

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

06 FEBRUARY 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THIS WEEK

**Weekday Masses Live Streamed on the Parish
YouTube Channel**

MONDAY 07 FEB / 1 Kgs 8:1-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56

- 8:00 AM - MASS St. Joseph Parish
- 10:30 AM - Small Faith Sharing Group, Spirit Hall
- 5 PM - Stephen Minister Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:30 PM - Environmental Stewardship Meeting, Zoom
- 6:30 PM - Spirit Fest Meeting, Conference Room
- 7 PM - Point Catholic Community Bible Study

TUESDAY 08 FEB / 1 Kgs 8:22-30/Ps 84:3-11/Mk 7:1-13

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Gen Bernas) FSB
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6:30 PM - Saint Francis and the Way of Lent Small Group
- 7 PM - Point Catholic Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 09 FEB / 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-40/Mk 7:14-23

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Dunigan & Ziehr families) FTM
- 1 PM - Building & Grounds Meeting, Conference Room
- 5 PM - Student Supper, Spirit Hall
- 6 PM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library
- 8 PM - Point Catholic Late Night Mass

THURSDAY 10 FEB / 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-40/Mk 7:24-30

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Basil & Bernice Polasek) FSB
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet

FRIDAY 11 FEB / 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37

- 8:15 AM- MASS & Live-Stream (+Art & Stella Zagrzebski) FSB
- 9 AM - Point Catholic Lectio Divina
- 9:15 AM - Experiencing The Chosen, Spirit Hall
- 1 PM - Point Catholic Rosary

SATURDAY 12 FEB / 1 Kgs 12:26-32/Ps 106:6-22/Mk 8:1-10

- 9 AM - Reconciliation, Min Ctr Library

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Feb 12/13

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-6 / 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 6:17-26

- 5 PM - MASS (+Doris Klingler) FSB
- 7:30 AM - Rosary
- 8 AM - MASS & Live-Stream- (+Loyce Kluck) FSB
- 10:30 AM - MASS (+Lonnie Barlow) FSB
- 6 PM - MASS (+the people of Holy Spirit Parish) FSB

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 5-6. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved!

Prayers of the Faithful We pray for those who have answered God's call to consecrated life. May they always reveal the love and joy of Christ to those they encounter, and may they continue to enrich our world by dedicated lives of prayer and service. We pray to the Lord...

We pray for those who are discerning the vocation to consecrated life. By the grace of God and the support of family and friends, may they hear God's call and respond with love and generosity. We pray to the Lord.

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Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

“Put out into deep water....”

(Luke 5:4)

When they stayed close to the shore and Jesus taught from the boat, they found him interesting. It wasn't until they put out into deep water that the disciples experienced Jesus in a way that forever changed them.

We are in deep water. No one has the luxury of sitting safely on the shore. Whether its health, economy, work, school, climate, politics, or relationships, we are in deep water. Profound changes with enormous consequences are at work. And we are exhausted. We have worked hard all night. We are in the same spot as Peter and the disciples.... when they heard the Lord say: “Cast your nets for a catch.”

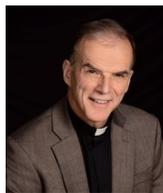
The biggest net we cast here at Holy Spirit is our Catholic School system. It is our largest single ministry apart from providing Sunday Mass. We have 59 students in K-8 Catholic school and 95 in public K-8. We have 30 students in Catholic High School and 67 in public High School. We have outstanding public schools in this community. In addition to excellent academics, athletics, and extra-curriculars our Catholic school system offers Christ, the only basis for walking in faith, hope and love in this most uncertain world. Catholic Schools give young people an integrated moral system to guide the use of the amazing talents and resources they possess. And it surrounds them with a lifelong community of healthy role models and mentors. Providing Catholic Schools requires a tremendous commitment by area parishes and families. One, I believe, is all the more important in the time in which we live.

We are also casting the net toward two of the six or seven Afghan families that are coming to Stevens Point. I wrote this letter on Monday and so can't say if the first family arrived this past Tuesday as expected. This first family was not assigned to Holy Spirit parish. I did attend the first of two training sessions for people who have volunteered to be on a support team. The training provided was excellent. Our two parish teams are ready for our families expected to arrive at any time now.

How can you help? A good way to start would be to participate, if you are able, in and online presentation this Thursday evening at 6:30pm entitled: “Welcoming our Afghan Neighbors.” Our Social Justice Ministry is putting this together to help us as a community be ready to assist these new friends. There will be a panel of speakers including Gregg Hansel who has been lead organizer here in Stevens Point, Eric Yonke who works for the ECDC (organization selected by the US Government to coordinate the resettlement of the Afghan refugees), Karen Becker of Catholic Charities, and a member of one of the volunteer support teams in Wausau. Please go to the parish website or call the parish office to sign up and we'll send you the link. It is possible to join in by telephone if you do not have a computer. No less than Peter in the boat, I have a sense this outreach is going to leave us profoundly changed.

This past week we prepared to cast the net toward the unchurched and marginalized. Our Lenten Planning Committee met for a third time and our Synod Committee for a second time. Our Lenten spiritual work will be responding to Pope Francis' request that we become a Church of encounter, listening and discernment. There will be opportunities for parish members to gather and for non-parish members to gather and listen to the Spirit speaking in one another. Again, Pope Francis believes the hierarchy of the church must learn from the poor what God desires the Church to become.

It was in deep water, after casting the net with aching arms, that the disciples came to know God was present with them.



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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

Steve Bergin, Katy Czerwinski,
Jim Haine, Bob Ostrowski,
Paul Peterson, Chet Przybylski,
Sandy Retzki, Dave Rosenthal,
Nicole Smith, Joanna Slattery,
Susan Zach

Transitions of Grace

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

- James & Martha Shuda, 60 years, Feb. 17
- John & Judy Gosh, 50 years, Feb. 1
- James & Susan Piotrowski, 45 years, Feb 19

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller – February 13 A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James Miller was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on Feb. 13, 1982. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on Dec.

7, 2019. He stands as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable. To learn more, visit dioc.org/blessed-brother-james-miller.



Blest Art will be visiting our Parish on February 19 & 20 after each Mass. They have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We kindly invite you to visit our display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land.

Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families. We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations.

Welcoming Our Afghan Neighbors

Join us for a Listening Session on Thursday, Feb 10 @ 6:30 PM as a panel of speakers shares information and experience, and prepares us to create a welcoming spirit towards families settling in Stevens Point.

Panelists include Karen Becker of Catholic Charities, Prof. Gar Francis of UW-SP history dept. and Gregg Hansel, parishioner and volunteer refugee advocate. Register to receive a ZOOM link here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548A9A82BA6FB6-welcoming>. You may also join the session by phone. Simply call 1 312 626 6799 5 minutes before the start of the session.

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PARTICIPATION AT MASS

January 22/23
5pm– 130 8am– 78
10:30am– 136 6pm– 39

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Week Ending 1/28/2022

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....	\$8,903
Envelopes.....	\$7,872
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Total.....	\$17,275



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Target.....	\$127,675
Pledged/Received.....	\$70,521
# of Donors.....	235

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE GATHERING SPACE

Area Offerings

St. Bron's Youth Ministry present A Taste of Italy, Saturday, February 12, serving from 4:30-7pm. Serving Spaghetti or Shrimp Alfredo. \$12 per person. Reservations required by calling 715-344-5938. Also available– Take and Bake Lasagna. Preorders only by calling 715-344-5938.

St. Ladislaus, Bevent invites you to a Soup, Noodle & Bake Sale on Saturday, February 19 from 2-5:30pm & Sunday, February 20 from 9-11:30am. Selling Czarnina, chicken soup, homemade noodles, rolls, pies, desserts, frozen egg rolls and more. No pre-orders. Call 715-446-3060 for more information

He Is Waiting For You!

Can you commit to a specific time each Thursday in Eucharistic Adoration? Sign-up log is outside Spirit Hall or contact Cecilia at 715-544-4971.

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