

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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THIS WEEK

*All Meetings held via "Zoom"

MONDAY 15 JUN / *1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-7/Mt 5:38-42*

- 1 PM - Phase II Owner/Contractor Meeting
- 7:30 PM - Point Catholic Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY 16 JUN / *1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16/Mt 5:43-48*

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Joseph Misiewicz) Live feed/Video FSB
- 9:30 AM - Parish Staff Meeting
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry

WEDNESDAY 17 JUN / *2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20-21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Oretha Golla) Live feed/Video FSB
- 6 PM - Alpha Pilot Series Gathering

THURSDAY 18 JUN / *Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-7/Mt 6:7-15*

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Irene Skibba) Live feed/Video FSB
- 6 PM - Pastoral Council Meeting
- 7:30 PM - Point Catholic Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY 19 JUN / *Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30*

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Derek Firkus) Live feed/Video FSB

SATURDAY 20 JUN / *2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 2:41-51*

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

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 20/21 JUN

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

SUNDAY 21 JUN

- **9 AM - MASS** (+ Frank Richter) FSB (Alois Iwanski) FDP Live feed/Video

Mass Presider Key

FSB: Fr. Steve Brice

FTM:

Fr. Todd Mlsna

FDL:

Fr. Dennis Lynch

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.

Haiti Well Project Update



We continue to move forward with the Haiti Well project. In the past month we looked into additional options for drilling wells in Haiti, were in communication with Fr. Max and Fr.

Eveneau (former Pastor) about the current water infrastructure at the rectory and school, and prepared a draft "Request for Proposal". In the end, we will stick with sending a "Request for Proposal" to North Water International. Our plan is to have this sent out in the coming week. Fr. Max and Fr. Eveneau were very helpful in providing us with information.

A more detailed update on the project and other issues with the COVID-19 virus will be provided in the upcoming Parish Advocate. Thank you for your continued support of this project!

Voter Registration

"The Holy Spirit Social Justice Ministry Committee exists to **advocate, educate, and assist** parish members to participate in specifically chosen projects to bring forth the reign of God on earth.

Voter registration is one of the many projects that the Social Justice Committee is presently working on. They would like to assist parishioners in the process of registering to vote should they need assistance in this matter. More information will be forthcoming via the parish website or mailings (for those who don't have access to computers).

In no way will the Social Justice Committee be promoting any candidates running for office as they work on this project."

Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

“The bread we break, is it not a participation
in the body of Christ?” (I Cor. 10:16)

When we contemplate *Corpus Christi*, the Body of Christ, we are looking into a many faceted diamond. There are many meanings and graces dwelling within this single mystery. As a very first step we can draw out the vertical and the horizontal dimensions. From one perspective this Sacrament is about our personal relationship with Christ. It makes visible our vertical connection to God.

At the very same time the Sacrament moves in a horizontal direction. The Church is Christ’s body on earth. This is the perspective of Paul in the second reading today, quoted above. He then goes on to say: “Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.” So when the minister offers us communion and says “The Body of Christ” and we say “Amen” we are taking into our hearts at one and the same time the invisible risen Christ (vertical) and his body here on earth, God’s people (horizontal).

In today’s Mass the priest prays after the gifts are brought to the altar: “Grant your church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present.” In other words, the consecrated bread and wine are “signs in mystery” of the unity and peace of God’s people.

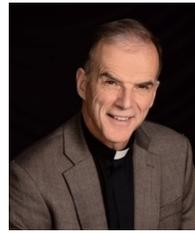
I take all of this to mean that our struggle to become united and live in peace in the midst of a pandemic and racial tension is the opening of our hearts to receive the true presence of Christ. What takes place in church on the altar in sign and symbol is taking place in the world in flesh and blood.

People have been asking, when can I receive Jesus in Holy Communion again. All of the above would say: when we open our heart to our neighbor, we are opening up to receive the Body of Christ.

At our Faith Formation Committee meeting a week ago we wrestled with the question of when to celebrate First Communions. There are two parents of second graders on the committee as well as a couple of grandmothers. We are calling all of the parents as well, but those on the committee felt that even July is far too soon. The parents said their families have been completely homebound these last three months and they intend to stay that way until the virus passes. Watching these parents talk this through I saw the Body of Christ taking on flesh and blood here on earth. Love and concern were turning into decisions and plans. As they did the hard work of speaking their truth and listening to the truths of one another, they were turning from strangers into friends, friends into family and family into the Body of Christ.

At the Campus Ministry Committee there was discussion of the June 3rd letter from the UWSP Chancellor entitled “Pivot Point: Guide to returning to Campus.” It was the first step for bringing employees back to campus this summer and developing a plan for reopening in the fall: “UW-Stevens Point will be open in the fall with modifications to learning modalities that align with public health recommendations.” The plan lays out a “careful returning of the student population to campuses for the fall semester.” Our Campus Ministry Committee is eagerly awaiting what campus ministry activities that “align with public health recommendations” will look like. We will continue to work through the summer as the university plan unfolds.

Far from keeping us from Christ, our not being able to gather to celebrate Mass is deepening our communion because it is requiring us to think and act like a community, like people in communion. Though in our separate homes, we are entering fully into the mystery of *Corpus Christi*.



Fr. Steven J. Buis

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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.

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