

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

5 September 2021  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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## THIS WEEK

**Weekday Masses Live Streamed Parish YouTube Channel**

**MONDAY 6 SEP** / *Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11*

- Parish Offices Closed
- **8:15 AM- Public MASS** (+Albert Kubisiak) FTM
- 2 PM - Point Catholic Outdoor Games
- 5 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, Conference Room

**TUESDAY 7 SEP** / *Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19*

- **8:15 AM - Public MASS** (+Irene Skibba) FSB
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6PM - Nesting Committee, Conference Room
- 6:30 PM - Social Justice Committee Meeting, Spirit Hall

**WEDNESDAY 8 SEP** / *Mt 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23*

- **8:15 AM-Public MASS** (+Darlene Okray) FSB
- 5 PM - Student Supper, Spirit Hall
- 6 PM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library
- **8 PM - Late Night Mass**, FSB

**THURSDAY 9 SEP** / *Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 6:27-38*

**8:15 AM - Public MASS** (+Florian & Cecelia Przybylski) FSB

- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration - 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:30 PM - Environmental Justice Meeting, Zoom
- 7PM - Point Catholic Community Bible Study, Spirit Hall

**FRIDAY 10 SEP** / *1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42*

• **8:15 AM- Public MASS** (+Anne Zurawski) FSB

**SATURDAY 11 SEP** / *1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 6:43-49*

- 9-10 AM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 11/12 SEP**

*Is 50:5-9/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35*

- **5 PM - Public MASS** (+those who died on 9/11/01) FSB
- **8 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS** (+Jerome Bachinski) FSB
- **10:30 AM -Public MASS** (+Audrey Zurawski) FSB
- **6 PM - Public MASS** (the people of Holy Spirit Parish) FSB

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

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

## Welcome Back Students!

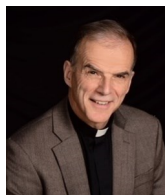
What a wonderful welcome week to kick off the year! We have met lots of new faces and reunited with old at all the Masses over the last two weekends. After our first 6pm Masses, we had root beer floats! Throughout the week, we held various events including a walkover to Belts, outdoor yard games, popsicles on the first day of class and a campfire to end the week! We are looking forward to our first Student Supper and Bible Studies of the year this week!

Thank you so much Holy Spirit for making all of this possible for our students! From the ice cream and root beer, goodie bag donations, to board games and yard games of all kinds. We are very grateful for your generosity and never ending support of our Point Catholic ministries. Our year is off to an incredible start thanks to you all! I look forward to sharing the rest of our year with you.



Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

"Jesus looked up to heaven and groaned:  
*Ephphatha...* be opened!" (Mark 7:34)



Oh, don't we all know that groan... born of the longing for someone to become open. And if you haven't opened the eyes of the blind or the ears of the deaf, it surely is in part because the world is in far greater need of the opening of people's minds and hearts. Fr. Mallon's recipe for opening minds and hearts in his book Divine Renovation is not unlike Jesus' in today's Gospel: Jesus took the man off by himself, touched him where he was broken and prayed *Ephphatha*. I quote Fr. Mallon at length:

*Fifty years ago, if you behaved properly and believed correctly, you could belong. How things have changed. We now live in a hyper-individualistic post-modern culture. Gen Xers... will not behave in any particular manner just because it is what they are supposed to do. Most people today will behave in a particular way only if it lines up with their personal beliefs. Appeals to authority or tradition hold no water...*

*Belief systems are of little value. There is no sense of obligation to anything beyond the individual and his or her own personal - and private - beliefs. Most people today are not compelled by a quest for truth and are largely uninterested in doctrine or any proposal that presents a systematic, comprehensive worldview.... While this may be distressing to many of us, we must recognize that this is our new reality, and this is the character of a generation to which we are called to bring the Gospel. Most people join, stay and leave churches not because of belief, but because of a sense of belonging, because of community. The old order of behaving-believing-belonging has been reversed. .... Beliefs are changed not by preaching and teaching, but by building trust through relationships, through caring, through belonging. (pg. 139)*

In my own words, if we want to open the minds and hearts of young people today we need to spend one-on-one time with them (Jesus took the man off by himself), listen to them then listen to them more until they feel safe enough to let you touch their broken places (Jesus touched his ears and tongue), then with a full heart invite them to be open (and Jesus cried *Ephphatha*).

In light of this Gospel, simple things have taken on tremendous importance for me. Our first Student Supper and evening Mass this week are truly Jesus' invitation to come away and be alone with him. The small group bible studies beginning this week are an opportunity for young people to talk and talk until their heart comes to light. Our parish discussion about whether or not to multiply the number of these small groups by adding FOCUS missionaries to our staff has me crying *Ephphatha* in my prayer.

To address questions and concerns people may have about FOCUS, we have invited Fr. Billy Dodge, pastor of the Newman Center in La Crosse, to come up with some of his students and speak at all of the Masses Oct 16 & 17 about their experience with FOCUS missionaries.

This Gospel also moves me to think about the Alpha program as Fr. Mallon does. He writes: "*Alpha is not just one of many programs we use, but that it is foundational to our identity as a missional and evangelizing Church.*" (pg. 143). "*It embraces the belong-believe-behave approach to evangelization. It is perfectly suited for the post-modern mindset.*" (pg. 142)

Our next round of Alpha is beginning in just two weeks. Tuesday evening Sept. 21 at 6:00pm or Friday morning Sept. 24 at 9:00am, we will step aside to be with Jesus, talk and talk until our hearts become clear, then pray over one another: *Ephphatha!* I am praying every member of Holy Spirit Parish will, in time, experience this healing.

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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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 September Matthew 25 recipient is the *UWSP Cupboard*, an organization that provides help to college students in need. They would be grateful to receive canned fruit, cereal, granola bars, pasta and sauces, canned meat - chicken, tuna, etc., peanut butter. Items can be dropped at the Ministry Center anytime before Tuesday, September 13th.

## Stephen Ministry

Is this your moment? Do you feel the tug at your heart to answer God's call? Stephen Ministry is set to engage our fall class of caring, willing and open candidates toward an exciting new dimension in parish life. The skills Stephen Ministers learn throughout their training are helpful, not only in their caring relationship with a hurting parish member, but also in their own day-to-day lives.

We invite you to check the parish website for Family Life-Stephen Ministry to learn more about this high quality Christian Caring ministry. Review the dates there to see if the fall schedule of classes is calling you! You can still fill out an application (found on-line) as interviews are taking place now! Classes start September 21.

For further information or questions contact JoAnn Chase ([chase.joann@gmail.com](mailto:chase.joann@gmail.com) 715-570-1615 or Sherry Boyce ([boycesbb@charter.net](mailto:boycesbb@charter.net) 715-252-1580) or Father Steve Brice.

## SPIRIT NIGHTS

with Jon M. Sweeney

26 – 29 September, 2021

Meet Jon at Masses on the weekend of September 25/26.

Join in a Blockbuster Block Party  
Ministry Center Parking Lot  
Sunday, 9/26 at Noon

Spirit Night Presentations  
Church

Monday - Wednesday, 9/27-29 at 6:30 PM



## BEING GOOD STEWARDS

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### PARTICIPATION AT MASS

August 28/29

5pm — 138      8am — 116  
10:30am — 153      6pm — 70

### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending August 27, 2021

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....\$8,010  
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## Elsewhere

**HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES:** St. Joseph Parish will hold this event on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Due to the Fall Ministry Conference and other scheduling conflicts this event will not be held in October. Please pray for the priests and deacons as we gather at the Conference.

## TWEETING @PONTIFEX

"What is the secret of a blessed life, a happy life? Recognizing Jesus as the living God. For it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history. What matters is the place I give him in my life."

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# WITNESS THE DIFFERENCE!

## The ALPHA Difference

**How do Holy Spirit Parishioners witness to their experience of Alpha?**

**“I had a strong belief/relationship with God/Holy Spirit, but it had become ‘stagnant.’  
ALPHA renewed it!” – Sue V.**

**“We were encouraged to participate and we weren’t judged by anything we shared.  
Everyone was very supportive.” – Jim P.**

**“Personal stories and sharing let me know that I am not alone. By the Holy Spirit, I  
am more faith-filled.” – Lily P.**

**“While we may have diverse experiences and lifestyles and a unique relationship  
with our faith, the small groups certainly reinforced that we all have similar  
questions and curiosities.” – Becky J.**

**Alpha is for everyone; it brings together people from all walks of life.**

**Alpha is a chance to ask or say anything about life, meaning and what it is you believe.**

**Alpha is friendly, open, informal . . . and, fun!**



**We'll gather weekly in Spirit Hall for one of two sessions:**

**Tuesday nights @ 6 PM, beginning 9\*21\*2021**

**Friday mornings @ 9:00 AM, beginning 10\*1\*2021**

***\*Sign up NOW with the SIGN UP GENIUS link found on the parish website\****



# Pacelli Catholic Schools Presents Panacea 2021

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Caricatures by Joey 11AM - 5PM Sunday  
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## Food

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