

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

1 August 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY 2 AUG / Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

- 8:15 AM- Public MASS (+Catherine Mosey) FTM

TUESDAY 3 AUG / Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36

- 8:15 AM - Public MASS (+Carol Gile) FTM
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 10 AM - Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting, Spirit Hall
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 5 PM - Catholicity Book Discussion Group, Ministry Center

WEDNESDAY 4 AUG / Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28

- 8:15 AM-Public MASS (+Andrew Smrz) FTM
- 6 PM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library

THURSDAY 5 AUG / Ex Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Mt 16:13-23

- 8:15 AM - Public MASS (+Harold Pleet) 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 6 AUG / Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

- 8:15 AM- Public MASS (+Ronald Kluck) FSB

SATURDAY 7 AUG / Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

- 9-10 AM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 7/8 AUG

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-9/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

- 5 PM - Public MASS (+Conrad Domaszek) FSB
- 8 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS (+Florence Karch) FSB
- 10:30 AM -Public MASS
(+Douglas Alan & Christopher Mark Clark) FSB

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

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

HSP YOUTH MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO OUR

HOPE FOR HAITI CAR WASH 2.0

WHAT? CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
WHEN? SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH
TIME? DURING 5 PM MASS
WHERE? HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
PARKING LOT
WHO? HSP CONFIRMATION
STUDENTS
WHY? TO RAISE MONEY FOR
OUR TWINNING PARISH IN HAITI

Fair Trade Sale Next Weekend



Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate and other products will be on sale in the gathering space after all Masses. These products are from committed brands and are better for farmers, better for the environment and better for ourselves. Plan to stock up now!

You may register for and enjoy this conference from the comfort of your own home, or join in a pre-registered gathering with other parishioners in Spirit Hall, beginning at 9:30 AM, on Saturday, August 7th.

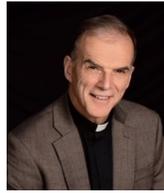
Coffee, tea, juice and muffins will be available in Spirit Hall during the morning; however, you are requested to bring your own lunch! The conference ends at 3PM.

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/>



Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

“Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.”
(John 6:27)



As you read this, Lee Olsen, Jessica Enstad, and I will all be in various stages of vacation adventures. Thank goodness for Julie Meadows and Becky Jirous, the two full time staff that have been holding down the office this last week. Lee returns Monday, and Jessica and I will be back Thursday. Whether we've gotten away or have been on the job, the question we know we have to face this month of August is: Are we working for food that perishes or for food that endures for eternal life.

Fr. Mallon, author of the book all our committees and councils are reading entitled Divine Renovation, shreds the old adage that “a busy parish is a thriving parish” already in the introduction. He tells the story of arriving at his parish in Halifax Nova Scotia as its new pastor and discovering parish life revolved around card so-cials. When he wanted to use the hall for Alpha instead, he had an insurrection on his hands. Fr. Mallon concludes, people in the parish were very busy, but not with the mission of the church. They were working for food that perishes not for food that endures for eternal life. Fr. Mallon shares in the book that he lost about 40% of his members because they did not like where he was taking the parish. But in time far more joined the parish because it was truly about Christ's work in the world.

These summer months have been all about scheduling and planning for this fall. The coming year calendar is packed with Breakfast Cafes, Spirit Lunches, student suppers, retreats, Faith Formation programs, Youth Ministry activities, Confirmation Classes, RCIA classes, Stephen Ministry Classes, Alpha Meetings, Spirit Nights, Small Groups, committee meetings, council meetings, liturgical seasons, Holy Days, weddings, not to mention all the things that come at their own time like baptisms and funerals. You see why we are wondering if we have fallen into believing the old adage: a busy parish is a thriving parish.” Are we setting ourselves up for exhaustion by seeking food that perishes?

This Saturday our parish Pastoral Council is going on retreat. Fr. Mallon's book stirred up impassioned conversation at our June meeting and so we agreed to spend a day together giving our full attention to Fr. Mallon's challenge to become a mission church of intentional disciples.

In Chapter five of his book Fr. Mallon describes the practical steps they took to transform their parish; how they changed liturgy, hospitality, parish registration, etc. We will be considering those practical suggestions at the Council retreat as well in all of our committee and staff meetings these coming months. But already there is one significant change happening throughout our programing. That is the move to personal experience through the use of small groups. Faith Formation, Confirmation, RCIA, Alpha, as well as those gatherings identified as Small Groups, are no longer large numbers of people sitting in chairs listening to a teacher who is trying to fill them with information. Instead, the format is a group of seven or eight people listening to piece of scripture, a teaching, or a testimony and sharing what they hear God saying. And in this heart-to-heart conversation food that endures is shared.

I hope the direction we are heading is as exciting to you as it is to me. If worry about Covid is still keeping you away, then please stay away until you are confident it is safe for you and your family to come. But if you aren't back because you have simply grown accustomed to filling your time in other ways.... Please! work for food that endures for eternal life not for that which perishes.

Fr. Steven J. Brice

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sent to serve.*

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Transitions of Grace

Wedding Anniversaries: Congratulations and blessings to these couples of the parish who are celebrating significant years of marriage in August:

- Donald and Ruth Komasa, 65 years, August 6
- Larry and Rita Stillman, 55 years, August 20

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 any-time before Monday August 9th.

GIFT CARDS Available

GIFT CARDS can be purchased at the parish Ministry Center. Using Gift Cards benefits our parish, our Catholic schools and YOU!

— Buy Gift Cards at the Ministry Center during weekday business hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9am-3pm, Fri. 9am-noon., or at the Pacelli Catholic Schools office.



Homebound Eucharistic Ministry



Do you, or anyone you know, desire to receive Communion and have a homebound minister pray with you? We would welcome the chance to visit with you! Please call Paulette at 715-341-8555.

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-



BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

July 24/25

5pm — 150 8am — 102

10:30am — 143

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending July 23, 2021

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....	\$8,082
Envelopes.....	\$8,383
Offertory.....	\$273
Total.....	\$16,738

Recognize God in Ordinary Moments

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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"It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?" He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things."

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