

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

THIS WEEK

All Meetings held via "Zoom" unless noted

MONDAY 30 NOV / Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

- SIGN UP FOR Nov 28/29 Public Masses
- **6:30 AM - St. Stephen Parish**
- 7:30 PM - Point Catholic Women Bible Study

TUESDAY IDEC / Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

- SIGN UP FOR Nov 28/29 Public Masses
- **8:15 AM - Live Stream MASS** (+Randy Flisakowski) FSB
- 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6 PM - Alpha Gathering

WEDNESDAY 2 DEC / Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37

- SIGN UP FOR NOV 28/29 Public Masses
- **8:15 AM - Live Stream MASS** (+Marge Ostrowski) FSB
- 5:30 PM - Technology Committee Meeting
- 6:30 PM - Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2
- 6:30 PM - FF Gr. 1-7 Advent Prep/Gr 7-8 Zoom Gathering
- **8 PM - Live Stream MASS**

THURSDAY 3 DEC / Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27

- SIGN UP FOR NOV 28/29 Public Masses
- **8:15 AM - Live Stream MASS** (+Howie Weinfurter) FSB
- 6:30 PM - Parish Committee Meetings
- 7:30 PM - Point Catholic Men Bible Study

FRIDAY 4 DEC / Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

- **8:15 AM - Live Stream MASS** (+Steve and Phillip Kohl) FSB

SATURDAY 5 DEC / Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5, 6-8

- 9-10 AM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center/Library
- **5 PM - Public MASS** (+Friday & DeKeyser families) FSB

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

2nd Sunday Advent in Ordinary Time / DEC 5/6

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

- **8 AM Live Feed/Video MASS** (+PCCW) FSB
- **10 AM - Public MASS** (Children of Len & Justine Brilowski) FSB

FSB: Fr. Steve Brice FDL: Fr. Dennis Lynch FDP: Fr. Don Przybylski FTM: Fr. Todd Mlsna

Small Faith Sharing Groups in Advent



You are welcomed warmly to be part of one of two **Small Faith Sharing Groups** being held via ZOOM during the four weeks of Advent. We will be reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures and our Advent theme: *For You O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits.*

Group Days and Times are
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm
Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

To register, please use the Sign Up Genius on the parish website or call the Parish Office at 344-9117.

Friday Night at the Movies! - An Adult Faith Formation Event -

Join us virtually, on Friday night, Dec. 11th, beginning at 6:30 pm to partake of the 2010 French film, "Of Gods and Men." Based on a true story, the film centers on the monastery of Tibhirine where, in the mid-1990's, nine Trappist monks lived in harmony with the largely Muslim population of their village, until the decay of the government and the beginning of the Algerian Civil War. This peaceful co-existence between local Christians and Muslims becomes challenged and strained as the monks and villagers contend, first, with guerrilla extremists and, then, with government authorities and soldiers. Faced with the most fundamental and difficult of choices, the monks must ultimately face what it means to them, individually and as a community, to incarnate Christ in today's world. Their choice raises questions for each of us concerning how we grow to be "the light that shines in the darkness . . ." The link, needed at the time of the event, can be found on the parish website.



Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

“Stay awake! You do not know when
the lord of the house is coming.” (Mark 13:35)

Our new year of faith begins with the cry: “Stay Awake!” And being “awake” is standing in hope that the Lord, the Prince of Peace, will come. To fall asleep is to be distracted, to give our hearts to lesser things and become filled with worry, anxiety and even fear.

There is a paradoxical relationship between our readiness and the Lord’s ability to come. The many problems in the world around us certainly are reasons for our hearts to be filled with worry and anxiety. The outer world clearly influences our inner world. But our inner world is also what gives birth to the outer world. The problems of the world are born of anxious and fearful hearts. We must work for world justice, for the coming of God’s Kingdom. But we cannot do so without hearts full of peace and hope. We must continually move back and forth from the inner world to outer and from outer world to inner.

We had a small but committed Advent Liturgy Planning Team who felt the strong need to restore the inner peace and hope after a year of unprecedented outer worry and conflict. Thus our theme for the season: “For You Oh Lord, My Soul In Stillness Waits.” Each week of Advent we will work our way from the outer world more deeply into the inner world, inviting the stillness that allows Peace to be born.

We begin this first week of Advent looking at our schedules and commitments and asking: are they keeping us awake or putting us to sleep? This time when our routines and activities are largely put on hold by Covid, gives us a rare opportunity to put our lives together in a new way. What would a life that seeks God’s peace above all else look like?

Please see the November Newsletter for a full listing of opportunities for growth this Advent. In the past we have offered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Masses the first Sunday of Advent. This year Fr. Todd and I will be available in church this afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:00pm or until all people have been served. In the past every parish had a communal celebration of Reconciliation. This year we will offer a live streamed Reconciliation Service December 10th and individual confessions the following Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings before Christmas.

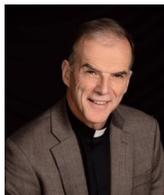
Julie Meadows has sent out a note to all listing the resources available through our Faith Formation Ministry to families for their own enrichment. I highlight the offering of our Advent Planning team. We have prepared a 20 minute home Advent Service video for each week of Advent. It is designed for families with small children, but hopefully will be helpful for all households.

During the prayer I will guide families to light the Advent Wreath candles, read the Sunday Gospel, talk about how to bring peace to their family, and then experience a meditation that includes a time of silence. My goal is to increase that silence a little each week. Maybe by Christmas families can be comfortable with several minutes of silence! It was in silence that divine life filled a human being that first Christmas.

The video was included in my Thursday Pastoral Pondering. But it is available also on the parish website. Or call the office and we’ll email you the link directly.

The Small Groups meeting during Advent will follow the Sunday Gospels and our weekly themes of deepening stillness. The schedule for these small groups can be found on the front of this bulletin. They will all be online. If you would like to take part in a small group please contact the parish office.

We begin a new year. Let us Stay Awake!



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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 8 a.m. on Sunday to watch the Mass live. You can always watch these videos at any time, again, through our Facebook page.

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending Nov. 13th

Parish Envelopes.....\$7,382.45

ACH Giving..... \$6,948.37

Offertory.....\$136.00

Total: \$14,466.82

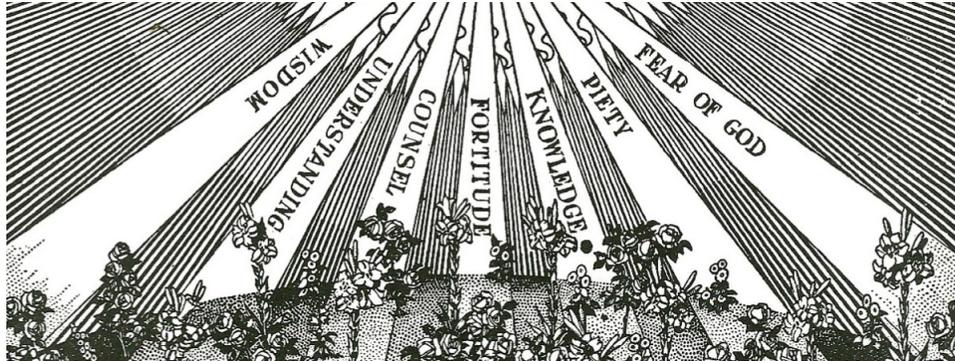
Fr. Steven J. Brice

Confirmation — November 8, 2020

These young adults recently affirmed their Catholic faith and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord. They each wrote a personal profession of faith in preparation for Confirmation. Some excerpts are included below.



Trevor Herman
St. Daniel



Alexander Stuter
St. George



Faith Kempe
St. Therese



Jacob Zimmerman
St. Peter

"To show my love for you I want to continue to be a part of your church and its mission. I believe its mission in the world is to provide acceptance, love, advice, and help because everyone, including me, needs all of those things. We can't go through life alone . . ."



Luke Pekarek
St. Hubert



Andrew Brzezinski
St. Joseph

"Jesus reminds me to forgive people, even if they have hurt my heart."



Randall Williams
RCIA



Ian Osypowski
St. Joseph

"Thank you for sending us the gift of the Holy Spirit. I believe your word, wisdom, and guidance is spread through the Holy Spirit as a messenger. I believe the Holy Spirit is your continued presence on earth."



Luke Carpenter, Jr.
St. Anthony



Natalie Buechel
St. Vitus

"I believe that God is the Creator of the Earth. He's the beginning and the end - He's always been here and he always will be. He's always the same and he will never change; we can trust in his promises."



Michael Barakeh
St. Anthony



Anna Johnston
St. Margaret

"The church to me is home. A place where I can sit and pray and feel strongly connected to God and his presence."

"The communion of saints allows us to connect with not only the saints, but everyone who follows in the name of the Lord. This is special to me, because it allows me to connect on a deeper level with not only the Lord, but also with my peers."



Shane Simon
St. Joseph



Leah Pavelski
St. Caroline