

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
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THIS WEEK

EASTER MONDAY 22 APR

- 8 AM - Mass, St. Peter / *Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-11/Mt 28:8-15*
- Parish Offices Closed
- Registration for Holy Spirit Quarter on parish website
- 7:30 PM - College Women's Bible Study, Newman Center

EASTER TUESDAY 23 APR / *Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-22/Jn 20:11-18*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ Nick & Alvina Kurszewski, DeKeyser & Friday families)
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6 PM - Student Led Evening Prayer, Newman Ctr. Chapel
- 6:30 PM - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Kostka Hall.

EASTER WEDNESDAY 24 APR / *Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-9/Lk 24:13-35*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ Brian Woznicki)
- 6:30 PM - Faith Formation Grs. 1-6, School Grs. 7-8, Kostka Hall
- 9 PM - Late Night Mass, Newman Center

EASTER THURSDAY 25 APR / *Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2-9/Lk 24:35-48*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+ William Ostrowski family)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6 PM - Student Led Evening Prayer, Newman Ctr. Chapel
- 7 PM - College Men's Bible Study, Newman Center

EASTER FRIDAY 26 APR / *Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14*

- 8:15 AM - Mass
- 12 PM - Rosary, Newman Center Chapel

EASTER SATURDAY 27 APR / *Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15*

- 9 AM - Reconciliation

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
27/28 APR

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

- 5 PM Saturday (+ Louis Rucinski)
- 8 AM Sunday (+ Stan Wysocki) - 7:30 - Rosary
- 10 AM Sunday (+ Peter & Josephine Zagrzebski)
- 6 PM Sunday (for the parish)

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!
WELCOME TO THE TABLE!
Signed—Sealed—And Delivered!**

It is with grateful hearts and abundant joy that Holy Spirit Parish welcomes Steven Farrel and Mariah Turenne as our newest fully initiated members! Keep watching for more about Steven & Mariah in the coming weeks!



Coming to an Easter Season Near You: Holy Spirit Quarter

Since we end Faith Formation Wednesdays so early in the season and because we are an Easter people — and we like to PARTY all of the Easter Season AND because we are Holy Spirit Parish (seriously, come on!) — we're offering an optional extension quarter this Easter Season for all students (Faith Formation and Catholic School) in Grades 1-6. Registration will be minimal, online, and found on our website beginning Easter Monday, 22 April. All welcome!

Dates are Wednesday evenings 1 May through 5 June (the Wednesday before Pentecost) from 6:30-8pm. We'll be making use of the school, Kostka Hall, and the church.

We're grouping grades together to form "discipleship communities" and we'll be looking for catechists and others to assist for this — Grades 7-Adult — all adults — are welcome to step forward! Watch your newsletter for more!



Want to meet new parish families? Want to make SpiritFEST 2019 a success? We are *still* in need of a committee chair or co-chairs to join the team in 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@dcopy.net or call 347-2736 with your willingness to serve or with questions.

Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above...”
(Colossians 3:1)

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!! Suffering and death are not the final word. Life and love triumph over death and despair. Wherever you are in your life, whatever your relationship with God, I pray the beautiful Lenten journey we have shared, these rich days of Holy Week and now this glorious Easter extend to you a share in Christ's victory. May you be lifted in hope, healed by love, and walk freely now as one of God's beloved children. For we are not historians who gather to just remember things from 2000 years ago. No, we gather to know more fully what St. Paul says in our second reading today: “If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above...” We come to know our own victory over suffering and death.

Christ's victory is being experienced in many ways. On 28 April the leaders of our Small Discipleship Groups will gather to evaluate our Lenten meetings and to lay out a plan for the future. I am excited about growing the victory we have won. Isolation and loneliness were overcome by the sharing of personal stories and respectful listening. It has been a very exciting glimpse at how the whole parish could be transformed and brought into a much deeper sense of community, and also of communion in Christ.

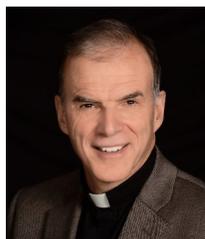
May 19th we will be celebrating groundbreaking for our new ministry center and church renovation. In addition to finally physically unifying our parish by bringing all of our ministries onto one campus, in addition to providing much needed new facilities, in addition to preserving our precious 100 year old church, this Groundbreaking Celebration marks the triumph of faith over fear, of hope over despair, and love over conflict and anger.

Holy Spirit Parish is saying to the Stevens Point community and to the world that we are committed to living and serving in this community for generations to come. In a world of constant change and uncertainty, we are giving the coming generations something they can be certain of. When many are shaken by the wrongs of leaders in the church, we are declaring that we are the Church too and there is more than enough beauty and life in it for us to joyfully remain within it. When the news is a constant stream of conflict and anger, we are pouring our love out upon the world. Come Sunday, May 19th at 1:30pm to the north side of the church to witness resurrection.

On the weekend of May 5th our Capital Campaign Chair Jack Bennett and I will have a heart-to-heart conversation at each Mass trying to convey to all of our parish members the importance of this project and the pride and pleasure we derive from being a part of it. Please contact Jack, myself or the parish office if you would like to become more involved in the rebirth of Holy Spirit Parish.

This past month our parish ministry committees took your feedback from the Town Hall meeting and put the final touches on their Vision Statements. On the Sundays of Easter I will be lifting up the vision of each ministry area to explore its meaning in the hopes of conveying to you the excitement the members of the ministry committee feel about it. By Pentecost we will be able to give full-hearted support to the kind of community God is calling us to be in the next 3 to 5 years.

If you are looking for a community in which to grow your faith, to increase your share in the risen life of Christ, give Holy Spirit parish a good try. In more than words you will find here: He is Risen!



Fr. Steven J. Brice

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Rectory: 838 Fremont St., 344.9117

Newman Center: 2108 Fourth Ave., 345.6500

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

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**

Fr. Steve Brice, Pastor

frsteve@holyspiritstevenspoint.org

Pacelli Catholic Schools

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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.

Transitions of Grace

Eternal Life: We acknowledge the passing of **Marcy Kirsch**. Her funeral liturgy will be celebrated on May 4th at our parish. May she rest in peace.

Social Justice - Catholic Social Teaching

We are fortunate, at Holy Spirit, to have a very active Social Justice and Charitable Works Committee. Our reflection and action grows out of Catholic Social teaching and centers on these 7 key themes:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person;

all human life is sacred

Call to Family, Community, and Participation;

we are social

Rights and Responsibilities;

all persons have rights and responsibilities to be met

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable;

how are the least among us faring?

The Dignity of Work and The Rights of Workers;

workers need to be respected

Solidarity;

pursuit of justice and peace locally, nationally, and in the world

Care for God's Creation;

protection of people and the planet...God's Creation

Please join us as we call on the Holy Spirit to guide our understanding and knowledge to create new areas of ministry and enhance our existing ministries. In the coming months, we look forward to sharing more of our vision and how we as a parish can live out our Catholic Social Teaching through works of Social Justice and Charitable Works. Contact deaconrick@holyspiritstevenspoint.org or call Deacon Rick at 344-9117 to learn more.

Let us live out the words of Jesus "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Point Catholic Campus Ministry



BEING GOOD STEWARDS

of time, talent and treasure

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

Apr. 13/14

5 p.m.— 288 8 a.m. — 256
5 p.m.— 353 6 p.m. — 254

Elsewhere

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

DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: All PCCW women are welcome to attend an Open Assembly on April 25th at 6 p.m. hosted by St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Fancher. Join in the chance to hear a great speaker, pray together and enjoy social time. There is a \$3 cost per person.

WALK FOR THE EARTH: This walk, with a Climate Change Awareness and Action theme, will be held on Earth Day, Monday, Apr. 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Meet on the Sundial at UWSP and walk to the Downtown Square and back. The goal of this demonstration is to bring together as many environmentally-based local organizations and citizens to amplify our voices to bring attention to the climate change issue.

SUMMER BLAST: Pacelli Catholic Schools will host this summer fun-filled experience June 3rd—August 16th. Open to all families in the greater Stevens Point community. Held at PCS St. Stephen School, the cost per child is \$168/week, \$38/day, \$8/hour (less than 4 hours) which includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. Questions? Contact lstremkowski@pacellicatholicschools.com or call Lee-Ann Stremkowski at 341-2445.



Enjoy our FAMILY LIFE Together!

This Easter season, the Family Life Committee invites all to



feel welcomed and cherished as members of our parish family, and to deepen our connections, through ministries of compassion, small group gatherings and fellowship events that reflect the love of Christ. Whether you are new to the community, or a long-time member, consider sharing more deeply in one or more of the following:

- Advent outreach to our parishioners at home and in care facilities
- Expectant and New Parent Ministry
- Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound
- Feast of the Holy Family Potluck and Game Night
- Funeral luncheon hosting
- Grief Support Ministry
- Holy Name Society for Men/Boy Scout Troop 298
- Meal coordination for those in need
- Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)
- Parish Reception hosting: All Souls/Confirmation/Easter Vigil/First Communion/Holy Thursday/Thanksgiving
- Spirit Breakfast Café
- SpiritFEST Summer Picnic
- Spirit Lunch Club
- THRIVE Small Group for Moms
- Valentine Dinner

To learn more about any of these opportunities, or to request support through one of them, please contact Julie Meadows, Director of Family Life at julie@holyspiritstevenspoint.org or 344-9117.

Faith Formation & Evangelization

Evangelization is the most important thing we do at Holy Spirit Parish — and really — that's our main goal as Christians: 1.) Go and 2.) Make disciples!

Anyone in an authentic and intentional relationship with any person continues to desire to know that person more and more in the context of the relationship as time goes on — and allows that person to know more and more about him/her. When that person is Jesus — we encounter a desire for lifelong faith formation — lifelong encounter — and lifelong growth. We are never done getting to know Jesus! Holy Spirit Parish works hard to provide intentional opportunities at the adult level that would inspire, empower, and encourage every member of our parish to find their ways and means to introduce other adults, young people and children in or outside the faith to Jesus! For more information on programs or other opportunities contact colleen@holyspiritstevenspoint.org

Many hands make light work

We'd like to invite your hands or whatever other talents God has given you to join us in some of the ministries that make our parish and church an inspiring place to worship. If you enjoy singing, consider joining the weekend Celebration Choir or the Resurrection Choir which sings for funerals. We are always happy to have new Cantors for Mass. If you are interested in accompanying on organ, piano, or other instruments, your gifts would be very welcome. Youth musicians, we'd love to have you share your talents with the parish as well. Not musical? Other ministries include Lectors, Ushers, Servers, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, members of a seasonal decorating team for our worship space, and members of a church cleaning team.

Think about it, pray about it, and see if this call appeals to you. For more information, contact mary@holyspiritstevenspoint.org. See you soon!

Keep in touch with us
via email and text!

Mass times,
weather cancellations,
ministry news & more

Text the word
POINTCATHOLIC
to 84576

Or sign up online at:
pointcatholic.flocknote.com



BUILDING ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

Exciting news! On April 10th our Parish Building Committee had its last design meeting with Ellis Construction Company. We went over the plans one more time to make sure everything was right before bids would be let out to subcontractors beginning April 15. The amazing staff at Ellis Construction believes that by May 1 we should have enough hard figures from the subcontractors for them to develop the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) for the new addition. Then we will know how far our dollars will actually go. In addition to the building of the new ministry center, painting the church, new heating, cooling and air circulation, and electric service in the church, a new baptistery and handicap accessibility, we are hoping to be able to include a new sound system for the church and a new parking lot outside.

Our plan to raise the \$4.9 million for the new addition and church renovation includes \$3.5 million in pledges, the sale of the Newman Property, parish savings and borrowing \$490,000 from the Diocese. The Capital Campaign Committee appeals to two groups of people at this time. To all those who pledged to make contributions over a 5 year period we ask you to consider fulfilling those pledges sooner. The new addition will be built with already collected funds, parish savings and proceeds from the sale of the Newman Property. The renovation of the church will be entirely dependent on pledge income. It would be wonderful to complete those renovations in 2020 rather than spread them out over another 3 years. Secondly, we appeal to those who have not contributed to the building project, perhaps because you didn't believe it would ever really happen. Well, it is happening! Your contribution will help us reduce the amount we need to borrow and so the interest we will ultimately pay. Whatever your ability to financially support the project please plan now to attend our Groundbreaking Celebration Sunday, May 19th at 1:30 p.m. and lend your enthusiasm!



Please consider making a pledge or contribution to support the future of our parish and it's ministries.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount of Gift: _____

Initial Payment (enclosed): _____

Balance: _____

Please make your checks payable to: Holy Spirit Building Fund

I/we prefer to pay the balance as noted in the next 2 years:

- Monthly Quarterly
 June/Sept./Dec./March
- Electronic Funds Transfer/Stock Transfers
 (please call Sr. Barb at 715-344-9117 for assistance)

The first payment will begin: _____