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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



OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

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| Tuesday | April 24 | 6:30 PM | Mass in Spring Valley | + Mickey Traynor (Jane Seifert) |
| Wednesday | April 25 | 7:30 PM | Mass in Elmwood | + Susan Geraets (Bernard & Donald Hofacker) |
| Thursday | April 26 | 8:00 AM | Mass in Spring Valley | + Bob Bock (Jerry & Jayne Holt) |
| Friday | April 27 | 1:30 PM | Mass at Elmwood Nursing Home | +Lon and Elaine Thompson (Family and Friends) |

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Saturday | April 28 | 8:00 PM | Vigil Mass in Elmwood | + Virginia Lecheler (Altar and Rosary) |
| Sunday | April 29 | 8:30 AM | Mass in Elmwood | Ralph and Irene Bechel (Pat & Jean Bechel) |
| | | 10:30 AM | Mass in Spring Valley (First Communion) | + Mickey Traynor (Jane Seifert) |

Stewardship for April 14-15th, 2018
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

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| | Adult Envelopes | Offertory |
| Elmwood | Will have in next | week |
| Spring Valley | \$ 1546.00 | \$ 53.00 |

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday/ Vocation Sunday

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocation Sunday. So let us especially remember our parish seminarians, Levi Schmitt and Daniel Buchal in our prayers. The word of God today presents us with two images, the Children of God and the Good Shepherd. In today's gospel passage, Jesus emphasizes the self-sacrificing element in his own life that he is the good shepherd who is laying down his life for his sheep. He contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them.

The scriptures tell us of the extraordinary love of God for us has taken in Jesus the form of the good shepherd. The image of the Good Shepherd was perhaps the favorite early Christian image of our Savior and has a long tradition in the history of God's people. It is one that would be immediately understood by the people of the time. We have the popular images of Jesus the Good Shepherd carrying a sheep over his shoulders, or we have a smiling Jesus sitting under a tree, with a little lamb on his lap. This image of the shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus and his compassion.

The second reading places before us the image of the Children of God telling us how closely we are linked to the Father in Jesus Christ. Considering these images, in recent times this day has been known as Vocation Sunday, a day on which we are called upon to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Jesus came to earth to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Now he elicits human help to proclaim the Good News to the World and fulfil his mission by calling young people who can exercise their human and personal abilities to carry on the work of God.

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News for All



Baptism: Congratulations to **Jack Thomas Baier**, son of **Steve and Jackie Baier**, who is reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism today in Elmwood. "Remember Lord, Colton, who through Baptism, has been joined to your family. May he follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (Roman Missal 974).

Pierce County Ecumenical Choir: will be presenting their concert "His Spirit In Us" this weekend 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.

Ladies of our Parishes: Please join us on Tuesday April 24 for the spring Durand Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting at St. Joe's in Arkansas. Rosary is at 6:45 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

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.

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

This Week in FORMED: Truth and Life Audio Bible: Mark - The Gospel comes to life! This week check out this dramatic reading of Saint Mark's Gospel on Formed.org. This recording invites you deep into the extraordinary story of true discipleship and life with Christ. Be inspired anew to pick up your cross and follow Christ as you experience the Gospel in a new and vivid way. 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: "Pray that America will wake up to the tragedy of children being killed through abortion every day in this nation." Franklin Graham

Farmers' Hotline: With historically high numbers of farmers declaring bankruptcy, there is also a high amount of distress. There is HELP. The Farmers' Hotline in Madison is 800-942-2474

Elmwood News

Congratulations to the children of Elmwood: on receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 8:30 AM Mass, today, April 22nd and on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 7! First Communicants are: Cody Obermueller (Charley and Renee), and Polly Webb (Glenn and Amanda). May these children hold Jesus in their hearts and their love for the Eucharistic Lord deepen daily!

Note of Thanks: A big heartfelt thank-you to all the Elmwood CCD teachers, substitutes, students, and parents who volunteered their time and talents this CCD year and made it a success. It couldn't be done without you! Thank you, Marilyn Bowell, CRE

Father Prince's anniversary: Join us after mass this evening for cake and ice cream as we celebrate the anniversary of Fathers Ordination.

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: \$20330.30 (99%) of our target has been paid. Your continual payments are appreciated.

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.

