

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

06 MARCH 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses Live Streamed on Parish YouTube Channel

MONDAY 07 MAR / Lv 19:1-18/Ps 19:8-15/Mt 25:31-46

- **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 - Spirit Fest Mtg, Conference Room
- 7 PM - Point Catholic Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY 08 MAR / Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-19/Mt 6:7-15

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

- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 12:30 PM - Environmental Stewardship Mtg, Zoom
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 7 PM - Point Catholic Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 09 MAR / Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-19/Lk 11:29-32

- **8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Audrey Zurawski) FTM**
- 9 AM - Reconciliation
- 1 PM - Building & Grounds Committee Mtg, Conference Room
- 6 PM - Reconciliation
- 6:30 PM - Growing in the Spirit through Dreams, Spirit Hall
- **8 PM - Point Catholic Late Night Mass FSB**

THURSDAY 10 MAR / Est C:12, 14-25/Ps 138:1-8/Mt 7:7-12

- **8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Dunigan & Ziehr Families)**
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 9:30 AM - Stephen Ministry, Spirit Hall
- 11 AM - Stewardship Committee Mtg, Conference Room
- 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:30 PM - First Eucharist Gathering, Kostka Hall
- 6:30 PM - Haiti Mission Team Meeting, Spirit Hall

FRIDAY 11 MAR / Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

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

SATURDAY 12 MAR / Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-8/Mt 5:43-48

- 9 AM - Reconciliation, Min Ctr Library

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent/ Mar 12/13

Gn 15:5-18/Ps 27:1-14/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

- **5 PM - MASS (+Lonnie Barlow) FSB**
- **7:30 AM - Rosary**
- **8 AM -MASS & Live-Stream- (+Janice Retzke) FSB**
- **10:30 AM - MASS (+Andy Smrz) FSB**
- **6 PM - MASS (+the people of Holy Spirit Parish) FSB**

WITNESS THE DIFFERENCE

of a Pacelli Catholic School Education

Join us for an open house on March 8, 9, or 10 and learn more about Pacelli Catholic Schools.

- Tuesday, March 8 | 5-7pm | Pacelli Catholic Elementary School -St. Bronislava (3K-4) | 3301 Willow Drive, Plover
- Tuesday, March 8 | 5-7pm | Pacelli Catholic Elementary School -St. Stephen (K-4) | 1335 Clark Street, Stevens Point
- Wednesday, March 9 | 5-7pm | Pacelli Catholic Middle School (5-8) | 708 First Street, Stevens Point
- Thursday, March 10 | 5-7pm | Pacelli Catholic High School (9-12) | 1301 Maria Drive, Stevens Point

New students who RSVP and attend one of our open houses: we'll waive your \$50 registration fee. Plus, you'll be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 tuition credit! We'll also share with you how you can save \$1,000 on tuition just by enrolling for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year!

We are proud of our academic excellence, small class sizes, and close family atmosphere, and know that you'll feel right at home when visiting our schools. We look forward to seeing you and learning more about the educational needs of your family and how we can be a partner in your child's faith and education journey. RSVP online at pacellicatholicschools.com/visitpc.

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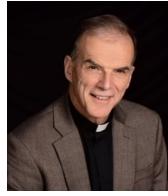
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Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

"If you are the son of God...."

(Luke:4:3)



Doubt. The tempter so subtly sows the seeds of doubt. "If you are...." Prove it to me. Adam and Eve fell for the hidden lie. They doubted God had created them whole and holy and with that doubt fear, division, conflict, suffering, and death entered paradise. Jesus did not fall for the hidden lie. He rested confidently in his Father's love. Jesus did not need to prove anything. And so, paradise is planted again on earth: faith instead of fear, hope instead of doubt, unity, peace, healing and resurrection! This was the first and most fundamental temptation Jesus faced. The rest of his ministry flowed from his unshakable trust in his Father.

It was heartwarming to hear one of our Catechumens say at our last RCIA class that since she made the decision to get Baptized a deep chronic anxiety has left her. Although she is still so very young in faith, her turning toward God has already allowed God to fill her empty heart with his peace. The whole new life opening up before her will flow from her newfound trust in God.

After the Rite of Sending at 8:00am Mass this morning our Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors will be travelling to La Crosse for the Rite of Election. If the permanent commitment of Baptism is like the wedding, then the Rite of Election is the engagement. And it takes two people to get engaged. In La Crosse each Catechumen says to the Bishop "I would like to get engaged with you Catholic Church." And Bishop Callahan, after receiving our testimony that they are sincere, says to them "and the Church wants to get engaged with you."

Please hold in prayer our Catechumens Nick Page, Kara Allen and Amanda Wanta and our Candidates Jacob Sutherland, Rodney Kwaw, Rebecca Beaudette and Grant Pasch. God willing, it shall be a glorious Easter Vigil April 16th!

There was some faith overcoming fear in Amer's voice when he called to say that the people of Holy Spirit parish were most generous the weekend he brought the olive wood carvings from the Holy Land. He wanted me to share with you that because of your generosity Blest Art will be able to purchase another respirator for the only hospital in Bethlehem.

The Synod has begun! This past Thursday our parish committees held their Synod Listening Sessions and today our Confirmation students will be sharing their answers to Pope Francis' questions: What has been your experience of Church in the past? And what kind of Church do you dream of being a part of in the future? The Parish Council will have its Listening Session next Thursday. Other groups are being scheduled. If you want to be a part of a group, please go to the parish website to sign up for one. Otherwise, everyone will have the opportunity the weekend of April 2 & 3 when we will gather after each Mass. We also welcome written submissions. Encountering new people, truly listening to their experience, and discerning with them God's call will root our whole community in God.

Speaking of Parish Pastoral Council, next weekend everyone will have the opportunity to nominate themselves or someone else for election to the Pastoral Council. Our Council Nominations Committee will contact those nominated to see if in fact they are willing to run. The Council has had a leading role in all of the important developments taking place here at Holy Spirit Parish: Divine Renovation, managing Covid protocols, the start of Stephen Ministries, the coming of FOCUS Missionaries, the Synod, the hosting of Afghan families, the changing of parish staff structure and the passing of the annual budget to name a few. Prayerfully consider who we need to lead this parish through the coming years and be ready to nominate them next weekend.

Fr. Steven J. Brue

URGENT NEED

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in the life of another person, to do something great for someone whose life will never be the same? If so, please read on.

Global Outreach is a Catholic student exchange program which brings students from six Central/Eastern European countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine) to the United States for a year of study at Catholic high schools in Wisconsin and Nebraska. The mission of the program is to build the civilization of love by forming young dynamic Catholic servant leaders for the 21st century.

We are looking for families to host Catholic students from east-central Europe for the 2022-2023 school year. Some of these students will attend Pacelli Catholic High School. Students arrive in early August and return home in mid-June after the completion of the school year. Host families provide room, board, transportation, encouragement, and support for their student. The student's natural family pays for airfare to and from the US, buys health insurance for the student, pays the program fee, and provides a monthly allowance for the student. It is not necessary that host families have a student from their own families at Pacelli nor that they have children at home. Empty nesters, couples who do not have children, and single adult individuals make great host parents, too. By hosting a Global Outreach student, you will be offering a young person the chance of a lifetime. Your own family will also be impacted and enriched through the hosting experience.

To learn more, call or contact Barbara Tota-Boryczka, executive director, (920) 540-3085 or barbara.tota-boryczka@globaloutreachprogram.com or Fr. Larry Seidl, spiritual director, (920) 412-0320 or ljseidl1949@gmail.com.

Please check our website, www.globaloutreachprogram.com to learn more about our mission and vision, and remember that the dream of these wonderful young people will only come true if Global Outreach finds generous host families for them. Could one of those families be yours?



Matthew 25 Collection



Parishioners are invited to donate items needed for area charitable organizations at the beginning of each month. Our March Matthew 25 recipient is **Operation Boot-strap**. They would be grateful to receive:

- Dish soap & hand soap
- Cleaning products including wipes for all rooms and appliances
- Cleaning tools: brooms, buckets and mops
- Meals in a can
- Canned and/or packed fish (tuna and salmon) and chicken
- Cereal, oatmeal, popcorn, Graham crackers.
- Blankets and quilts full and queen size (can be gently used and cleaned.)

Items can be dropped at the Ministry Center through March 6, 2022.

Transitions of Grace

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

- Dennis & Linda Brown, 55 years, March 18
- Dennis & Penny Wachowiak, 40 years, March 5

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Baptisms: we welcomed Lilyanne Rose Lindow & Elliana Jane Murphy to faith through the waters of baptism in February.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1170

The Knights of Columbus Council 1170 invite men over the age of 18 to join our council. We do various works of charity in our community like Coats for Kids, Christmas Food Basket Project for families and individuals in need during the Christmas Season, fund drive to support individuals with physical and mental disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive), Forty Cans for Lent – to support the food pantry at Bootstrap and many other projects.

We could use your help. If you are looking for a way to make a difference in the life of a person or family in need in the Stevens Point community, joining the Knights is a wonderful, practical way put into action the charity that our faith calls us to practice. On the weekend of March 12-13 Knights will be at the entrances of the church to hand out informational material. You may also want to visit <https://kccouncil1170.org> to find out more about our council.

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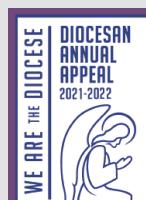
PARTICIPATION AT MASS

February 19/20
5pm– 145 8am– 130
10:30am– 140 6pm– 76
Live Stream views - 199
Total: 690

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending 2/25/2022

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....	\$8,313
Envelopes.....	\$3,357
Offertory.....	\$468
Total.....	\$12,138



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target.....	\$127,675
Pledged/Received.....	\$77,091
% Achieved.....	60%
# of Donors.....	255

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE
GATHERING SPACE

You are invited to a Lenten Series: Foundations of Catholic Social Doctrine.

Thursdays, March 10, 24 and April 7, at 7:00 pm at St. Brons, in the church

Presenter: Father Ed Shuttleworth, M.A., D.Min.

March 10th - All God's Children: The Dignity of the Human Person

March 24th - Liberty and Justice for All: The Common Good

April 7th - Brothers and Sisters All: Human Solidarity



All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

The St. Bron's Holy Name Society will hold its all-you-can-eat monthly breakfast on Sunday, March 13th, serving 8:30 am -12:00. Menu includes buttermilk pancakes, potato pancakes, breakfast links, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is \$7.00 for 13-adult, \$4.00 for ages 5-12, and free for ages 4 and under.





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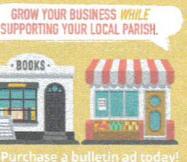


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