

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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THIS WEEK

***All Meetings held via "Zoom"**

SUNDAY 10 MAY

- 4 PM - Confirmation, Yr. 1 & 2

MONDAY 11 MAY / Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

- 7 PM - Point Catholic Bible Study

TUESDAY 12 MAY / Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Kurszewski family) Live feed/Video FSB
- 9:30 AM - Parish Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY / Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Sophie Sigman) Live feed/Video FSB
- 6:30 PM - Alpha Team Meeting
- **8 PM - Late Night Mass** Live feed/Video FSB

THURSDAY 14 MAY / Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Don Soderberg) Live feed/Video FSB
- 1 PM - Small Discipleship Group
- 6:30 PM - Sacred Worship Committee Meeting

FRIDAY 15 MAY / Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Mary Ann Powell) Live feed/Video FSB
- 1 PM - Point Catholic Facebook Live

SATURDAY 16 MAY / Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

- **MASS** (+ Tom Trebatoski) Private FDP

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter / 16/17 MAY

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

- **MASS** (+ John & Mary Ritchay) Private FDL
- **9 AM - MASS** (+ Ramona Lehman) Live feed/Video FSB

FSB: Fr. Steve Brice

FDL: Fr. Dennis Lynch

FDP: Fr. Don Przybylski

TWEETING @PONTIFEX



"Some ideas cause division to the point that the idea is more important than the Holy Spirit who guides us. May the Lord free us from divisions, and help us understand this great mystery of Jesus: He is everyone's Shepherd, in Him we are all brothers and sisters."

Follow Pope Francis (@pontifex) at www.twitter.com

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.

Year Devoted to St. Joseph

St. Joseph – We need his intercession! On May 1st, Bishop Callahan held Mass to begin a special year of thanksgiving, petition and honor to St. Joseph. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX's decree naming St. Joseph Patron and Protector of the Universal Church. Why is it so important that we turn to St. Joseph for his help during these very difficult times? Four of St. Joseph's numerous titles provide a brief sampling of the importance of St. Joseph as our spiritual father. As Head of the Holy Family, you can ask for his protection and safety for each member of your family. As Comfort of the Afflicted, you can turn to him for comfort through the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. As Hope of the Sick, you can turn to him for hope if you or someone you know is sick. As Patron of the Dying, you can entrust those who are dying to him, as St. Joseph died a happy death gazing upon Jesus and resting in the arms of Mary. God desires that each one of us die a happy death, similar to that of St. Joseph. Follow the Diocesan website: diolc.org for further information and possible events.

Open Hearts and Open Doors

During and after the current pandemic crisis, it is important to maintain and nurture a feeling of community and a sense of connection. One of the simplest ways to continue is to have conversations with those who welcome you into their hearts. In addition to family, friends and your parish, Fr. Dennis Lynch and Sandy Setterlund, both certified Spiritual Directors, are available to talk, listen and pray with you. Fr. Dennis Lynch: 630-9120; Sandy Setterlund: 323-0234.

Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

"I am the way, the truth and the life."
(John 14:6)

UWSP Graduation Ceremonies were scheduled for next Saturday, May 16th. A good number of those who were very involved in Point Catholic Ministries this past year are graduating seniors. It is always an act of courage and hope to leave college, spread your wings and take flight in a very big world. Those graduating this year have unknowns to face that we could not have imagined just two months ago. It gives me peace to know that the remarkable young men and women who have walked with us at Holy Spirit these past four years have the advantage of knowing: Jesus is still the way, the truth and the life.

Graduates, we love you. We are proud of you. And know that you always have a family here at Holy Spirit parish praying for you. Come back and visit!

Remembering that Jesus remains the way, the truth and the life is good counsel for we older travelers too. This past week there has been a flurry of work on putting out guidelines regarding how we will conduct worship in each phase of the Badger Bounce Back process. I've read guidelines now from The Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Green Bay and one in Michigan.

One says giving communion on the tongue is fine, another says only on the hand, and another that we should not distribute communion at all until full mobility is restored. There are differences about how confessions should be heard and about how to handle funerals. We will wait and see where Bishop Callahan comes down on things, but we need not grow anxious or concerned because: Jesus is still the way, the truth and the life.

This coming Thursday our Sacred Worship Committee will meet to study all of the current guidance from the state and bishops and begin to work out our plan for slowly returning to gathering at Church.

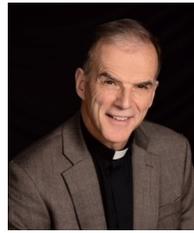
One group that seems as clear about their direction and purpose as ever is Ellis Construction. This past week Jim Anderson sent me the following rough schedule for the renovation of the Church. Where we had earlier thought we would need to spread the work out over the coming year the plan is now to do several parts all together to save time and expense.

The present plan is to start the HVAC right after Memorial Day finishing in later June or early July. The electrical work and the baptistery installation would then begin with the goal of finishing it all before school starts in the fall.

The new sound system is not a part of our contract with Ellis but is a project we have contracted directly with Audio Architects. At present they are also developing a proposal to put in a video system that would allow us to continue live streaming and recording liturgies even after the church is full of people again. (Presently we have cords running across the floor and a camera standing in the center aisle.) Audio Architects will coordinate their work with the electrical work done by Ellis.

The painting is still being planned for next summer when it would be easiest for us to worship in Spirit Hall. Though, in my own mind at least, depending on how the virus goes, perhaps an earlier window could be found. The Sacred Worship Committee asked the Contractors, Church Interiors Inc., to provide a couple of more options for colors before we present the options to all of you.

As much as I long to see the renovation work complete, as much as I long for the new ministry center to be filled with people again, as much as I long to celebrate Eucharist with a packed church again... I am not anxious or afraid. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.



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sent to serve.*

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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 videos at any time, again, through our Facebook page.

For those who 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.

Fr. Steven J. Brice