

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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December 8, 2019

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 8 DEC

- 7 PM - Confirmation Years I & 2

MONDAY 9 DEC / Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

- 6:30 AM - Discipleship Group/Advent Readings, Rectory
- **8:15 AM - Mass, Holy Spirit Parish**
- 5:15 PM - Grief Circle of Support, Rectory
- 7:30 PM - Point Catholic Women Bible Study, Newman Ctr.

TUESDAY 10 DEC / Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10-13/Mt 18:12-14

- **8:15 AM - Mass FTM** (Hilpert family)
- 10 AM - Discipleship Group/Advent Readings, Rectory
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6:30 PM - Celebration Choir Rehearsal, Church
- 6:30 PM - RCIA Team Meeting, Newman Center
- 6:30 PM - Discipleship Group/Advent Readings, Rectory

WEDNESDAY 11 DEC / Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30

- **8:15 AM - Mass, FTM** (+ Mary Ann Powell)
- 6 - Campus Ministry Discipleship Group, Newman Center
- **6:30 PM - Liturgical Min Training**
- **9 PM - Late Night Mass, FSB Newman Center Chapel**

THURSDAY 12 DEC / Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

- **8:15 AM - Mass, FSB** (+ Joseph Misiewicz)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration - 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 11:30 AM - Spirit Lunch, Kostka Hall
- 7:30 PM - Point Catholic Men Bible Study, Newman Ctr.

FRIDAY 13 DEC / Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19

- **8:15 AM - Mass, FSB** (+ Mary Klismith)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration - 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY 14 DEC / Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

- 9 AM - Reconciliation

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Advent 14/15 DEC

Is 35:1-6, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

- **5 PM Saturday, FSB** (+ Joe Trebatoski)
- **8 AM Sunday, FSB** (+ Jerry Willkom) - 7:30 - Rosary
- **10 AM Sunday, FSB** (+ Florian Klasinski)
- **6 PM Sunday, FSB** (for the parish)

Mass Presider Key

FSB: Fr. Steve Brice

FTM: Fr. Todd Misna

FDP: Fr. Dennis Lynch

FPS: Fr. Placid Stroik

FDP: Fr. Don Przybylski

This Weekend: BREAKFAST CAFE

The Spirit Breakfast Café will be open from 8:30-11:30 a.m. today, Dec. 8th, in Kostka Hall. Serving egg bake, French toast, scrambled eggs, Fair Trade coffee, donuts & more. Only \$6. Come to eat before 10 a.m. Mass or stay after either morning Mass for a great meal. If you'd like to volunteer to help at a future café, please sign up via a link on the parish website or call 344-9117.



FAIR TRADE coffee, tea, chocolate and other products also will be on sale.

O Come, All Ye Faithful . . . Ministers!

*Eucharistic, Ushers, Adult Servers, Sacristans, Readers
Long-time ministers, UWSP students,
New ministers seeking training*

It is the *joyful and triumphant* return of our
Lay Minister Evening of Renewal

When: Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: In the church

Why: *Christ the Lord!* Is coming

Come and behold! We have made necessary changes in
each ministry.

Sing in exultation! These changes will be more inviting
to you and those you serve.

All glory in the highest! This evening of prayer, learning
and review, reflection and re
commitment will be glorious.

Now in flesh appearing! Your presence will make
it so.

O Come, all ye faithful! Come pray, reflect and
recommit to serve.

Thursday: SPIRIT LUNCH

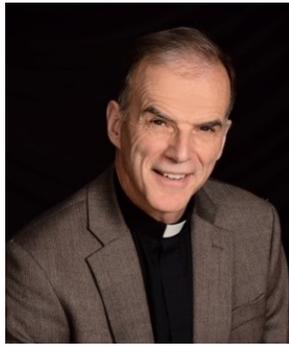
Parishioners who are free to gather from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. are invited to join for lunch Thursday, Dec. 12th. Sign up at church entranceways or call the office at 344-9117.



Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

“Repent, for the Kingdom is at hand.”
(Matthew 3:2)

When I think of the past, I become self absorbed in all of my mistakes and injuries. When I think of the future I get caught up in “what if, what if.” But, when I “stay awake” to the present I am filled with hope. This hope-filled present would be my home if I could just let go of the past and not get pent up about the future. I need to “repent” for the Kingdom is in the present.



I find in the present many sources of hope. Today, at the 10:00am liturgy, we celebrate the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance. Denise Werner, Jennifer Zinfandel, Randy Wittmus, Stefani Bautista, Nick Wachowiak and Meredith Mutza are in our RCIA program. Meredith celebrated the Rite of Welcome last year and is in her second year of discerning. The others were baptized in the Catholic faith but took various routes from there. Some were raised in non-practicing homes and so did not receive any other sacraments. Some were confirmed in the Catholic faith as youth but after spending decades in other kinds of churches, now feel the call to come home. Today in the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance they make public their desire to explore the Catholic faith. Please extend to them a Holy Spirit welcome!

After Masses this morning our Family Life Ministry and our Faith Formation Ministry are teaming up to spread Hope. We have forty eight parish members who are homebound or in a nursing home. Our Family Life ministry has asked families with children in Faith Formation, and others, to visit one of these parish members today and take them a Christmas Pointsetta as a gift. I was there at the Faith Formation Family Night when many families picked their home to visit. There was joy and excitement when people signed up to visit their own grandparents, or a neighbor or an old friend. Family Life leaders, thank you for “Waking us Up” to a beautiful experience waiting right in front of us.

This Thursday there are two great opportunities to nurture your hope. A few weeks back I read a small part of the personal testimonies two college students shared at the Fall Student Retreat. People asked me if I could somehow share the full testimony because they were so touched by them. Well better yet, the two college students will personally share their whole faith story with all those who come to the next Spirit Lunch at 11:30am this Thursday.

Wednesday evening is our annual Liturgical Ministers Enrichment and Renewal night. It will be a mixture in Inspiration and Perspiration. After reflecting on the privilege of serving Christ in the Eucharist we will invite ministers to renew their commitment to that service for another year. The perspiration will come from a review of the recent changes in each ministry’s job description. Although the many people who have volunteered for a first time through the Time and Talent Signup Sheets are welcome to come, Thursday’s gathering will be a brush up for experienced ministers. Ministry leaders will contact new volunteers and set up times to be trained.

Next Sunday at the 10:00am liturgy we will pray over Zach Laughlin as he listens to what God is calling him to next after serving us as Campus Minister for the past year and a half. At the final Student Supper of the semester, after the 6:00pm Mass next Sunday, students will have a chance to express their thanks as well. It’s Ok to let go of the past and not always worry about the future. There is so much beauty in what is happening right now. Repent, the Kingdom is at hand!.

Fr. Steven J. Buis

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*Disciples called to worship,
sent to serve.*

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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.



Please take time this week, to review and complete your Respond to the Spirit materials. Bring them to Mass next weekend or drop them at the rectory office. They can be placed in the baskets at any church entranceway. Thanks to all who've already returned materials!

Elsewhere

FRANCISCANS DOWNTOWN: The movie *The Christmas Blessing* will be shown on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Also at Franciscans Downtown: **Songs of the Advent and Christmas Season, Lessons and Carols**, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th at noon. Organist Bill Weinmann will help to draw us deeper into the great mystery of what it means to be human and fully alive in the God who loves us endlessly and came to live among us. Beethoven's Ode to Joy will be featured in recognition of Beethoven's 250th birthday. A free lunch will be provided by Graffiti's. The program is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information contact Fr. Placid at 201-663-1652 or Leo Jacoby at 715-341-2790.

COOKIE WALK: St. Peter Parish will host this event on Saturday, Dec 14th between 8:30 and noon (or till sold out). Cookies - \$8 per pound, Candy - \$9 per pound. Containers provided along with coffee and treats! Be sure to join in the fun.

BAKE & CRAFT SALE: St. Bronislava Parish will host this event - Saturday, Dec. 14th at 5 p.m., Sunday Dec. 15th at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Baked goods and holiday crafts will be available for purchase. Get what you need for the upcoming festivities!

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

Nov 23/24

5 p.m. — 205 8 a.m. — 258
10 a.m. — 256 6 p.m. — 205

Thanksgiving Eve 6:30 p.m. — 104

Nov 30/Dec 1

5 p.m. — 205 8 a.m. — 142
10 a.m. — 225 6 p.m. — 175

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Nov 23/24.....\$13,769.62

Nov 30/Dec 1.....\$15,803.82

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target.....\$118,185

Pledged/Contributed.....\$41,180

Under Target.....\$77,005

Number of Contributors — 179

WOULD YOU HELP LIGHT THE WAY?

Would you like to take an active role in our Advent liturgies? You can be part of the opening procession and come forward to light our advent candles. Sign up is available for families and couples who would like to help out at the parish website's Sign Up Genius link. You can also call 344-9117 to sign up.



Construction Zone Weekly



Inside our new Ministry Center painters are busy applying the final finish coats of paint to the office walls. The Gathering Space will be one of the final areas remaining that will have the walls textured, primed and finished painted.

A large stainless steel vented range hood, with fire suppression, has been installed recently in the new kitchen over the area where the convection oven, range and griddle will be located.



All the windows and exterior door units for our new addition have pre-finished champagne color aluminum frames with a thermal break, and have Tinted Low-E 1" glass. The offices will each have an operable "awning" window, with screen, at the bottom of the window units.

A pre-engineered 10'x10' Octagonal roof skylight is located above the Gathering Space area and also has Low-E 1" glass.



Holy Spirit parishioners can be assured that the new window and door Low-E glass and exterior wall and ceiling insulation implemented into the construction of our new center will result in dollars saved in heating and cooling costs for many years to come.



Christmastide Giving Project Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BABY SHAMPOO 1	DIAPERS (all sizes) 2	BABY BOTTLES 3	MEN'S WINTER HATS & GLOVES 4	TWIN 1/2 FULL SIZE SHEETS (new) 5	BABY WIPES 6	SHAMPOO and CONDITIONER for ADULTS 7
TODDLER PULL UPS 8	DIAPER CREAM 9	GROUND COFFEE 10	GROCERY GIFT CARDS 11	DIAPERS (newborn to size 1) 12	BABY BLANKETS 13	BABY BODYWASH 14
INFANT MONITORS 15	MICROWAVE POPCORN 16	BATH TOWELS (new) 17	BABY CLOTHING (newborn to 6 months sleepers/onsies) 18	INFANT FORMULA 19	DIAPERS ALL SIZES 20	BOXES of DRY CEREAL 21
BABY SHAMPOO 22	DEODORANT 23	TOOTH PASTE and TOOTH BRUSHES 24	RECEIVING BLANKETS 25	INFANT ONESIES ALL SIZES 26	INFANT FORMULA 27	NUTRIGRAIN BARS 28
GROCERY GIFT CARDS 29	GAS GIFT CARDS 30	WOMEN'S FUZZY SOCKS 31	BABY WIPES 1	PACIFIERS and BAND AIDS 2	BABY BODY WASH 3	BOTTLED WATER 4

Christmastide Giving Project

The Christmastide calendar offers an opportunity for parish members of all ages to honor the season of Jesus' birth and His birth in us. As we focus on what's most important to this season we attempt to reflect the generosity and compassion of Christ through our generosity and compassion.

The calendar on the next page identifies items that are requested by community organizations. This year's project will benefit Portage County Prenatal Care Coordination, Operation Bootstrap, Family Crisis Center, Kid's Closet and Franciscans Downtown.

The Christmastide giving project is something families can plan and work on together. Clip the calendar and keep it displayed in a prominent place. **All or a few of the items can be donated.** The plan is to purchase the requested items throughout the season and collect them at home in boxes or bags. As each item is added to the collection, spend a moment in prayer for those who depend on your generosity as well as for the organization volunteers and staff who respond daily to the needs of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ.

Finally, the bags and boxes of donations will be collected on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the end of Christmastide, the day we remember the gifts given by the Magi.

See page 6 for more information about these important agencies that provide much needed service to Portage County and our surrounding areas

Advent & Christmas

CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION

Holy Spirit Parish will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on:

- ◆ Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., at St. Bronislava, Plover.
- ◆ Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m., at St. Stephen Parish.

Other opportunities to celebrate this sacrament will be held on:

Reconciliation also will be offered at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Holy Spirit.

HEALING MASS

Advent is the season we prepare our hearts to receive Christ anew. Our hope in Christ is our focus for the season. On the first weekend of Advent we will pray for renewed hope.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday liturgies Nov. 30/ Dec. 1. All who need healing, whether physical, mental or emotional, will be invited to receive the sacrament. There will be multiple priests present.

Those who are mobile will be invited to come forward, as we do for communion. Those who are not mobile are asked to sit in the handicapped pews in the front. The anointing will take place at the end of Mass. Those not seeking the sacrament will be free to go.

HOLY DAY

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be celebrated with Mass at 8:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9th. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

LATE-NIGHT MASS

Amid the hectic pace of December, a mid-week break for silence, scripture and song might be just what we need. That's what Late-Night Mass offers at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 in the Newman Center Chapel.

ADORATION

Spend time with the Lord Thursday mornings and afternoons in church. Benediction is at 3:30 p.m.

CHILDREN SING ON CHRISTMAS EVE

A children's choir will offer a program prior to the 4:20 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Children in Grades K-6 are invited to sing or play their instruments as part of this Christmas Eve Choir.

Follow these two steps to get involved:

- ◆ Register your child by emailing mhofer@uw-sp.edu or calling 344-9117
- ◆ Attend 2 rehearsals in church:

Sunday Dec. 15,
11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Monday Dec. 23,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

HOLY SPIRIT WORSHIP

Solemnity of CHRISTMAS

4P Christmas Eve in Church

4:20P Christmas Eve for families in Kostka Hall

- Children's Choir concert at 4:00

7P Christmas Eve - Celebration Choir concert at 6:30

9P Christmas Eve

9A Christmas Morning

Feast of the HOLY FAMILY

5P Saturday, Dec. 28
8A, 10A & 6P Sunday, Dec. 29

Solemnity of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

6:30P Tuesday, Dec. 31
8:15A Wednesday, Jan. 1

Solemnity of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5P Saturday, Jan. 4
8A, 10A, 6P Sunday, Jan. 5

As we remember the Magi bringing their gifts to Bethlehem, this is the weekend we invite parishioners to bring contributions for the Christmastide Giving Project.