

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 18 APR / Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15

- **MASS** (+Dunigan & Ziehr families) Private Mass FDL

SUNDAY 19 APR / Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

- **MASS** (+Janet Grubba) Private Mass FDL
- **9 AM MASS** (+John Brzezinski) Live feed/Video Mass FSB

MONDAY 20 APR / Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY 21 APR / Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

- **8:15 AM** (+Steve & Phillip Kohl) Live feed/Video Mass FSB
- **6:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group Zoom Meeting**

WEDNESDAY 22 APR / Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

- **8:15 AM** (+Rose Wolashak) Live feed/Video Mass FSB
- **6:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group Zoom Meeting**

THURSDAY 23 APR / Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

- **8:15 AM** (+Art & Stella Zagrzebski) Live feed/Video Mass FSB
- **1 PM - Small Discipleship Group Zoom Meeting**

FRIDAY 24 APR / Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

- **8:15 AM** (+Andrew Smrz) Live feed/Video Mass FSB

SATURDAY 25 APR / 1 Pt 5:5-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

- **MASS** (+Kluck & Kirschling families) Private Mass FDL

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Easter / 25/26 April

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

SUNDAY 25 April

- **MASS** (+Joe Gagas) Private Mass FDL
- **9 AM MASS** (+Mary Ann Wojtalewicz) FSB (+Jerry & Doris Siem) FDP
Live feed/Video Mass FSB

Mass President Key	FTM: Fr. Todd Mlsna	FPS: Fr. Placid Stroik
FSB: Fr. Steve Brice	FDL: Fr. Dennis Lynch	FDP: Fr. Don Przybylski

At the Ministry Center...

The Ministry Center and Parish Offices are closed, however, during regular business hours, the staff is still working. Be assured that email and voice mail will be checked regularly by all staff members. However, in the event of a critical need, please call the office to schedule an appointment.

The Church is open for personal prayer between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Please use the south door to enter the church. Other doors will remain locked at all times.

Please know that we are all keeping you in our prayers and hope that you'll return the favor.

Helping Those Nearby

The Salvation Army needs these items as it transitions residents, as they are able, into apartments to open necessary space in the Hope Center:

Bedding, twin size for the Hope Center and double or queen for the apartments, towels and washcloths, bathroom rugs, shower curtains, shower curtain hooks and rods, dishes, flatware, pots and pans, blankets, small kitchen appliances like toasters, coffee pots, etc., kitchen utensils and almost any type of furniture.

Lightly used freshly washed items are accepted. If you aren't sure if an item is needed, or to check on furniture donations, call the Salvation Army before taking donations over. Also, call if you have large items that need to be picked up. Their phone number is 715-341-2437 extension 202. Monetary gifts can be mailed to the Center or dropped off. The address: 1600 Briggs Street.

Small Discipleship Groups Begin This Week!

Even if Safe at Home you can still have the support of trusted friends each week. We are starting another round of Small Discipleship Groups that will meet online using ZOOM until the ban on gatherings is lifted. These groups meet for an hour to pray, to open up the scriptures for the coming Sunday and to support one another. To join, just let us know in the parish office by email, lee@holy-spiritstevenspoint.org, which group you'd like to attend and we will forward your contact info to the group leader. They will send you an invitation to the meeting. Times groups will be meeting are:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Thursday 1:00 p.m.



Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

“My Lord, My God.”

John: 20-28

He is Risen! The one who endured the worst this world has within it, is risen. And, because nothing in this world could hold him, we are risen, too. Risen from beneath the fear and despair that fills a world where death has the final word, the ultimate power. Perhaps this was part of Thomas' refusal. He had to make sure that the one who stood before him was the one who had endured the cross. Because if the man before him had not passed through the cross, had not risen from the dead, then death was still undefeated. When assured death had been defeated Thomas could join the others in proclaiming: My Lord and My God.

Though we were not there with Thomas and the disciples to see the nail marks and the piercing, we do see the same Spirit that raised Jesus, lifting people beyond the grasp of death all around us.

In the midst of the greatest crisis to hit the world since World War II, people have been acting out of love and concern for others rather than out of fear and self interest. Along with those that are rightly acknowledged in the news, like medical staff and teachers, I'd like to recognize some of those that aren't.

Our team of parish volunteers is working its way through checking in on all of our members over 80 years of age. So far everyone has been in good spirits, usually because they have family close by checking on them. The Family Life Committee is moving on to begin contacting younger adults who live alone or may have other special needs.

Though no pastor would ask to celebrate Holy Week in an empty Church, it was a blessing to work with such committed and skillful musicians, lectors and technology specialists. Thank you for leaving the comfort and safety of your own homes to provide spiritual nourishment to people in a time of real spiritual need. And that is people with a capital “P”. We have had far more people taking part in liturgies on line than we had in person.

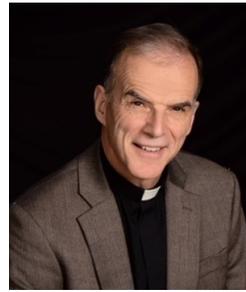
And I lift up as death defying all of you who have been staying at home to help stop the spread of this virus. It is the same Spirit that moved Christ that moves someone to forego their own comforts so that others may live and doctors have fewer people to treat.

I've gotten many notes from people about how this crisis has also brought them closer to God. Christine Neidlein wrote: “This crazy time has made me introspective and realize what's really important in life.” Justine Brilowski wrote: “Len and I feel that because we have no distractions during the video Masses, we are more tuned in and holding every word and action closer to our hearts.” Paulette Bye wrote after the online Palm Sunday liturgy: “How precious the gift we have all shared together. For all who have made this possible, you will never know how deeply we have been fed. God bless you.”

And we should add our staff and Councils. We are using this time to develop our own skills through online course work and we are laying the ground work for a vibrant parish life after we are freed from hibernation. The budgeting process for the new year continues, preparations for the renovation of the church continue, plans are underway for the feasibility study for the well in Haiti, Julie Meadows is working her way through the learning curve for her new role as Director of Faith Formation, and Jessica Enstad is well into planning student suppers and retreats for Fall. These, too, are acts that refuse to let death be the final word.

Have we not seen enough to cry with Thomas: My Lord, My God!

Fr. Steven J. Brice



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sent to serve.*

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FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairs: John Clifford, Vern Schroth

Keep in touch

We will continue to use email and Flocknote to be in touch with you.

Facebook provides not only a way to be in touch but also to take part in daily and Sunday Mass through a Live Video Feed. Log into the parish Facebook page, **Holy Spirit Parish**, at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. on Sunday to watch the Mass live. You can always watch these video at any time, again, through our Facebook page.

For those that are able, know that your financial support is greatly needed and appreciated. You can mail your envelopes to the parish or set up an automatic bill pay with your bank. The Diocese has set up an option that directs debit and credit card giving to each parish. The link for this program can be found on the parish website. Questions? Call Sr. Barb at 344-9117.

Support for those in need

Because of the Coronavirus, each and every one of us is experiencing enormous changes, and growing challenges, in our daily life. For the first time, you may find yourself filing for unemployment benefits and waiting anxiously for a check; you may be confronted with the agonizing decision of whether to pay the utility bill or buy groceries; you may no longer be able to care for yourself and your loved ones in ways familiar and comfortable to you, and you are grieving and needing support.

Please know that you are not alone in your need, or in your uncertainty about when and where to ask for help. Below is a list of community agencies that can assist you with securing food, paying bills, etc. In addition to this list, the parish is offering grocery gift cards to parishioners who ask and encouraging you to draw on

our Works of Mercy fund. Contributing to this fund, if you are able, is also most welcomed. Finally, having someone to talk and pray

with may ease some of the burden of this time. Whatever your concern, please call the parish office: 344-9117 ext. 1. We are here to help.

Emergency Services 715-344-7438

Refers to: **Operation Bootstrap**

Food Pantry, clothing, shelter, medical & dental assistance, housewares, transportation assistance, holiday baskets and other emergency needs

United Way 211

CAP Services 715-343-7175

Registration for various assistance programs

Family Crisis Center 1616 West River Drive 715-343-7125

Facility and phone staffed 24/7

Full pantry, household supplies, grocery gift cards

Energy Assistance Program 715-344-5999

Stevens Point Area School District

Weekday grab and go breakfast and lunch to any child 18 or

under, regardless of enrollment. Pick up between 10 a.m. and noon at any area public school.

Boys and Girls Club of Stevens Point 941 Michigan Avenue

Boys and Girls Club of Plover 2401 Cedar Drive
Daily grab and go snack and dinner to any child 18 or under. Friday Backpack for Hope with food for a family for the weekend.

Aging & Disability Center Meals During Pandemic

1519 Water Street 715-346-1401

Grab and go meals are available to those over 60 years of age on Wednesdays. One hot meal and up to 6 frozen meals can be picked up each week. Must call to pre-register.

Meals on Wheels 41 Park Ridge Drive 715-341-0081

Currently, delivering cold meals 5 days a week and hot meals 2 days a week.

Salvation Army Hope Center 1600 Briggs Street, St. Pt. 715-341-2437

Housing, Full Pantry

Daily Meals to Go. Emergency food share on weekends.

Community Thrift Store & Food Pantry 2124 Rice Street

715-344-7395

Food Pantry Each Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Interfaith Food Pantry 2820 Post Road, Plover

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Welcome 2 times per month

Rosholt Food Pantry 247 Depot Street, Rosholt

1st & 3rd Mondays 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Mobile Pantry 715-341-9922

Monthly food pantry delivery to residents in outlying areas 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

From the beginning, the people of God have always seen each other through difficult times. Today, together, we will meet one another's cares and concerns with deep and abiding faith, good-humored resolve and that Spirit-led compassion to bring healing and hope that is the heart of our life in Christ.



“Too Much Togetherness!”

If Jan and Stan Berenstain, of the Berenstain Bears book fame, were writing about a couple's experience during the COVID-10 pandemic, they might just entitle their book, “Too Much Togetherness!” Then, with their typical good humor and graciousness, they would illustrate a handful of incidents in with the virtues essential to upholding a good marriage are temporarily lacking before, in a pivotal personal moment, Pap Bear and Mama Bear each return to virtues, values and practices that renew their relationship and restore a sense of love and peace to their home. If you and your spouse are experiencing “too much togetherness,” right now, explore this video series offered by the Diocese of La Crosse:

Watch these 4 short videos, together with your spouse, about the virtues that help us keep sanity in our life: Prudence, Justice, Courage, and Temperance. These habits help you mature as persons, grow in holiness, and strengthen your marriage. To access this free program, go to: the-virtues.net/online-free-program/



Haiti Well Project Info

This update, which provides a detailed background of what's happening on this project, was written for publication in the March newsletter which we didn't produce. We are grateful to all who've supported this project to date, especially through our Good Friday collection.

Over the past of couple months (since our last update in January), the Haiti Well Project Team has continued to evaluate the potential of drilling a well at St. Joseph School/Rectory in Lalomas, Haiti.

Rick Zahn, has continued dialogue with the Director of Haiti Outreach, Neil Van Dine, on the feasibility of drilling a well in Lalomas. Neil has provided us with a sample "desktop" Hydrogeological Assessment. The study provides an overview of an area without actually drilling a well. This is the first step in the process of drilling a well. Our plan is to work with the company that Haiti Outreach uses for drilling wells, Northwater International.

We will submit to Northwater International a **Request for Proposal** on what it would cost to provide a "desktop" **Hydrogeological Assessment** for Lalomas. Northwater, is a U.S. based company with an operation in Port Au Prince, Haiti.

Initial estimates show this **study** would cost between **\$1,500 and \$3,000** depending upon how much work would need to be done. In order for this project to get off the ground we would need to take this first step. We need to understand the geology of the Lalomas area in order to take the next couple of steps in drilling a well. The **next step** after the desktop study would be to drill test wells for depth. And the **final step** would be to chose the right location and depth of a well. These next two steps could cost up to \$10,000 for test wells and up to an additional \$25,000.00 for the final well. These are ballpark estimates. We will get a better idea once the "desktop" hydrogeological study is completed.

To help assist in financing the overall project, we will also be **seeking a grant** to offset the cost of the whole project. It is possible that we could obtain half the cost of the well if provided a grant. A "Letter of Intent" will be submitted to the **Mary Alphonse Bradley Fund**. Mother Mary Alphonse Bradley, was the first prioress for the Ladysmith Servite Sisters. Her vision of serving those in need lives on through the Mary Alphonse Bradley Fund. The Letter of Intent is due April 1, 2020 and if acceptable, we can submit a Grant Application which will be due on September 1, 2020.

We continue to pray that our Lord will provide the resources necessary to help our brothers and sisters to have clean drinking water.



Point Catholic Future

It has been a baptism by fire stepping into this new role as Campus Minister for Holy Spirit Parish, but a fruitful, growing experience nonetheless. After many months of discernment between doing a year of service abroad and continuing on as Campus Minister for HSP, I have decided to commit to another year of serving the students here at Point Catholic.

Jessica Enstad



Holy Spirit Parish was a home for me throughout college and I am excited to be here a while longer to form and deepen relationships with students and parishioners. I'm so blessed to walk into a full time job right out of college into a wonderful and supportive community of people. I have truly felt that every person I've encountered at Holy Spirit Parish has gone above and beyond to make sure I succeed and am loved. I am looking forward to implementing a year of programming in the Ministry Center and building a positive environment for students in our beautiful new space when we are all together again!

I was just beginning to feel comfortable and confident in my role as Campus Minister when I was presented with another challenge. I was expected to be a Campus Minister

with no students on campus!! With the wisdom and encouragement of many people, I am now implementing all of our ministries virtually! It is incredible to continue to gather as a community for bible study, to pray the rosary and to intentionally build relationships with each other from afar! Romans 5:4-6 has been a good reminder during this difficult time. "Knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint."

Earth Week's 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary of Earth Day is April 22. Each day during Earth Week, starting Sunday, April 19, our Social Justice Committee will be posting a link on the Holy Spirit Facebook page. The links direct readers to interesting articles pertaining to our environment, starting with the history of Earth Day and including the "care for our common home," as Pope Francis wrote in his Encyclical in 2015, *Laudato Si*.



Go to www.facebook.com/holy-spiritstevenspoint to find a new link each day. Please join us in celebrating God's creation and committing to our role in being good stewards of our beautiful planet, Earth.