

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH celebrates CHRISTMAS

Solemnity of
The Epiphany of the Lord
6 January 2019

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 6 JAN

- 8:30-11:30 AM - Breakfast Café/Epiphany Party
- 7 PM - Youth Ministry, Kostka Hall

MONDAY 7 JAN

- 8 AM - Mass, St. Joseph / 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- 6:30 PM - First Eucharist Parent Mtg., Newman Ctr.

TUESDAY 8 JAN / 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-8/Mk 6:34-44

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ Mary Ann Powell)
- 4:30 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6:30 PM - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Newman Ctr.

WEDNESDAY 9 JAN / 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10-13/Mk 6:45-52

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ Stanley Kwasny)

THURSDAY 10 JAN / 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ Paul & Irene Koshollek)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration - 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet

FRIDAY 11 JAN / 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ Gertrude Schulist)

SATURDAY 12 JAN / 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

- 9 AM - Reconciliation

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JAN 12/13

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

- 5 PM Saturday (+ Alois Klein)
- 8 AM Sunday (+ Cordelia Cychoz) - 7:30 - Rosary
- 10 AM Sunday (+ Joseph Misiewicz)
- 6 PM Sunday (for the parish)



THIS WEEKEND A Breakfast and Party that's Worthy of Kings

The Spirit Breakfast Café will be open from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6th, in Kostka Hall. Serving egg bake, French toast, scrambled eggs, Fair Trade coffee, donuts & more. Only \$6. Also on sale - **Fair Trade** coffee, tea, chocolate and other products and the **Diocesan History Book**. Join in the **Epiphany Party** as well. Learn some quick facts about the feast we celebrate and have some great fun!

Continuing to Gather Gifts

Items collected from the Advent-Christmas **REVERSE-**Giving Calendar are being collected this weekend as we celebrate the Epiphany. However, if you missed this chance to bring your items, please do so anytime this week - to Kostka Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS QUARTER CONTINUES!

Join us at Holy Spirit Parish for some quick and fun parish formation that's simply connected to events already happening like Mass, Breakfast Café, and the feast of the day!

Next Sunday: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

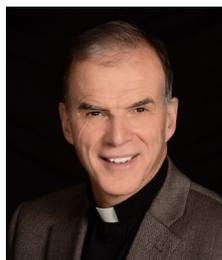
Plan to join in a Baptism Party/Reception after the 10 a.m. Mass

Monday Mass Changing Location

The Monday Morning Mass moves to St. Joseph Parish at 8 a.m. on January 7th. The city parishes participate in a rotation of the *Monday Mass*, with each of the four parishes hosting it *on* a quarterly basis, and with Fr. Todd Mlsna, our shared *associate* pastor, presiding.

Dear people of Holy Spirit Parish:

“We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage.” (Matt 2:2)



What a beautiful Christmas! I was sorry when the 9:00am Christmas Day liturgy was over. Through all four Christmas Eve liturgies and then Christmas Day, the church was awash in beauty, joyous song, and ... people! 4 p.m. Christmas Eve in Church was packed with over 800 people! We had another 150 or so downstairs for the 4:20 p.m. liturgy for families with children. 7 p.m. was full and 9:30 p.m. looked like 10 a.m. Sunday morning! I assumed that there were no people left in the country who hadn't already been to Mass and that Christmas Day would be sparse. But, no! Then too, the church was full like a Sunday morning.

All who came were welcomed, lifted by a beautiful environment, inspired by heartfelt music, and served with love. Originally I had planned to slip home after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and come back for the 9:30 p.m. But I stayed the whole evening, sitting in the back for the 7 p.m., taking in all the inspiring sights and sounds. Where does one begin to thank all the people who gave of themselves so deeply to make this such a rich experience?

It would be impossible to list everyone by name who played a part in our Advent and Christmas liturgies. But surely we must acknowledge our amazing Environment Committee who transformed the church from Advent purples into Christmas glory. Please thank personally when you see them next: Lori and Rita Brilowski, Chris Burch, Kevin Czerwinski, Tom and Marie Firkus, Pat Kedrowski, Ruth Kulas, Rita Kozlowski, Michele Miller, CC Nuck, Lee Olsen and Dave and Mary Owens. How blessed we are in them.

The list of musicians would be even longer if the choir, cantors and accompanists were to be named. Please give them all personal thanks when you see them next. And we must give personal acknowledgement to our Music Director, Mary Pionkowski. What a gift they are to our parish! The longest list would, of course, be the one naming all the ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, sacristans and altar servers. Kind assistance at the door, the Good News clearly proclaimed, sharing the presence of Christ in love... all were part of forming the wonderful, holy, communion we entered this Christmas. We have an amazing young man to thank for their recruitment, scheduling and coordination: Adam Witt. The shortest list, but equally important, would be of the parish staff who cleared snow, prepared worship aids, paid the bills to keep the lights on, made sure all our homebound were remembered, and formed us in faith all year long preparing us to receive Christ. We are so blessed in Sr. Barb Knauf, Zach Laughlin, Julie Meadows, Colleen O'Dowd, Lee Olsen and El Zwicki.

I sense that just as happened the first Christmas, there are many wise men and women here who recognize the working of God in our midst and who seek to do Him homage. The kings put their resources at the service of the Christ child believing the best thing that could happen for their own lives was for Christ's Kingdom to grow. I keep meeting people with great talents and abilities who would like to put them to God's good use, but wonder how. This fills me with hope for the months and years ahead.

We too have “seen his star at its rising, and come to do him homage.”

Fr. Steven J. Bruce

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Disciples called to worship, sent to serve.

www.HolySpiritStevensPoint.org

Rectory: 838 Fremont St., 344.9117

MISSION STATEMENT

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VISION STATEMENT

Holy Spirit Parish, encouraged by a legacy of faith, hope and love, commits to

- ◆ welcoming all believers and seekers; engaging college students to grow in faith;

- ◆ reaching out to those who have left the Church and to those who do not know Christ;

- ◆ encouraging members to share generously of time, talent and treasure; and,
- ◆ living a Gospel response in our parish, our community, and our world.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jack Bierman, JoAnn Chase, Casey Davis, John Eckendorf, Mary Ann Krems, Eric Leary, Deacon Rick Letto, Paul Peterson, Joanna Slattery, Pat Trebatoski, Kevin Weinfurter, Ginny Williams, Susan Zach

FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairs: John Clifford, Vern Schroth

BUILDING UPON A FIRM FOUNDATION

Chairs: Jack Bennett, Jack Bierman

Fr. Steve Brice, Pastor

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Joining Our Parish: Fr. Steve would be glad to talk with you about parish membership. Send him an email at frsteve@holyspiritstevenspoint.org or call him at 344-9117 to make an appointment.

Celebrating Baptism: Baptism is celebrated at Lord's Day Mass at various times of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child's baptism, please call Fr. Steve for more information. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation seminar.

Caring for the Sick: If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call Fr. Steve to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

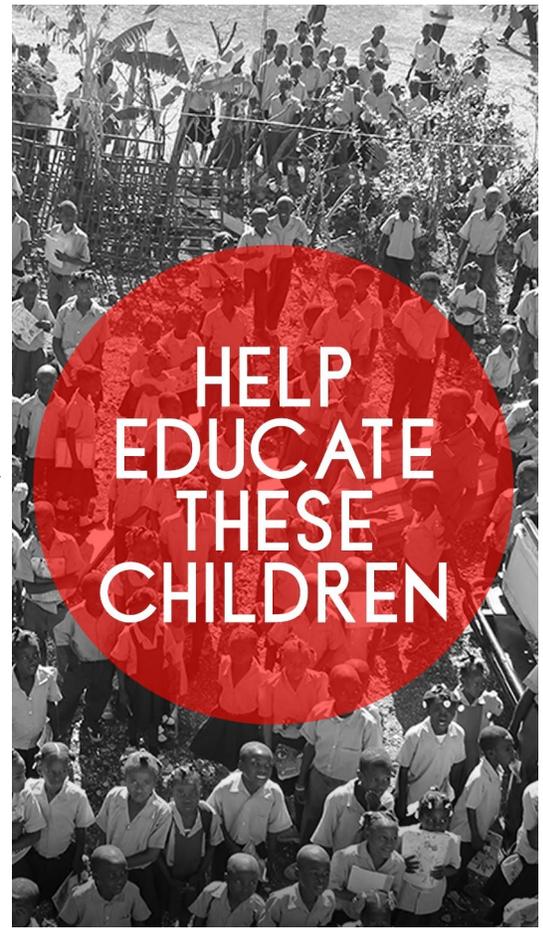
Facebook: Like us at *Holy Spirit Parish* and *Point Catholic*. Joining Facebook is easy. Go to www.facebook.com.

In the Gospel (Mt 25:35-39), Jesus calls us to “feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger”. We are called to help our neighbors in need.

This is the fifth year that Holy Spirit Parish has helped to pay the salaries of teachers at St. Joseph Parish, our twinning parish in Lalmomas, Haiti. Through the generous contributions of many parishioners, 52 teachers and principals in our **Twinning Parish in Haiti** are paid a full school year’s salary . The money raised is helping to break the on-going cycle of severe poverty in Haiti by providing teachers a stable monthly income and by helping ensure the students of Lalmomas, Haiti receive the education they deserve.

Teachers at our Twinning Parish are paid, on average, \$120 per month. Money is securely wired into individual bank accounts for each teacher so every dollar goes directly to the intended recipient.

The Haiti Mission Team of Holy Spirit Parish is thankful to all who have supported this effort through contributions of time, money and, especially, prayers. As we continue our commitment to this project, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this effort to the extent that you are able. Will you answer the Gospel call?



HELP EDUCATE THESE CHILDREN - PLEDGE FORM



Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Email Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Signature: _____

Please Make Check Payable to *Holy Spirit Parish*. Write *Haiti – Education Fund* in the memo line of your check. Place in the collection basket, mail or bring to the parish office.
 Electronic Funds Transfer is available: Please contact Sr. Barb for details at 344-9117.

PLEDGE OPTIONS

Option 1: One-Time Pledge in the Amount of (enter amount) \$ _____

Option 2: Monthly Pledge – 12 months (check off pledge amount below)

\$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$60 _____ \$100 _____ \$120 _____

Option 3:

I can support a teacher for 6 months _____ \$720.00 (\$60 per month for 12 months)

I can support a teacher for 1 year _____ \$1,440.00 (\$120 per month for 12 months)

A Continued Merry Christmas! Many thanks to everyone who accompanied over 2,000 people who journeyed through our doors to celebrate Christmas at Holy Spirit Parish! We had 28 greeters/ushers, 10 readers, 49 Eucharistic Ministers, 57 Music Ministers (including 2 choirs), 15 servers, 7 sacristans, 56 pews, 10 wreaths, 5 trees, over 3000 lights, 2 deacons, 2 priests, & a partridge in a pear tree. It's still Christmas! Keep up the good work!

