

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Lent 2019

24 March

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 24 MAR

- 7 PM - Youth Ministry, Kostka Hall

MONDAY 25 MAR

- 8 AM - Mass, St. Joseph / *Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38*
- 6:30 AM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 9:30 AM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 7:30 PM - College Women's Bible Study, Newman Center

TUESDAY 26 MAR / *Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ Marge Engebretson)
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 6 PM - Student Led Evening Prayer, Newman Ctr. Chapel
- 6:30 PM - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Newman Ctr.
- 6:30 PM - Celebration Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY 27 MAR / *Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-20/Mt 5:17-19*

- 8:15 AM - Mass
- 3 PM - Building Committee, Ellis Construction
- 6:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 6:30 PM - Faith Formation Grs. 1-6, School Grs. 7-8, Kostka Hall
- 9 PM - Late Night Mass, Newman Center

THURSDAY 28 MAR / *Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ Brian Woznicki)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 9 AM - Stations of the Cross - 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Newman Center
- 6 PM - Student Led Evening Prayer, Newman Ctr. Chapel
- 6:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 6:30 PM - Vision Statement Town Hall Meeting, Church
- 7:30 PM - College Men's Bible Study, Newman Center

FRIDAY 29 MAR / *Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 7/Mk 12:28-34*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ William Ostrowski family)
- 6 PM - 24 Hours For The Lord begins, Church, details at right

SATURDAY 30 MAR / *Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14*

- 4:30 p.m. - 24 Hours For The Lord Benediction, Church

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

3rd Sunday in Lent | 30/31 MAR

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

- 5 PM Saturday (+ Lee Yenter)
- 8 AM Sunday (+ Alois & Cecelia Walenski) - 7:30 - Rosary
- 10 AM Sunday (+ Irene Kenowski)
- 6 PM Sunday (for the parish)

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Fr. Steve's Question of the Week

What changes has Christ asked you to be open to in the past? And what changes is he asking you to be open to now?

Our small discipleship groups will reflect on this question at gatherings this week. Days/times/locations of small group gatherings can be found on the LENT information page found in this bulletin.



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD FRIDAY/SATURDAY 29-30 MARCH

All 24 Hours are being hosted right here at Holy Spirit Parish! We are honored to get to put into action Pope Francis' call to open churches for 24 hours so others can grow in trust, curiosity, and openness and to seek Jesus in the silence of prayer and the grace of the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us!

- 6pm -- Exposition & Adoration with silence/Reconciliation
- 8pm -- Adoration with Praise & Worship Music/Reconciliation
- 10pm -- Adoration with Prayers of Taize/Reconciliation
- 12am -- Adoration with Rosary -- then silence
- 2am -- Adoration in silence
- 4am -- Adoration in silence
- 6am -- Adoration with Stations -- then silence
- 8am -- Adoration in silence/Reconciliation
- 10am -- Adoration & Healing Service with Anointing
- 12pm -- Adoration with Rosary -- then silence
- 2pm -- Adoration with Divine Mercy Chaplet and silence
- 4pm -- Adoration in silence, with Benediction and Mass

The above are just 2-hour markers -- come anytime and for any length of time! The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 6pm-midnight and again from 8-10am. Watch for your parish newsletter for more information!

Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

“Believe me woman, an hour is coming..... when you will worship the Father.” (John 4:21)

Worship is the most exalted state the human heart can experience. To be in the presence of someone so good, so great, so beautiful that your heart opens completely and you pour yourself out to them in wonder and love, is the greatest joy we humans can know. Life is a gradual movement from the good, to the greater good, to the greatest good: God. The Samaritan woman had despaired of ever knowing happiness. She was settling for love in all the wrong places and getting more and more hurt. Jesus carefully led her to open her heart to the possibility that it was not too late for her to find the ultimate joy her heart was made to know. In fact, the source of that happiness was present to her as they spoke. But becoming open to a new life meant change. She couldn't keep all her old loves and worship the Father. Which leads us to our double question this week of Small Discipleship Groups: What changes has Christ asked you to be open to in the past? And what changes is he asking you to be open to now? I look forward to our sharing!

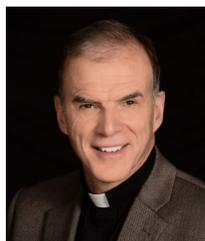
It is not through Small Groups alone that Christ is inviting us to open ourselves to a new life. I am thrilled to announce that last Wednesday our Building Committee set Sunday afternoon, May 19th for a Groundbreaking Celebration for our new Parish Center. I am also deeply pleased that Pat Trebatoski and Kathy Budelier are willing to coordinate that day. If you'd like to help, please contact them.

We are also working on a Sunday, May 12th Farewell to the Newman Center. We are imagining a prayerful taking down of the Tree of Life Stained Glass and other precious pieces and turning the keys over to the University. (Though we will have a few weeks thereafter to empty the building.). If you would like to help with this event please contact me or Lee Olsen.

This Thursday the 28th all those not participating in the Small Discipleship Groups meeting that night are invited to our Town Hall Meeting! This is your chance to have input on the Vision that will guide us for the next three to five years. The Parish Councils and Committees have developed a first draft found on page four of this bulletin. We need as broad a commitment to our Vision as possible. Please share your insight as to where you feel we need to go as a parish family. If you cannot be at the 6:30 p.m. meeting in the Church, please send your feedback to me at: frsteve@holyspiritstevenspoint.org.

Friday evening at 6 p.m. we begin the sixth annual 24 Hours For The Lord. Pope Francis initiated this as a way to extend God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Stevens Point Deanery decided to discontinue their multi-parish celebration so Holy Spirit alone will host this year's events. Please see the full schedule in the recent parish newsletter, but note there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration from 6 p.m. Friday through 4 p.m. Saturday. There will be confessions from 6 p.m. to midnight on Friday and again from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday. At 10 a.m. we will offer a Service of Healing with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. There will be a variety of prayer forms starting every two hours throughout the event - from Praise Music, to Taize, praying the rosary, and Stations of the Cross.

Come! Be open to the possibility that Christ is calling you to the fullness of life. Even now he stands before us saying: Woman, believe me, an hour is coming ... when you will worship the Father.



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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.

Campus Ministry: Point Catholic is the name of Holy Spirit's outreach to college students attending UW-Stevens Point and Mid-State Technical College.

You can learn more about campus ministry at our web site.

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

Transitions of Grace

Eternal Life: We acknowledge the passing of **Andrew Smrz, Charles Simons** and **Carroll Ross**. May they rest in peace.

Matthew 25 Collection at Masses Next Weekend



At the beginning of each month, parishioners are invited to donate items needed for area charitable organizations. Next weekend, please consider bringing these items to Mass to help support the Mobile Pantry: Peanut butter/jelly, cereal, spaghetti sauce/pasta, canned meats (tuna, salmon, hash), personal care items, toilet paper and paper towels. Please leave your donation in the entrance as you arrive for Mass.

Pastoral Council Election

This spring we are electing 3 new members to serve on our Council of 12 members.

Candidates, approved by the Pastoral Council, should be active, registered members of the parish. Each will be asked to submit a picture and write a brief paragraph describing personal qualities and experiences. You may decide to nominate yourself or nominate someone you know.

Nominations are due to the parish office on Monday, Mar. 25th. Candidate information will appear in the bulletin the weekends of Apr. 27-28 and May 4-5 so parishioners can study the list. Election will take place at all masses the weekend of May 11-12. New members will be announced the following weekend and begin their term in July.

Pacelli Fish Fry on Fridays

Gather Friday nights at Pacelli Catholic High School for a great Lenten meal. The menu offers a choice of homemade beer-batter fish or baked fish, deep fried shrimp plate or a combo plate. Returning this year: Homemade Mac & Cheese & Caesar Salad.

Prices: 3 pc. Fish \$11, 2 pc. Fish \$9, 1 pc. Fish \$7, Shrimp \$10. Carry outs are available: call 341-2442 after 4:15 pm.

Chrism Mass Bus Trip

Join the Stevens Point Deanery on Tuesday, Apr. 16th to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse.

Depart from the Holy Spirit Parish parking lot at 6 a.m., attend Mass, and make a stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe before returning home.

Cost: \$10 for the trip, with breakfast and lunch purchases made individually. Space is limited. To reserve your space visit at www.pointdeanery.org/chrism or leave a message at 715-303-7780.

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

Mar. 16/17

5 p.m.— 260 8 a.m. — 216
10 a.m. — 281 6 p.m. — 155

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Mar 16/17.....\$20,726.85

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target.....\$114,000
Pledged/Contributed.....\$66,949
Under Target.....\$47,051
Number of Contributors: 291 (30%)

Monday Mass Changing Location

The Monday Morning Mass moves to St. Peter Parish at 8 a.m. on April 1. 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.

Elsewhere

FRANCISCANS DOWNTOWN: The movie *The Visitor* will be shown on Wednesday at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Also at Franciscans during Lent, Fr. Placid Stroik will offer the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Thursdays between 2 and 3 p.m. (Mar. 28/Apr. 4/Apr. 11)

GRILLED PORK CHOP DINNER: St. Michael's Parish, Junction City hosts this event on Sunday, Mar. 31st between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meal includes baked potato, green bean casserole, applesauce, fresh salad, bread, dessert and beverages. Carry-outs available.

Childcare + Preschool

Did you know Pacelli Catholic Schools offers childcare starting at age 6 weeks and preschool for 3 and 4 year olds? Our licensed childcare program promotes spiritual, cognitive, and physical development giving each child the opportunity to engage in activities that are geared to their interests while challenging them at their individual ability level. In preschool, your child will be ready to succeed in literacy, faith development, and social skills preparing them for kindergarten. We're the building blocks to a strong future for your child. Schedule a tour today! www.pacell catholic schools.com

Tim Copps Early Childhood Center (Childcare-4K)

341-2878

St. Bronislava Elementary School (3K-4)

342-2015

For Your Prayerful Consideration:

Draft of a Parish Vision Statement

On the 28th of March at 6:30 p.m. the Councils and Committees will welcome parishioners to a Town Hall Meeting to gather in conversation and find out if this statement captures what is in your heart as well.

MISSION STATEMENT

Disciples called to worship,
sent to serve.

VISION STATEMENT

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

- ♦ engage and awaken people to the lifelong process of seeking Jesus through faith growth experiences.
- ♦ honor the uniqueness of each university student and empower them to become disciples ready for the challenges of the 21st century.
- ♦ meet the needs of our brothers and sisters with love, prayer, and service through acts of Social Justice and Charitable Works in our community, nation, and world, and extend this stewardship to all of Creation.
- ♦ invite all to experience a deep sense of acceptance and belonging, and share in the growth of authentic and supportive connections, through ministries of compassion, small group gatherings and fellowship events which reflect the love of Christ, so all feel welcomed and cherished.
- ♦ providing worship opportunities where all are welcome and welcomed; where each person feels supported and encouraged to meet Jesus in a real and personal way; where we are strengthened to go forth to share our talents and resources with others within and beyond our parish.
- ♦ providing every family, who would like, the opportunity for a Catholic School education.
- ♦ support parish committees with prayerful consideration and utilization of the generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure offered by the members of our parish.



July 28 **Spirit**
FEST 2019

Want to meet new parish families? Want to make Spirit-FEST 2019 a success? We are *still* in need of two committee chairs or co-chairs to join the team...Basket Raffle and Logistics. Notes and ideas are available from past chairs. We meet once a month prior to SpiritFEST and again for a fun filled day on July 28th. E-mail Brant Bergeron, bergeron@dco-py.net or call 347-2736 with your willingness to serve or with questions.

SMALL DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS WALKING TOGETHER DURING LENT

So far — so good! We've been amazed — like Peter, James, John, and the Woman at the Well and her community — at the ways the Holy Spirit has moved even in these first 2 weeks of small discipleship groups (including Spring break!)! The authentic freedom with which people are both giving and receiving each others' stories, reflecting about Jesus, God, and life, and praying for and with each other is astounding!

"Conversations like this help me to better define my faith and what it means to me."

"This time gives me a deeper sense that I am not alone on this journey; we are on this journey together."

"I came because I want to grow in my ability to share my faith. Being here reminds me we are all works in progress, but we have the chance to become more Christ-like through our giving and our sharing."

"Hearing these stories, it's amazing to see the way in which God has touched people's lives and, then, how we touch one another's lives."

So — there's still time to join us — there are 3 weeks left of gatherings! Also, think about the following things you might do together OR support OR remind about OR challenge yourselves to invite others to within or outside of your small groups:

Spend some time at 24 Hours for the Lord: 29-30 March
Area Reconciliation Service: 6pm on 2 April/St. Peter's (or anywhere — check pointdeanery.org for more!)
Volunteering to cook at Salvation Army/Tuesday nights
Meet at/volunteer at Breakfast Café (14 April)
Chrism Mass Bus Trip (16 April)
Holy Week/Triduum Liturgies
Holy Thursday Potluck (attend OR offer to help)
Easter Vigil Reception (attend OR offer to help)

EST. 0030

LENT

MASS EVERY LORD'S DAY

5pm Saturday, 8am, 10am, 6pm Sunday

WEEKDAY MASS

Intentionally seeking Jesus in the Eucharist
Monday 8am at St. Joseph Parish
Tuesday-Friday 8:15am at Holy Spirit

LATE-NIGHT MASS

Wednesday 9pm at Newman Center

RECONCILIATION

Intentionally seeking God's mercy
12-13 March 8pm-St. Joseph/Mission
1 April 7pm-St. Bronislava's
2 April 6pm-St. Peter's
9am Saturdays-Holy Spirit

ADORATION

Intentional encounter with Christ
9am-3:30pm Thursdays

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This devotion is prayed at the beginning of Adoration/Thursdays.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries at noon
Fridays at the Newman Center and
7:30am Sunday in church.

CHRISM MASS (Day Trip)

Tuesday, 16 April (deanery bus)

SMALL DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Intentionally seeking Jesus in our lives by reflecting on homily/gospel/questions. Weekly for 5 weeks beginning week of 3/10 and ending week of 4/7 -- this is our main Lenten offering!

Choose a night -- give it a try!

Mondays at 6:30am/Rectory

Mondays at 9:30am/Rectory

Tuesdays at 6pm/Rectory

Wednesdays at 6:30pm/Rectory

Thursdays at 6pm/Newman Center

Thursdays at 6:30pm/Rectory

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

6pm Friday, 29 March to

6pm Saturday, 30 March

Includes Silence and Song, Taize, Praise & Worship, Reconciliation, Healing Service and more!

Times to be announced

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Intentionally walking with Jesus through his life, death, and resurrection. Worship time to follow.

18 April -- Holy Thursday

19 April -- Good Friday

20 April -- Holy Saturday

21 April -- Easter Sunday