

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 15 MAR

MONDAY 16 MAR / *2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30*

- 6:30 AM - Small Discipleship Group, Conference Room
- **8 AM - Mass**, St. Joseph Parish
- 7 PM - PCCW General Meeting, Spirit Hall

TUESDAY 17 MAR / *Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12*

- **8:15 AM - Mass**, FSB (+ Albin Sowka)
- 10 AM - Small Discipleship Group, Conference Room
- 6:30 PM - Celebration Choir Rehearsal, Church

WEDNESDAY 18 MAR / *Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19*

- **8:15 AM - Mass**, FSB (+ David Schnur)
- 9 AM - Laudato Si Discussion Group, Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. - Finance Council, Conference Room
- 6:30 PM - "Inside Story", Spirit Hall

THURSDAY 19 MAR / *2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24*

- **8:15 AM - Mass**, FSB (+ Arthur & Stella Zagrzebski)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration/Stations of the Cross - 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 1 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Conference Room
- 6:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Conference Room
- 6:30 PM - Social Justice Workshop Meeting, Spirit Hall

FRIDAY 20 MAR / *Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34*

- **8:15 AM - Mass**, FSB (+ Joseph Misiewicz)

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

- 9 AM - Reconciliation

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Lent / 21/22 MAR

Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

- **5 PM Saturday**, FDP (+ Dunigan & Ziehr families)
- **8 AM Sunday**, FDL (+ Grace Albrent) - 7:30 - Rosary
- **10 AM Sunday**, FDL (+ Harold & Alice Smith)
- **6 PM Sunday**, FSB (for the parish)

Newman Center Farewell



Ministry Center Dedication



Mass Presider Key
FSB: Fr. Steve Brice

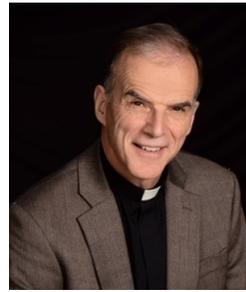
FTM: Fr. Todd Mlsna
FDL: Fr. Dennis Lynch

FPS: Fr. Placid Stroik
FDP: Fr. Don Przybylski

Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

“Believe me woman, the hour is coming when
you will worship...”

(John 4: 21)



Worship is what comes forth from a heart that is free and clear. A whole, and so holy, person is able to love with all their mind, all their heart and all their soul. The only one so good as to call forth our whole-hearted love is God. Though the Samaritan woman’s heart had been buried and hardened by five attempts at love that ended in pain, Jesus promises her that her heart will one day be open and free to love fully. She will worship.

The Samaritan woman takes the third step on our Lenten journey: She makes a decision to turn her will and her life over to the care of God. The first step was to be like Jesus in the desert before the tempter and recognize we can’t do this on our own. Secondly, like the disciples last week, we have to leave our fortresses to come to know God at work in this world. And now, thirdly, knowing God is there makes it possible for us to make the decision to turn our lives over to Him.

Even after sixty-four years of life and thirty-eight years of priesthood, the opening of my heart continues. I don’t know how else to explain the effect of this past week-end and the months leading up to it. The fear and defensiveness in which I have habitually lived, are steadily being overcome by hope and new freedom. The opening of the New Ministry Center makes me think anything is possible for Holy Spirit parish when it unites in common purpose.

From Bishop Callahan’s obvious excitement, to Fr. Tom congratulating us on the hard work of becoming one parish, to seeing all the people who were involved in the various committees stand and applauded, to John Krupka and Kevin Czerwinski handing over the keys to the New Center on behalf of the Building Committee to Paul Peterson, Parish Council President... the celebration in Church was heart warming and joy filling.

Then, we moved into the New Center packing the Gathering Space shoulder to shoulder. There Bishop Callahan “Dedicated” the New Center by declaring the purpose for which it would be used. He said:

This new Ministry Center will provide the Holy Spirit family a beautiful place for its many ministries born of your love of Christ nurtured by the Eucharist. This Center will provide a home away from home for University and Technical School students, supporting them on their journey into adulthood. This center will be a resource at the service of the whole Stevens Point community.

After the prayer Bishop Callahan walked through the entire new addition blessing each room with holy water and the sign of the cross. The formal portion of the gathering then gave way to the reception which was as elegant and enjoyable as had been the liturgy and dedication ceremony. The shrimp, the quiche, the home baked sweets and the wine lasted through the entire three hour open house despite the generous portions people enjoyed at their tables.

The joy in the room and the warm friendships growing there chipped away at my remaining fear and doubt. After sleeping ten hours Sunday night I awoke feeling ready to follow this God who has taken such wonderful care of us...anywhere. Though I’ve made this decision at various times in my life, I make it anew with an ever deepening awareness of what it means: I put my life in your hands God. Do with me as you will. Make Holy Spirit parish all it can be.

Next weekend I will be on retreat with our RCIA candidates at St. Anthony’s Retreat Center in Marathon. Pray that our candidates will take to heart Christ’s promise: the hour is coming when you will worship!

Fr. Steven J. Brice

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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.

Spring Break Ministry Center Hours

Our regular Mass schedule, and other programming as shown on the calendar, will be in place during Spring Break, March 16-20. However, staffing in the offices will be flexible. It would be best to call before coming to the office. Voice mail will be checked regularly.

Parish Council of Catholic Women

The Holy Spirit PCCW, which welcomes women of all ages, will meet on Monday, March 16th at 7 p.m. in Spirit Hall located in the new Ministry Center. Rose 1 will serve.

“Inside Story”

On the Wednesday evenings of Lent some of our amazing parish members will share their own experience with one of the Twelve Steps out of the tomb. We will gather in Spirit Hall at 6:30 p.m.

March 18: Don Zalewski



Don and Rita were once deeply involved in the parish and community. Today Don's life revolves around tending Rita as she enters into the frightening world of dementia. Don will share the inside story of how he has come to see this work, too, as part of the spiritual journey.

Pacelli Fish Fry

Gather Friday nights at Pacelli for a great Lenten meal. The menu offers a choice of homemade beer-batter fish or baked fish, deep fried shrimp or a combo plate and PB&J for children. Additional menu items available.

Carryout available - please call 341-2442 after 4:15 pm.

Chrism Mass



Make plans to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse on Tuesday, April 7th. We will depart from the St. Joseph Parish parking lot at 6 a.m. and travel to the Cathedral for Mass. Following Mass, we will head to the Waterfront Restaurant for lunch; weather permitting, we will have time to explore Riverview Park and downtown La Crosse.

Our estimated return time is 5:30 p.m. The cost for the trip will be \$25 which includes your bus ride and lunch. A stop will be made for breakfast. Space is limited and is first-come, first-serve. To reserve your space register online at www.pointdean-ery.org/chrism or by calling St. Joseph parish at 715-341-1617.

Elsewhere

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

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

Mar 7/8

5 p.m. — 213

8 a.m. — 149

10 a.m. — 410

6 p.m. — 166

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Mar 7/8.....\$24,255.87

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target.....\$118,185

Pledged/Contributed.....\$64,047

Under Target.....\$54,138

Number of Contributors — 272 (29%)

Haiti Chili Supper a Huge Success!

A sincere **Thank You** to everyone for your prayers and support of our **Annual Haiti Chili Supper Fundraiser**. The weather was in our favor this year and so was the generosity shown by the amount we raised for our Twinning Parish. We raised a total of **\$3,877.30** for our Haiti Mission to help Educate the Children of St. Joseph Parish in Lalomas, Haiti. This will help pay for a little over 1 month's salaries for the 52 teachers/staff.

Thank you to those who joined us in Kostka Hall for supper and to those who purchased chili "to-go" quarts, pies, Haitian Coffee/Chocolates/Metal Art, tickets for the basket raffle, and a 50/50 raffle. This was made possible due to all the food, desserts, beverages, and wine basket for the raffle being donated, in addition to the 50/50 winner donating her winnings back to our Haiti project. Thank you for your generous purchases and donations.

Thank you to our anonymous donor, who created additional enthusiasm with a matching gift of \$600.00 this year. We were able to raise matching donations of \$870.00, turning \$600.00 into \$1,470.00. What a wonderful sign of Christian charity!

Thank you to all those who gave of their time and talent and worked many hours to make this Chili Supper a success. Your gift of service has helped support our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



On behalf of the Haiti Mission Team, **Thank You**, for your ongoing and generous support of our "Help Educate the Children" Mission of our twinning parish, St. Joseph, in Lalomas, Haiti.

HELP EDUCATE THESE CHILDREN - PLEDGE FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____



Please make checks payable to **Holy Spirit Parish**. Write **Haiti - Education Fund** in the memo line of your check. Place in the collection basket, or mail or bring to the parish office.

Electronic Funds Transfer is available: Please contact Sr. Barb Knauf for details at srbarb@holyspiritstevenspoint.org or 715-344-9117.



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)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HAITI CHILI SUPPER!

**All proceeds from this evening go to
our "Help Educate the Children" fund.**

The 2019-2020 school year is our sixth year of raising funds to help support the teachers of our **TWINNING PARISH PROGRAM**. Through your generous contribution you can help support 52 staff members in the upcoming school year. Your contributions help to break the ongoing cycle of severe poverty in Haiti by providing teachers a stable monthly income, and by helping ensure the near 2,000 students of Lalomas, Haiti receive the education they deserve.

Teachers at our **Twinning Parish** in Lalomas, Haiti are paid an average of \$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** for all who have supported this effort through contributions of time, money and prayers. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this effort to the extent that you are able. There are many ways that you can do this. (See back side)

**LET US LIVE OUT OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT AS
DISCIPLES CALLED TO WORSHIP, SENT TO SERVE!**