

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

27 June 2021

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK

Meetings held via "Zoom" unless noted

MONDAY 28 JUN / Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1-4, 8-11/Mt 8:18-22

- 8 AM - St. Peter Parish

TUESDAY 29 JUN / Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

- 8:15 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS (+ Irene Skibba) FSB
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 2:30 PM - Campus Ministry Committee Mtg.
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 5PM - Catholicity Book Discussion Group

WEDNESDAY 30 JUN / Gn 21:5, 8-20/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34

- 8:15 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS (+ Marge Ostrowski) FSB
- 6PM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library

THURSDAY 1 JUL / Gn 22:1-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

- 8:15 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS (+ Maynard Shulfer) FSB
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
-3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:30 PM - Parish Committees Meeting
(Faith Formation, Family Life, Sacred Worship, Social Justice)

FRIDAY 2 JUL / Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1-5/Mt 9:9-13

- 8:15 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS (+ Anne Zurawski) FSB

SATURDAY 3 JUL / Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 20:24-29

- 9-10 AM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 3/4 JUL

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6

- 5 PM - Public MASS (+ Helen Heint) FSB
- 8 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS (+ PCCW) FSB
- 10:30 AM - Public MASS (+ Jerome Bachinski) FSB



Tree of Life Fundraiser

Jessica Enstad

Point Catholic is having a fundraiser to help support college students attending the SEEK Conference this December! Does anyone recognize this sweat-shirt? They're back! We are recreating this late 80's shirt for all to purchase and treasure. We will be selling



white long sleeved t-shirts with the Tree of Life on the front. Order deadline: Friday, July 9. Cost: \$15 due upon pickup.

Again, all the proceeds will support students attending the SEEK Conference. We appreciate your donations and look forward to seeing

the Tree of Life all over town! You can place your order on the sign up on the parish website or by calling the parish office. Email Jessica at jessica@holyspirit-stevenspoint.org with any questions.

Stephen Ministry

Sherry Boyce/JoAnn Chase

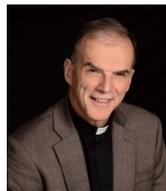
As you become familiar with Stephen Ministry, know that, like so many of our programs here at Holy Spirit Parish, it is an all volunteer program. Under the auspices of Family Life, Stephen Ministry seeks to bring Jesus to hurting people in our parish who need the support of one-to-one, confidential, Christ-centered care. Our Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training where they learn how best to listen, care, and give emotional and spiritual support to others. If you are feeling overwhelmed with life right now, a Stephen Minister might be the kind of help you are needing.



For more information contact JoAnn Chase (chase.joann@gmail.com or 715-570-1615), Sherry Boyce (boyce-sbb@charter.net or 715-252-1580) or Father Steve. For those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister watch for our next class starting this FALL.

Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

"Talitha Koum Little girl, I say to you, arise!"
(Mark 5:41)



It feels like Jesus has taken Holy Spirit Parish by the hand and said: "Little girl, I say to you: Arise!" After 15 months of lifelessness, we rose again last weekend as many people came back for their first public Mass in a year. Everyone was so happy to be back together. And oh, how beautiful to hear the church filled with song again. Like someone rising from a deep sleep or illness, I find myself having to remember how we used to do things. We'll get the holy water back in the fonts. The weekend of July 1st we will start seeing altar servers back on the job.

In case you don't get my email pastoral ponderings, this past week I shared another cause for celebration. For the first time in its six years of existence, Holy Spirit Parish has made its Diocesan Annual Appeal target. Last week I announced we had gone \$3,000 over our \$124,000 target. As of this writing we were \$6,000 over target! Any amount we go over comes right back to us and will help soften the bare bones budget for the coming year the Pastoral Council approved at its June 17th meeting.

This is real cause for celebration. Maybe you remember last year we had to take \$24,000 away from our ministries to make our \$114,000.00 goal. Thank you again Finance and Pastoral Councils for personally putting together the \$5,000 matching gift offer that put us over the goal line.

We should also thank Bob & Mary Taylor for earlier putting up the dinner offer that moved not only the four winning couples to donate but generated additional gifts as well. That dinner is taking place this weekend. Bob told me last Sunday that he and Mary had been practicing! So I didn't know if it was going to be dinner theater or simply a well, orchestrated meal. I take this all as an indication that Holy Spirit parish is waking up, we are "rising" to the challenge, of serving not only ourselves but also the needs of the diocese and world.

The past two weeks incoming freshmen have come in small groups to register at UWSP and to learn about all the opportunities on campus. Student organizations have tables up with information and representatives to talk with. I took a couple of turns at our Point Catholic table and was pleasantly surprised at the number of students who walked right up to it, asked where we were located, signed up to get email, and said I would see them in church in the fall. In shaking their hands it was I who heard: *Talitha Koum!*

Amazing things happen at Holy Spirit parish. An older member of ours who attends daily Mass came to me recently and said some years ago a parishioner had handed him the song book he and his now deceased wife had donated. So he put it in the rack of the pew where he always sat. Then Covid came and our maintenance crew took out all of the books, stacking them randomly in closets, the confessional, and anywhere they could find room. Recently the hymnals were put back in the pews for our first daily Mass back in the church. Joe came to that Mass and, wondering whose book ended up in his pew, opened it to the name plate and read.... His and his wife's name!!! I went to El, our head maintenance man and told him the story and asked how he did it. He said "I have no idea how that happened. We just grabbed books out of the closets and spread them around the church. Joe takes it as a sign that God is present and watching over him. I hear in it: *Talitha Koum.*

Fr. Steven J. Brice

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*Disciples called to worship,
sent to serve.*

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Matthew 25 Collection



Parishioners are invited to donate items needed for area charitable organizations at the beginning of each month. Our July Matthew 25 recipient is the *Hmong Daycare Center*. They would be grateful to receive laundry, dish and personal care soaps, dishcloths, washcloths and towels (used but clean acceptable), Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, dry packaged and canned foods, clothing for ages 3,4 and 5 year olds, gift cards, gas cards. Items can be dropped at the Ministry Center anytime before Wednesday, 7/7/21.

Holy Spirit Finances John Clifford, Finance Council

May was a good month for HSP. Revenues were slightly more than \$75,000 and Expenses less than \$67,000 resulting in \$8,905 revenue in excess of expenses. YTD Expenses are \$50,000 under budget which is leading me to estimate that year end expenses will be slightly less than a million dollars. Therefore I remain very optimistic that revenue will match expenses by 6-30-2021.

Holy Spirit Financial Picture for May 31, 2021 Revenue vs. Expense

| 11 mos thru 05-31-2021 Item \ Time Period=> | Cur Mo Actual | YTD Actual | Yr End Estimate 6-30-2021 |
|--|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total Revenue | \$75,762 | \$897,899 | ??? |
| Total Expenses | \$66,857 | \$916,407 | \$1,000,000 a little bit less? |
| Excess Rev [Exp] | \$8,905 | (\$18,507) | \$0 |

Parish Cash Raffle In lieu of SpiritFEST 2021

As you know, it has been decided that we will not hold our annual SpiritFEST this summer. SpiritFEST is a major fundraiser for our parish that helps support general finances.



Even though we will not be able to get together to listen to music, enjoy excellent food, play games, peruse the Book Nook, or have a chance to win a delicious cake we can all still have the chance to win cash prizes!!

In an effort to replace the income typically generated we will still be holding our SpiritFEST Cash Raffle.

Order forms and/or tickets may be picked up at the Parish Office or whenever you come to Mass. All entries must be received in the parish office by July 16th!



1st Prize: \$1,000
2nd & 3rd Prize: \$500 each
4th-8th Prize: \$100 each

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

June 12/13

5 p.m. — 97

8 a.m. — 125

10:30 a.m. — 108

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending June 18, 2021

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....\$7,871

Envelopes.....\$6,670

Offertory.....\$252

Total.....\$14,793

Save \$1,750 on Kindergarten Tuition

Enrolling a child in kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year? You could save \$750 on your child's tuition just by enrolling. Plus, if you refer a friend, you could save an additional \$1,000 for a total of \$1,750 in savings on kindergarten tuition.



Don't have a kindergartener but still interested in learning more about Pacelli Catholic Schools? With a strong focus on academic excellence, small class sizes, and a Catholic faith-filled environment, a PCS education is an investment that will last a lifetime. Learn how you can enroll and save at pacellicatholicschools.com or by calling 341-2445.

Elsewhere

HELP WITH HISPANIC MINISTRY: St. Bronislava has started offering Spanish Masses and fellowship and are looking for people to help with this endeavor. Help needed includes translating for families, helping prepare and serve food, reading at Mass, greeting guests and helping to spread the word to others. They need many hands to help! Contact Julie Studinski at 340-4846 for more information.

FRANCISCAN'S DOWNTOWN: Free inspirational movies and lively discussion open to all! The movie *Suffragette* will be shown at 1 p.m. on Wednesday this week.

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"Christ is alive and desires that each of you live. He is the true beauty and youth of this world. Everything he touches becomes young, becomes new, full of life and meaning.."

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Confirmation Retreat

Lizzy Novak

Our Confirmation students finished this unprecedented year of faith formation off with energy and excitement at the Spring Confirmation Retreat on May 21st. Not being able to meet in-person all year, our high-schoolers were able to finally break away from the screen and interact face-to-face, and boy, was it a fun time. The theme of the retreat was “Seasons of Faith,” setting the stage for presentations given by Julie Meadows and Lee Olsen which focused on how as we go through different times and trials in our lives, our faith is our constant foundation. These presentations were followed by testimonies by two of our Point Catholic students, Emily Stanislawski and Stephen Schaefer, who shared stories about their struggle and surrender in the seasons of their faith. Overall, it was a wonderful evening full of fun games, unexpected challenges, reflective discussions, praise and worship, insightful testimonies, and much needed community.



Youth Ministry Looking Forward

The school year might be over, but youth ministry is not! There will be youth ministry events happening all throughout the summer and we would love to see you



there! We have a variety of activities planned, blending celebration with service. Summer is the perfect time to dive into serving our community! From our Hope for Haiti Car Wash to a trip to the Garden Grottos in Rudolph, to harvesting produce at Farmshed, to our end of summer Kayaking Adventure, there will be so many opportu-

nities for you to get involved. So mark your calendars and come join us for some fun & faith this summer! We'd love to see you there!

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered every Thursday from the conclusion of the 8:15am Mass until Benediction at 3:30pm. Think of this as an opportunity to be with the Lord—for a few minutes, for a half hour, an hour, maybe longer. Come to pray, to read, to be still. If you're able to commit/sign up for a weekly time to attend Adoration, or if you have any questions, please call Cecelia at 544-4971



Who Should Vote?

Gregg Hansel, Social Justice

The United States constitution clearly states that each person over the age of 18 is eligible to vote. Voting is one of the most important parts of our democracy.

Historically, people have been blocked from voting because of the group they belong to. African Americans did not get the right to vote until 1868, and even after that were blocked by such tactics as the Grandfather Clause, Poll taxes, literacy tests, and more. Women did not get the right to vote until 1920.

After our most recent election, there were some accusations of fraud. Over 60 lawsuits were filed, and all dismissed. The U.S. attorney general stated there was no fraud to overturn an election. In our own state of Wisconsin, fraud was claimed, yet only 27 possible cases, out of 3.3 million votes cast, were found by the bi-partisan elections board. Historically, our country has had very little fraud in voting.

Forty seven states are proposing or have passed laws to limit voting. On the surface, the rules may seem appropriate, but often times are meant to make it harder for some groups to vote. This is referred to as voter suppression. Laws creating extra steps, eliminating voting options in minority areas, reducing voting hours, or requiring convicted felons to pay for their time in prison before they can vote are all forms of suppression. Several states are pushing laws to make it illegal to give food or water to someone waiting in line to vote. A better solution would be to increase opportunities so long lines don't happen.

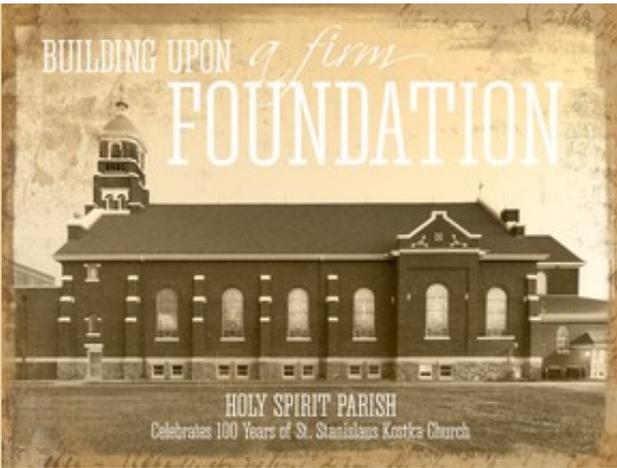
Voter suppression is a justice issue, and as Catholics, we need to educate ourselves. All citizens should have an equal right to vote and participate in our democracy.

Looking Ahead in Campus Ministry

The school year has finished and summer is in full swing! It is hard to believe I have been full time at Holy Spirit for a year and a half now. I am grateful for all the growth & opportunities I have had and I am excited to announce I will be continuing on as Campus Minister for Holy Spirit Parish until the Lord nudges me elsewhere! Thank you for your constant prayers and support; I look forward to getting to know you all better as we begin to gather fully as one body in Christ again.

Here's what I'm up to over the summer! Along with offering events throughout the summer for students to stay connected, I have been tabling all month long at the incoming student registration days to introduce them to Point Catholic & all we have to offer. I have also been working hard to prepare and plan for a full fall semester complete with student suppers, a weekend fall retreat, SEEK fundraisers and so much more!





Well Done Holy Spirit Parish!



O HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD,
by your wondrous power and grace,
our ancestors were guided to celebrate
your presence.

Through wood and stone,
muscle and imagination,
they established a firm foundation of
worship and service.

Now is our time to build upon their
legacy and to renew your Church.
Now is our time to anticipate,
as did our ancestors, the needs and
possibilities of our future.

Enliven our hearts to share in the hope
and courage of those who
preceded us,
to sacrifice and be generous in response
to the needs of our parish,
to move closer to fulfilling the good
work you have begun in us,
so that we may live in mercy and love
as disciples of Jesus, who assured us
of your enduring presence,
and who abides with you and the Father,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Stanislaus Kostka, pray for us.
Saint John Henry Newman, pray for us.

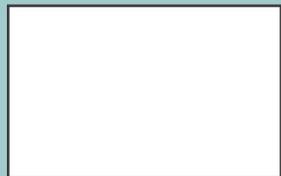


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