

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

25 July 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## THIS WEEK

Meetings held via "Zoom" unless noted  
Weekday Masses Live Streamed Parish YouTube Channel

**MONDAY 26 JUL** / Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35

- 8:15 AM- Public MASS (+John & Edna Kohl) FTM

**TUESDAY 27 JUL** / Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43

- 8:15 AM - Public MASS (+Ed Lemancik) FSB
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 2:30 PM - Campus Ministry Committee Meeting
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 5 PM - Catholicity Book Discussion Group, Ministry Center

**WEDNESDAY 28 JUL** / Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

- 8:15 AM-Public MASS (+Bobbi Brice) FSB
- 2:30 PM - Environmental Stewardship Mtg., Conference Room
- 6 PM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library
- 6:30 PM - Fratelli Tutti Discussion Group, Ministry Center

**THURSDAY 29 JUL** / Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Lk 10:38-42

- 8:15 AM - Public MASS (+Art & Stella Zagrzebski) FTM
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration  
-3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

**FRIDAY 30 JUL** / Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11/  
Mt 13:54-58

- 8:15 AM- Public MASS (+Felix Groshmal) FTM

**SATURDAY 31 JUL** / Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

- 9-10 AM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 31 JUL/1AUG

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

- 5 PM - Public MASS (+Catherine Mosey) & Family) FDP
- 8 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS (+PCCW) FDP
- 10:30 AM -Public MASS (+Brilowski & Stuczynski families) FDP

FDL: Fr. Dennis Lynch  
FDP: Fr. Don Przybylski

FSB: Fr. Steve Brice  
FTM: Fr. Todd Mlsna

## Connecting with our Community

When Holy Spirit parishioner Dr. Steve Bergin retired, his staff wanted to give him a memorable gift. "Drawing" off a positive experience one of them had, they decided to give him a gift certificate for a custom pencil drawing of his choice created by a local artist. Turns out, that artist is Holy Spirit parishioner Ralph Laska.



Dr. Bergin spent a while contemplating his gift and settled on recreating a treasured photograph of beloved household pet and hunting dog Thor -- a wire-haired pointing griffon. Ralph used his artistic talent to complete the drawing and Dr. Bergin was pleased with his gift.

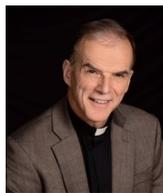
Ralph recently called Dr. Bergin asking to borrow Thor's drawing for a week and submit it for the River Front Arts Center's Visions XXII juried art show judging. Ralph wasn't overly optimistic it would be selected for the art show but decided he'd give it a try and Dr. Bergin agreed to lend it. A short while later, Dr. Bergin was delighted when he got a call from Ralph NOT to arrange a time to return the drawing. Ralph had skillfully captured Thor's genuine and soulful smile to the judges liking and he was asking if he could extend the drawing loan for several months as it had won a prize and would be displayed at the art show!

Ralph and Dr. Bergin have a shared joy and experience through Thor's picture. Hopefully, this story stirs your curiosity about parishioners you may not know at Holy Spirit (perhaps Ralph, Dr. Bergin or the person next to you in the pew?) and inspires you to reach out, introduce yourself and learn more about them over a cup of coffee in Spirit Hall after Mass.

Thor's picture is on display now until 8/15/21. Check: [www.stevenspoint.com/170/Riverfront-Arts-Center](http://www.stevenspoint.com/170/Riverfront-Arts-Center) or call 715-343-6251 for information.

Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

“Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks.”  
(John 6:11)



To stand before a hungry crowd of over five thousand with just five loaves of barley bread.... and give thanks....one would either have to be crazy or be a steward. To stand before this world believing that you are responsible for meeting all its needs would quickly lead to overwhelming anxiety, fear and depression. To know that God is in charge and has entrusted you with a few of his gifts, fills the heart with gratitude and moves you to joyfully put those gifts to good use. And, as the Gospel today recounts, when you open your heart in gratitude it allows God to work through you with his infinite wisdom and generosity.

I am happy to report we have established a true Stewardship Committee at Holy Spirit Parish. Perhaps you remember back in June that, when the Pastoral Council approved the bare bones budget for the new fiscal year, they also charged me with establishing a Stewardship Committee to engage more parish members in the support of the parish. It was hoped that we could grow our income yet this year and be able to fund some of the good ministries we need to begin.

At the first meeting of our new committee there was an undercurrent of anxiety as we thought of all the needs in the parish and the community around us. The meeting consisted of an outpouring of fundraising ideas. Fortunately, we agreed to read Charles Zach's book Best Practices in Parish Stewardship. To our amazement he directed us to not focus on raising funds to meet parish financial needs. Rather he says, parishes with flourishing ministries supported by abundant time, talent and treasure are those who develop a spirituality of stewardship among their people.

Author Charles Zach describes a Stewardship Parish as one whose members have made a conscious decision to follow Christ (intentional discipleship), allow this commitment to transform every aspect of their life, and so become aware that all is a gift from God, and finally in gratitude become eager to cultivate their gifts for use in God's honor. Following our author's researched recommendation, we will begin inviting parish members who are good stewards to share stories of God's generosity to them and the good God has called them to do. Our Stewardship Committee members, wanting to lead, are coming to our next meeting with a draft of their testimonies for review before they share them with the parish. The undercurrent of our second meeting moved from anxiety to excitement and joy.

Mr. Zach cautions that it takes three to five years to develop a spirituality of stewardship in a parish. But he also supplies plenty of evidence that doing so will be a tremendous blessing to the parish and to the world around it. Mr. Zach stands on solid Catholic teaching. He is really encouraging us to: "Take the loaves and give thanks."

This Wednesday afternoon I will be leaving, again. This time for my sister Bobbi's Celebration of Life out in Astoria Oregon. We will fly into Portland and drive to the coast. So we have been holding our breath watching the temperatures out there. Fr. Todd, fresh from a vacation, will cover Thursday's Mass in our newly carpeted sanctuary. Fr. Dennis will have the funeral for Catherine Mosey on Friday at 11:00am. Fr. Don Przybylski will preside at the weekend liturgies and so be the lucky priest to baptize Matthew and Jordan Brzezinski's newborn son William at the 10:30am liturgy. Fr. Todd will have the morning Masses Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. I will be back on the job Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>, with no other plans to travel until the Conference for University Students in Salt Lake City over Christmas break. I look forward to staying home and breaking bread with all of you.

*Fr. Steven J. Buis*

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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### VISION STATEMENT

By the year 2023, Holy Spirit Parish will:

- provide worship opportunities where all are welcome and welcomed; where each person feels supported and encouraged to meet Jesus in a real and personal way; where we are strengthened to go forth to share our talents and resources with others within and beyond our parish.

support parish committees with prayerful consideration and utilization of the generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure offered by the members of our parish.

- engage and awaken people of all ages to the lifelong process of seeking Jesus through faith growth experiences.
- invite all to feel welcomed and cherished as members of our parish family, and to deepen our connections through ministries of compassion, small group gatherings and fellowship events that reflect the love of Christ.
- empower Holy Spirit Parish, according to the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church, to meet the needs of all Creation with love, prayer, and service through acts of Social Justice and Charitable Works in our community, nation, and world.
- cultivate a community of faith that empowers and supports students to grow as disciples of Christ.
- provide every family, who would like, the opportunity for a Catholic School Education.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Katy Czerwinski, Bill Fehrenbach, Imelda Horvath, Bob Ostrowski, Paul Peterson, Chet Przybylski, Dave Rosenthal, Nicole Smith, Joanna Slattery, Ginny Williams, Susan Zach

## Matthew 25 Collection



Parishioners are invited to donate items needed for area charitable organizations at the beginning of each month. Our August Matthew 25 recipient is the *Interfaith Pantry*. They would be grateful to receive canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, pasta, paper products and cleaning products. Items can be dropped at the Ministry Center anytime before Monday August 9th.

## Community Gathering After Mass

If you haven't noticed Spirit Hall has been quite active recently. After each of the Masses parishioners gather to share coffee and conversation. New and old friends to gather. The bakers and hosts have been busy making this happen.



This is an invitation for everyone to participate in this Ministry of Hospitality. A sign-up sheet is available in Spirit Hall. In addition, there is a link on the homepage of the parish website.

### Holy Spirit Financial Picture for June 30, 2021

#### Revenue vs. Expense

12 mos thru 06-30-21 Item W/ Time Period=>	Cur Mo Actual	YTD Actual	Yr End Results 6-30-2021
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$124,369	\$1,022,268	\$1,000,000 plus a little bit more
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$68,498	\$984,905	\$1,000,000 but a little bit less
<b>Excess Rev [Exp]</b>	\$55,871	\$37,363	Revenue Exceeds Expenses!

WE DID IT! Our Revenue more than covered out Expenses! We kept Expenses under a million dollars and our Covid19 Payroll Protection Loan of \$58,137 was totally forgiven putting Revenue over a million! THANK YOU PARISHIONERS!!

## Elsewhere

**ST. ADALBERT PICNIC:** August 1st, 11AM-7:30PM. Battle of the Bands with New Polish Sounds & Cynor Classic Polka Show. Kids Games, Cherry Tree, 50/50, Raffles, Horseshoe Tournament, Farmers Market, Concession Stand, Outdoor Grilled Chicken Dinner. Bingo at 1PM.

**ST. PHILIP-RUDOLPH PICNIC:** August 1st, 11AM-6:30PM. 11:30AM Old Time Brass, 2:30 PM Chad Przybylski & the Polka Rhythms. Children's Games begin at 11AM. Bingo begins at 11:30AM. Event includes Food, Refreshments, Games & Raffles.

## BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

### PARTICIPATION AT MASS

July 17/18

5pm — 145      8am — 141  
10:30am — 140

### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending July 16, 2021

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....\$11,291  
Envelopes.....\$8,631  
Offertory.....\$215  
Total.....\$20,137

## Stephen Ministry

People all around us are experiencing life difficulties. As a church, we are called to reach out to them, offering Jesus' love and care. As part of that, we are looking to expand our current team of Stephen Ministers. You have the chance to be in the second class of Stephen Ministers here at Holy Spirit Parish.

Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who meet weekly with a hurting person to listen, care, pray, and embody God's presence in the person's life. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. They can be teachers, farmers, nurses, stay-at-home parents, construction workers, engineers, cashiers, chefs, professors, computer programmers, social workers, realtors, financial analysts, and more. Whatever their background, they are "united in their purpose" to care for those who are suffering.

Stephen Ministry has posted the schedule for class this FALL! Classes start September 21, 2021, Tuesday, from 6:00-8:30 pm. The first 3 weeks include a Saturday session from 9:00-2:30. Then, each Tuesday, until a final Friday/Saturday weekend on December 3/4. The entire schedule, as well as more details about Stephen Ministry, can be found on the parish website homepage.

Becoming a Stephen Minister is a commitment—but the rewards are amazing! You'll grow spiritually and personally. You will find that you are using the skills you learn in your everyday life. As Holy Spirit Parish transforms to becoming a missionary parish, what a great opportunity to join this ministry. You will witness God at work in and through you to bring hope and healing to another person.

To learn more contact JoAnn Chase ([chase.joann@gmail.com](mailto:chase.joann@gmail.com) or 715-570-1615), Sherry Boyce ([boycesbb@charter.net](mailto:boycesbb@charter.net) or 715-252-1580) or Father Steve. We are accepting applications through August 31 and holding subsequent interviews early September.

## Recycling Our Plastics

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“God authored two forms of scriptures, the first, Creation, and the second, the Bible.”  
St. Albert the Great (13<sup>th</sup> century, AD)

Every two weeks I dutifully, even with a bit of crank, collect all my recyclables (paper, **plastics**, aluminum, etc.), toss them in the recyclable bin, and trudge the container one block to the local pick-up site. Bi-weekly, 26 times/year. Year after year....

Plastics are oil-based products, produced from fossil fuels, which are largely responsible for global warming and climate change. So, I am fully committed to “reduce, reuse, recycle” and to keeping as many of these plastics out of the waste stream as possible.

But then I began to hear rumblings...not **all** plastics are recyclable, even those with a number surrounded by a “chasing arrow.” I consulted Amanda Haffele, Director of our county’s Solid Waste Department, and I learned that there is **no market** for some plastics within a reasonable distance from Portage County. “Unwants” will be thrown into the landfill once they arrive at the Solid Waste Center on Hwy B just east of I-39.



**The plastics that will have a “new home” are plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs (with attached caps/covers) with numbers 1, 2 and 5. (Don’t include fresh fruit containers, though.)** These have markets that can reuse those plastics to make other useful things. Portage County sends its recyclable plastics to Michigan for processing. **Please do not put acceptable recyclables in plastic bags;** these bags cannot be recycled, and they make the sorting process more time-consuming at the county facility. Best to put your recyclables directly into your recycling bin.

Numbers 3, 4, 6, and 7 are “throwaways.” (No motor oil or anti-freeze bottles wanted.) Given that information, we are recommending that you throw these items in the garbage. In the future avoid buying products in these plastic containers, if possible.

Kinda sad, isn’t it? Actually, when these plastics hit the landfill, they stay there for a “vvvvvvveeeeeeeeeerrrrryyy” long time. Here are some examples of plastic lifetimes from National Geographic magazine:

Plastic bags	20 years
Plastic foam cups	50 years
Plastic straws	200 years
Plastic bottles	450 years (recyclable in Portage County)
Soda/water six pack rings	450 years
Fishing Line	600+ years

In those timelines, these plastics break down into tiny particles **but never completely disappear!** They end up in the underground water streams which then flow into rivers, lakes and oceans. Eventually, they end up in our food chain: fish and other critters/animals who eat and/or live in the water....and eventually inside **US!**

*This article was written/edited by Arlene Meyerhofer along with the collaboration of the other members of the Environment Sub-Committee of the Social Justice Committee of Holy Spirit Parish, as well as Amanda Haffele, Director of the Portage County Solid Waste Department.*

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To share in the Spirit Hall gathering, please register via the Sign Up Genius link on the homepage of the parish website: <https://holyspiritstevenspoint.org/>

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