley

Missa pro Populo

10:30AM First Communion Mass at Elmwood

+Juanita Bates (Patty Bates Hawkins)

BRIEFLY NOTED

Baby Bottle Fundraiser: Please remember to return your full baby bottles to Church and put in the designated tubs in the church entryway. Fill the baby bottles with coins, currency or a generous check. All proceeds go to Pregnancy Helpcenter of River Falls to fund additional services for young women during their pregnancies. Whatever you give will help save children's lives!

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 12th will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Plum City with Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary. Masses will be at 8 and 10:15 a.m. Confessions will be prior to both Masses as well as from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11:30am until 3pm and a guest speaker will talk on Divine Mercy, the Chaplet will be sung at 3 p.m. Lunch will follow Benediction. Everyone is invited to attend.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive: Elmwood Knights of Columbus 6599 will have their annual tootsie roll drive on the weekend of **April 11 and 12**. Tootsie rolls will be available to purchase after masses in each parish of Boyceville, Elmwood and Spring Valley.

Elmwood First Communion Mass: will be at 10:30 AM in Elmwood on April 12. Elmwood CCD Families please note that there will NOT be CCD class before this Mass. However, this is our youth mass and a part of our CCD Program. After the First Communion Mass on April 12 everyone is invited to the Church basement for donuts and refreshments! Note: *There will still be a 10:30 AM mass at Spring Valley on that day as well and the usual 8PM mass in Elmwood on Saturday, April 11.*

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM

Elmwood

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM

Boyceville

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Boyceville

Thurs. 5 PM to Friday 8 PM

Spring Valley

St. Luke's: St. Joan of Arc Circle will meet at **9 am on Saturday, April 11th** at the Downing Cafe. The meeting will be held a week later than usual so as not to interfere with Holy Week.

St. Luke's: A special THANK YOU to the Historic Display Committee; Betty Jean Smith, Barb Hellmann, Betty Garside, Karen Hansen, Riza DC Borja, Lois Johnson, and Georgia Williams. We have 50 years of memories displayed with room to grow!

St. Luke's: Pot luck will be on April 19th after mass, please join in the fellowship. All are welcome.

St. Luke's: The Spring deanery meeting will be at Sacred Heart in Elmwood, on Tuesday April 28th. Come and enjoy.

Part-Time Maintenance

Position: St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum City is seeking a person to fill a "part-time" maintenance position. Application deadline is April 18, 2015. For more information and to submit a resume please contact the parish at 715-647-2901.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items must be received at the Central Office by **Tuesday at 3:00 PM.**

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Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on His head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and **he saw and believed**” (John 20:3-8). A **happy and blessed Easter** to you and your loved ones! May the Crucified and Risen Lord abundantly bless all of you!

Thank you to everyone who made our **Holy Week celebrations** so prayerful and beautiful at our parishes – decorators including those who work with candles and flowers and altar coverings, sacristans, custodians, musicians, cantors, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, ushers, Deacons Kevin Ray and Billy Dodge, Master of Ceremonies Levi Schmitt, and each of you through your participation! A special thanks to the parishioners of Boyceville who with their usual gusto and “can do” attitude hosted the Sacred Triduum for our parishes this year. May the special graces of these liturgies bring continued **spiritual renewal to our parish families!**

Thank you for your **kindness and generosity to Deacons Kevin Ray and Billy Dodge and me during this Easter season.** We are most grateful for the numerous cards, notes, and gifts that have been delivered to the rectory. We appreciate, too, your words of encouragement written in so many cards and the assurances of your prayers. Know that you and your loved ones are daily in our prayer.

Thank you for your prayers and your patience as I was down the last two weeks of Lent with multiple infections – sinus infection and strep throat along with an infection and blockage in my intestine. Having completed the “marathon” of the Season of Lent and Holy Week, I will be away from our parishes spending Monday through Wednesday **with my family in Marshfield.** Thursday finds me in La Crosse for a meeting of the **Presbyteral Council** and then on Friday at the **Mayo Clinic in Rochester** undergoing further examinations in light of my recent illness. From there I go to Saint Anthony Center in Marathon for the monthly **Permanent Deacon Formation Program.** The following week I join my brother priests of the Diocese on our annual **spiritual exercises** at Saint Anthony Center. The week after that I will be in Minneapolis for the annual **convention of the National Association of Diaconate Directors**, the national organization for those who work in the programs that form men for service to the Church as Permanent Deacons. Lent is always a very busy month and the Easter Season is shaping up to be equally busy!

In this Easter Season our hearts and minds are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father whose mercy knows no bounds in sending to us His very own Son – crucified and risen – for the unleashing of God’s Kingdom in our fallen world and in our lives. **And more specifically, we cannot but be overwhelmed at God’s goodness in how He has so blessed our parishes!** Just think, several years ago our parishes had no connection with young men studying to be priests for our Diocese. **Deacon Billy Dodge** is now completing his fourth year with us and will be ordained a Priest June 27. We are grateful to Bishop Callahan that yet again he is assigning **another seminarian** to minister in our parishes over the summer months. And one of our very own – Elmwood’s **Levi Schmitt** – is about to complete four years of college seminary in Saint Paul. What is more, this past week our Diocesan Seminary Admissions Board recommended to Bishop Callahan that he accept Levi for the next phase of discernment and preparation for the Priesthood. So the Bishop has assigned Levi to study Theology at the Saint Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee this Fall. In addition, our parishes had *never* had a Deacon minister in our midst. God has been so good to us this past year, however, that we have had not only **Deacon Kevin Ray** ministering in our midst, but also Deacon Billy Dodge! Finally, these past several years have seen many changes in our parishes. Most parishioners have embraced the changes and are filled with joy at doing God’s will in the midst of new circumstances. For some parishioners, however, these changes have been a burden and all they can see is the negative. Yet **can we not see the wholly unexpected and undeserved blessings God has bestowed on us during these recent years of transition?! Did Jesus not assure us that for our sacrifices “for His sake and for the Gospel” we will “receive a hundredfold now in this time” (Mark 10:29-30)?!**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Luke, pray for us! Rev. Kevin Louis, STL

Stewardship for March 28-29				
<i>“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has -done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)</i>				
	Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Roof Fund	Easter
Spring Valley	\$1761.50	\$141	\$25	
Elmwood	\$1206	\$107.17		\$30
Boyceville	\$867	\$84		

BRIEFLY NOTED

Elmwood Altar and Rosary Society: We are collecting PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS to be used to purchase wheel chairs for children. Plastic caps (paper or foil liners removed) from beverages, tooth paste, detergent, shampoo, cream cheese, etc are accepted. **Water bottle caps need to be kept separate.** For details visit: www.capslove.com. **Please put caps in the pails in the entry of our church by April 28th.** The Deanery Meeting speaker will take them with her that night. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project!

