

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome new parishioners into our parish family. Please contact the Central Office for information on how to join.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM Elmwood
Thursday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Spring Valley

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday 7:45-8:15 AM Elmwood
Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM Spring Valley
Wednesday 6:30-7:15 PM Elmwood
Saturday 7:00-7:45 PM Elmwood



PASTORAL REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Easter – “Peace be with you”

One sentence that we hear repeated so often in the Eastertide is, “Peace be with you.” Every time Jesus appears to his apostles he greets them. ‘Peace’ is a word which features a lot in the Christian vocabulary. We use it so often especially during the Eucharistic celebration:

In the Gloria: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth; In the prayers after Our Father: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day; followed by the prayer for peace: Grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom ...; The peace of the Lord be with you always; We end the “Lamb of God” saying, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace”; And finally, in dismissing the congregation, the priest says, “Go in the peace”.

‘Peace’ forms part of other prayers and blessings too: An ancient Irish blessing says: Deep peace of the risen Christ to you! Our constant prayer for the dead is simply: May they rest in peace; and the tombstones of the earliest Christians were often inscribed with the words ‘In peace’.

‘Peace’ features so much in the prayers and the vocabulary of most world religions. It is so common even in secular conversations.

“Peace be with you” is an invitation to the apostles to be calm. Be at peace! This is the first meaning of Jesus’ greeting even for us today. There are moments in our own life when things seem to be going out of control. And we think God is absent! I often remember a poster that was in the dormitory of our seminary: “Sleep in peace, my child; for God is awake.” Yes, we can be at peace in our lives because God is awake. This is the trust that the resurrection of Jesus offers us.

Let this season of Easter and this Eucharistic celebration offer us a possibility of enjoying peace: to believe in God who is in control of our history; to participate in the life promised by the Lord; and to be a sign of peace in the world.

Rev. Prince Raja

OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	April 17	6:30 PM	NO Mass in Spring Valley	<i>Father gone to Chicago</i>
Wednesday	April 18	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+ Ilene bates (Marvin & Dell Jane Kannel)
Thursday	April 19	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Mickey Traynor (Jane Seifert)
Friday	April 20	1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Assisted Living	+ Joyce Weber (Jerry Weber)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	April 21	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+ Sister Marian Bauer (Arnold Bauer Family)
Sunday	April 22	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood (First Communion)	+ Adeline Crownhart (Tim & Marilyn Powell)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+ Terry Shafer (Family of Terry Shafer)

Stewardship for April 7-8th, 2018

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 1495.00	\$ 309.67
Spring Valley	\$ 1431.00	\$ 77.40

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News for All

Pierce County Ecumenical Choir: will be presenting their concert "His Spirit In Us" on Sunday April 22nd at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Spring Valley. Please join us as they celebrate the Fire of the Spirit and the River of Life that comes to us through our living, loving Savior, Jesus Christ. There will be a free will offering with a portion of the concert proceeds given to the local food shelf. Refreshments will follow the concert in the Brother Michael Center.

2018 Parish Pictorial Directory: It's been five years since our last pictorial directory was done and many new members have joined our parish family, along with a new Priest! So we will be working with Lifetouch Church Directories, as in the past. Our scheduled "picture dates" will be Thursday – Saturday, July 12 – 14 (At Sacred Heart Elmwood) and Thursday – Saturday, July 26 – 28 (At Sacred Heart Spring Valley). We will need a few volunteers from each parish to help with this project. There is a planning meeting scheduled for May 16th with our Lifetouch rep, Bret. If you are interested and would like more information on what type of help we need, please contact the Central Office. Thank you- Beth

Easter is a Season Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Pancake & French Toast Breakfast on Sunday April 29, 2018 from 8:00am to Noon in the basement of the Elmwood Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Pancakes, french toast, sausage, real maple syrup, pudding, coffee, and milk will be served. A free will offering is requested with the proceeds going to church restoration projects, scholarships, and to support youth activities.

St Henry Springfest Eau Galle WI Sunday April 29, 2018 Raffles, Plant Sale, Bake Sale begin at 3:00 pm. John Harmon Chicken Dinner served from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Advance tickets only! Contact Shirley Smith-715 283 4843 or Marion Baier 715 283 4463 Co- Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life Chapter 191.

This Week in FORMED: Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Using a popular question and answer format, Carl Olson examines the historical evidence concerning Jesus' controversial fate. Whether you are a believer, a skeptic, or something in between, prepare to be challenged by the logical arguments in this provocative and insightful ebook on Formed.org. Find all of this content and so much more on Formed.org. Log in to Formed by visiting www.formed.org/register –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

Pro-Life quote: "Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers." ~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

Attention High School Seniors – Scholarship Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus are offering a \$250 scholarship to any graduating high school senior who is a member of either Elmwood or Spring Valley Parishes. Please contact Mike Raleigh at [715-639-6582](tel:715-639-6582) for an application.

Elmwood News

Altar & Rosary : Would like to thank the family of Robert Weix for their generous donation, he will be missed by many.

Father Prince's anniversary: Please plan on joining us after 8 pm mass on Saturday, April 21st to help celebrate the anniversary of Father's Ordination.

Elmwood First Communion Mass: Will be at 8:30 AM in Elmwood on April 22. After the First Communion Mass on April 22nd everyone is invited to the Church basement for donuts and refreshments!

Elmwood High School Seniors: Applications for the choir scholarship are hanging on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

Elmwood CCD Reminder: Grades 7-10 are required to attend the Youth Rally to be held on Sunday, May 6 in Eau Galle. This is part of our CCD program, 11th and 12 graders are invited. Thank you, Marilyn Bowell DRE/Youth Minister.

Spring Valley News

DAA Update: \$20158.87 (98%) of our target has been paid. Thank you for your pledge donations and continual payments.

Religious Ed Coordinator needed: Becky Hannack will be resigning as Coordinator of our Religious Education at the end of this year and we are in need of someone to fill these shoes. We'd like to thank Becky for coordinating our program this past year!!! If you are interested in taking on this important role in our parish or would like more information, please contact the Central Office.

Eucharistic Adoration: We are looking for two or more people to permanently take over the 1:00 - 2:00 hour of Eucharistic adoration on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Laura Buchal at 715-772-4452 for more information.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 10th-June 14th and the theme is "Maker Fun Factory- Created by God, Built for a Purpose." On VBS Sunday, April 29th, church representatives from each church will share information and hand out registration forms.

THANK YOU : to Sarah Stein for answering the call to take over cleaning our Spring Valley facilities!!! When you see Jenny Hagen, please THANK her for keeping our church looking so nice over the past couple of years.

