

# 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

## OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday	May 15	6:30 PM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Lon and Elaine Thompson (Family & Friends)
Wednesday	May 16	7:30 PM	Mass in Elmwood	+Lorraine Gilles (Ken & Ardith Claflin)
Thursday	May 17	8:00 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Mary Weix- Shimek (Robert Weix)
Friday	May 18	1:30 PM	Mass at Elmwood Assist. Living	+Arthur Cepek (Ken & Barb Cepek)

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday	May 19	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass in Elmwood	+ Leroy Keenlyne (Randy & Ruth Hartung)
Sunday	May 20	8:30 AM	Mass in Elmwood	+ Linda Weber (Lorraine Weber Family)
		10:30 AM	Mass in Spring Valley	+Lorne & LaMoine Hanson (Hanson Family)

**Stewardship for May 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

	Adult Envelopes	Offertory
Elmwood	\$ 1155.00	\$ 105.00
Spring Valley	\$ 2591.00	\$ 66.01

## **PASTORAL REFLECTION**

**Ascension of Our Lord: "Proclaim the Good News to all creation"**  
(Mk 16:15)



Today is one of those days when across the globe, in the Catholic Church, people may not be listening to the same readings. In many countries, on this day we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. In some other countries, however, this feast might have been already celebrated last Thursday, marking the 40th day after Easter.

As we heard in the first reading of today, Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:3) that Jesus was seen in his risen form for forty days. After those forty days, Jesus was no more seen in his risen body. The feast of today marks this stage of transition in the story of incarnation and resurrection – that Jesus is no more seen in his earthly body. Luke describes this "withdrawal" of Jesus (Lk 24:51) in terms of being "lifted up" (Acts 1:9). And Mark describes it in terms of "being taken up into heaven" (Mk 16:19). Hence, "the ascension" of the Lord! However, with our modern familiarity with rocket science, we shouldn't be led to think of the feast of today in terms of a count down and then Jesus being shot up to heaven! That would deny this feast of its depth.

What is the Good News? (In English, the word, 'gospel' is also used instead of 'good news'. It comes from the Old-English 'god-spell', meaning 'glad tidings', which is the literal translation of the Greek, 'euangelion' and the Latinized, 'evangelium'.) One easy way of understanding the "good news", is to consider it as the compendium of the teachings of Jesus. In this sense, the four gospels are the good news!

During the coming week, let us remember that Jesus, who has ascended into Heaven, is here with us, is present in our hearts, in his apostolic Church and in a special way present in the Holy Eucharist. As we live this Ascension of our Lord, let us look forward to experience him in our lives and be his messengers in the world of today.

**Rev. Prince Raja**

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## News for All



**Baptism:** Congratulations to **Aspen Wynter Vodinelich**, daughter of **Tom and Jenna Vodinelich**, who is reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism today in Spring Valley. "Remember Lord, Aspen, who through Baptism, has been joined to your family. May she follow Jesus your Son, with generous heart and willing spirit." (Roman Missal 974).

**Our Condolences:** Our *deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers* are extended to the family and friends of **Virginia Geraets** from Elmwood, who died this past week. "O God, who alone are able to give life after death, free your servant Virginia 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)

**Interparish Pastoral Council Meeting-** Will be Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Spring Valley at the Brother Michael Catholic Center. This meeting will be held with Boyceville, Elmwood and Spring Valley's Pastoral Councils.

**Changes coming.....** As Father Prince announced last weekend, he will be leaving us on July 5<sup>th</sup> and reassigned to the three parishes of Alma, Fountain City and Waumandee. With this change, Boyceville will be joining our faith community once again. Our new Parochial Administrator, starting July 5<sup>th</sup>, will be the Rev. Arockia Amirtha-Raj Stanislaus, who is currently Parochial Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Alma Center, St. John Cantius Parish in Fairchild and St. Joseph Parish in Fairview.

**OUR 2018 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL** The Propagation of the Faith office of our LaCrosse diocese has invited the diocese of KUMBAKONAM, India to speak to us about their missionary activities and challenges. Accordingly, **Rev. Mount Joseph Selvan Durai Raj** will be speaking to us during all the Masses this weekend.

**2018 Parish Pictorial Directory:** There is a planning meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at the parish office in Spring Valley. We are in need of a few volunteers from each parish to help with this project which includes signing up people after masses for two weeks along with helping during the photo dates. Our scheduled "picture dates" are Thursday – Saturday, July 12 – 14 (At Sacred Heart Elmwood) and Thursday – Saturday, July 26 – 28 (At Sacred Heart Spring Valley). Boyceville will now also be included in the directory. Please consider helping.

**This Week in FORMED:** Celebrate Motherhood! This Mother's Day, empower the mothers and women in your life with the talk "Feminine Genius" by Colleen Carroll Campbell on Formed.org. We rarely hear the word "feminine" used in a positive light, but this talk offers an empowering Christian understanding of the nature and vocation of women as it unpacks what Saint John Paul II termed "the feminine genius." Find all of this content and so much more on **Formed.org**. Log in to Formed by visiting [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register) –and entering in Parish Code: **CQH26N**

**Pro-Life:** "You formed my most inner being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!" Psalm 139:13-14

**Please note:** that we schedule out the mass intentions one month in advance. If you would like a mass said on certain day, please contact the Central Office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. We try to accommodate your request the best we can, however many parishioners have requested dates a year in advance. Thank you- Beth and Anne

**Father Prince** will be making a pilgrimage to Rome on May 28<sup>th</sup> and returning on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We pray that he has a safe trip and enjoys his travels abroad. Father Schultz will fill in for masses on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Father Prince's absence.

## Elmwood News

**Congratulations Graduates!** Sacred Heart Parish would like to congratulate our high school seniors: Rachel Fesenmaier, Hannah Feuker, Brendon Geraets, Carson Heath and Bruce Zignego Jr. The seniors will be honored tonight at mass. Everyone is invited to the church basement after Mass for refreshments and fellowship. May your life continue to be a reflection of God's way...His love, joy and peace shining brightly through you.

## Spring Valley News

**Ministry Schedule** for June - August will come out Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you don't want to be scheduled for certain Sunday Masses in June - August, please notify the central office by email or leave a voice message by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Offertory Envelopes:** When the 2018 boxes of Offertory envelopes were distributed, many parishioners received a different envelope number than in prior years. This year to make room for hosting the Easter Triduum, 23 unclaimed envelope boxes were taken to the central. If you didn't have an opportunity to pick up your 2018 Offertory envelopes, please call the central office to arrange to receive them.

## A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all **MOTHERS** *Happy Mother's Day*  
Beautiful and wonderful they fill the earth  
Gracious in Your call they carry life  
In a bond of love they bring forth a child. *Best Wishes*

We ask You to bless all **MOTHERS** today  
May they feel the joys of motherhood everyday  
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood  
May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION** be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today  
The pride and beauty of a family they bear  
Through all pain and sorrow Lord deliver them  
In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE** may they always stay.  
AMEN!

Read full Prayer at christianstt.com

**Prayer in Time of Change** : My beloved Jesus, anoint us with your will. May the joy of your dwelling in us draw others to you. Expand our vision to recognize your plan; warm our hearts by the flame of your love; open our lips so that we can speak your Word; extend our arms that we embrace your people; speak to us so we can discern the role you have for us. Filled with your Holy Spirit, empower us to become vital expressions of growth in your changing Church. Send your Holy Spirit to be our guide as we become the living stones of the Church linked together by love. Help us to be worthy ministers in the mission of Jesus Christ. Amen.