

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

16 JANUARY 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## THIS WEEK

**Weekday Masses Live Streamed Parish  
YouTube Channel**

**MONDAY 17 JAN** / 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-23/Mk 2:18-22

- 8:00 AM - MASS St. Joseph Parish
- 10:30 AM - Small Faith Sharing Group, Spirit Hall
- 5 PM - Stephen Minister Meeting, Conference Room

**TUESDAY 18 JAN** / 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-28/Mk 2:23-28

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+ Conrad Domaszek)
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 10 AM - Stephen Ministers Supervision Grp, Spirit Hall
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6:30 PM - ALPHA Leadership Team Mtg, Spirit Hall

**WEDNESDAY 19 JAN** / 1 Sm 17:32-51/Ps 144:1-10/Mk 3:1-6

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+ Gen Bernas)
- 4 PM - Parish Finance Council Mtg, Conference Room
- 6 PM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library
- 6:30 PM - Deanery Social Justice Mtg, Conference Room

**THURSDAY 20 JAN** / 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7/Ps 56:2-13/Mk 3:7-12

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+ Audrey Zurawski)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 9:30 AM - Stephen Ministry, Spirit Hall
- 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:30 PM - Pastoral Council Meeting

**FRIDAY 21 JAN** / 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-11/Mk 3:13-19

- 8:15 AM- MASS & Live-Stream (+ Robert Kluck)

**SATURDAY 22 JAN** / 2 Sm 1:1-27/Ps 80:2-7/Mk 3:20-21

- 9 AM - Reconciliation, Min Ctr Library

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / JAN 22/23**

*Neh 8:2-10/Ps 19:8- 15/1 Cor 12:12-30*

- 5 PM - MASS (+Connie & Carol Stroik)
- 7:30 AM - Rosary
- 8 AM -MASS & Live-Stream- (+ Zachary & Beatrix)
- 10:30 AM - MASS (+Steven Podbregar)
- 6 PM - MASS ( +the people of Holy Spirit Parish)

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**Franciscans Downtown**, 1000 Main St, Stevens Point (across from the Public Library) invites you to gather for conversation Tuesdays in January, 2022 (6:30-7:30pm) on topics of universal interest.

Tuesday, January 18– 6:30-7:30pm *A Limited Time.*

Richard Rohr, OFM. The Mendicant publication, Center for Action and Contemplation. Spring/Summer 2020 (*The Visitor*)

Tuesday, January 25– 6:30-7:30pm *Bereavement is a*

*universal and integral part of the experience of love.* Scenes from the movie, *Shadowlands* will be shown and readings from *A Grief Observed*, from C.S. Lewis will provide for moments of reflection and conversation.

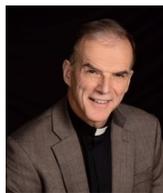
Light snacks will be served along with coffee, hot chocolate and tea.

For more information contact Fr. Placid Stroik, OFM  
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Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

"... the water that had become wine....."

(John 2:9)



The wine was running low when Jesus turned what was water into the best of wine. "Running low" describes a lot of things these days. We are running low on patience. Running low on trust. Running low on employees. Running low on cash. Running low on.... Hope?

It may seem like the Omicron variant is overwhelming us. It is everywhere. The Wisconsin Council of Churches, the coalition of Protestant Churches in the state, sent out the recommendation January 5<sup>th</sup> that all churches go back to online only services.

At the time of this writing, we had not received any new directives from the Diocese. Currently the public schools have gone back to virtual learning. Pacelli schools are in person but requiring masks. UWSP continues in person with masking required. At our joint meeting of parish committees January 6<sup>th</sup>, we had an open-hearted conversation about the current situation and what our course of action should be.

With regards to weekend liturgies the consensus of the committees was that we stay the course of giving people options. People can participate online from home. And already last weekend the number doing so had gone up significantly. We are requiring masks and people have the option of socially distanced seating. We have begun sanitizing the church between services again. Our joint committee meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> was online, not in person. The PCCW monthly meeting and the Alpha Come and See gatherings this past week were cancelled. Faith Formation has started recording their Family Gathering presentations so families can take part from home. The Alpha sessions planned to begin January 25<sup>th</sup> will start as planned but will also be virtual. We will monitor the situation and evaluate again at the Parish Council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

In some ways we are running low. We are running low on the number of people coming in person to church, to our programs. We are certainly running low on patience. And the hope of things ever returning to "normal" is getting pretty low too.

Yet, in many ways, we are enjoying the best of wine. I caught the opening session of our second round of Stephen Ministry Training. There were six more excellent candidates at the table with the possibility of two others still joining. This is such an important development in our parish. By spring we will have twelve skilled care givers assisting parish members through times of need. To a pastor this is pure sweet wine.

Last weekend, even in the wind and cold, almost everyone who came into church happily made out a name tag and put it on to let others know they were interested in meeting them. And there were a few groups of people who stayed to visit after Mass, little shoots of new life coming up in the parish. I saw a man showing a couple his beautiful home church back in Mexico. Across the aisle the gentleman I mentioned before who is not Catholic but has been coming for a couple of months now, was visiting with a family whose children were in some of the same activities as his. The sounds and smiles are pure sweet wine to me.

Jessica Enstad, Kevin Czerwinski, Dave Rosenthal and I have begun making calls and visits in hope of finding the funding to bring in a team of FOCUS missionaries this fall. We began a little low on confidence, given the many concerns on people's hearts these days, but were soon almost giddy as if on sweet wine. In just a few days we had three-year pledges of just under half the \$68,000/yr. we will need. And we are waiting to hear back from a good number of people who have said they will pledge but are deciding how much.

"... the water that had become wine....."

*Fr. Steven J. Buis*

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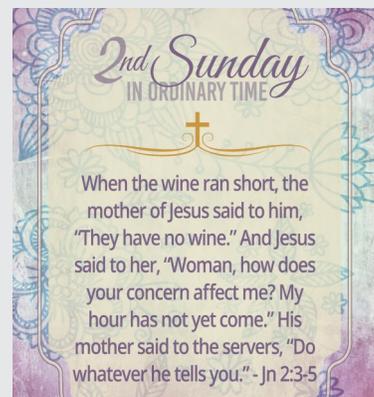
**Joining Our Parish:** Fr. Steve would be glad to talk with you about parish membership. Send him an email at: [frsteve@holyspiritstevenspoint.org](mailto:frsteve@holyspiritstevenspoint.org) or call him at 344-9117 to make an appointment.

**Celebrating Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated at Lord's Day Mass at various times of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child's baptism, please call Fr. Steve for more information. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation seminar.

**Caring for the Sick:** If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call Fr. Steve to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

**Campus Ministry:** Point Catholic is the name of Holy Spirit's outreach to college students attending UW-Stevens Point and Mid-State Technical College.

You can learn more about campus ministry at our web site: [holyspiritstevenspoint.org/](http://holyspiritstevenspoint.org/)



## PCCW Meeting

Please note: The PCCW meeting scheduled for Monday, January 17 at 1:00 PM has been cancelled due to the high number of Covid cases in the area. Stay tuned for future meeting dates/times.

## 2022 Haiti Chili Supper – Cancelled

Due to the continued challenges with the COVID-19 Virus, the 2022 Annual Chili Supper on February 19, 2022 is cancelled. The Haiti Mission Team will continue to explore options to make up the funds that would normally be raised by this fundraiser. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of children and teachers at our two schools in Lalomas, Haiti.

## Parish Prayer Partners

Did you know that Holy Spirit Parish has a team of volunteers providing intercessory prayer for those in need of healing? Lottie Wysocki leads our group of Prayer Partners and they are ready and willing to pray! If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please call Lottie at 715-344-4205.



### Fresh Year, Fresh Hopes, Fresh Faith? Refresh YOUR Faith this January with ALPHA!

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Why do bad things happen to good people?

Is God real?

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homepage of the parish website\*

## BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

### PARTICIPATION AT MASS

December 31 - 5pm– 68

January 01 - 9am– 54

January 2 - 8am– 121

10:30am- 148 6pm– 45

### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending 1/ 7 /2022

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....	\$7,780
Envelopes.....	\$7,191
Offertory.....	\$542
Total.....	\$15,512



### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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Pledged/Received.....\$58,882

# of Donors.....200

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Assist families and communities affected by the recent  
devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other  
states – including Stanley, WI, in our  
own Diocese. Visit Catholic Charities'  
website – [CCLSE.org](http://CCLSE.org) – click on “Donate  
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