

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

21 AUGUST 2022

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses Live Streamed on Parish  
YouTube Channel

### MONDAY • 22 AUGUST

*2 Thes 1:1-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22*

- **8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream**  
(+Deceased members of Dunigan & Ziehr Families)
- 5 PM - SpiritFest Wrap Up Meeting, Spirit Hall

### TUESDAY • 23 AUGUST

*2 Thes 2:1-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26*

- **8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream** (+Don & Lois Sankey)
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 1 PM - Building & Grounds Committee Mtg, Conf. Room

### WEDNESDAY • 24 AUGUST

*Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-18/Jn 1:45-51*

- **8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream** (+Stephen C. Jones)
- 5:30 PM - Witness for Christ Conference, Spirit Hall
- 5:45 PM - Tech Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 6 PM - Reconciliation– Ministry Center Library

### THURSDAY • 25 AUGUST

*1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51*

- **8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream**  
(+Sophie Koziczkowski)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet

### FRIDAY • 26 AUGUST

*1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-11/Mt 25:1-13*

- **8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream** (+John Klismet)

### SATURDAY • 27 AUGUST

*1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-21/Mt 25:14-30*

- 9 AM Reconciliation - Church Confessional

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 27/28

*Sir 3:17-29/Ps 68:4-11/Heb 12:18-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14*

- **5:00 PM - MASS** (+Harold Pleet)
- **7:30 AM - Rosary**
- **8 AM - MASS & Live-Stream** (+Gertrude Alfuth)
- **10:30 AM - MASS** (+Joseph Misiewicz)
- **6 PM - MASS** (+The people of Holy Spirit Parish)



## WE DON'T WANT TO TOOT OUR OWN HORN...

But, the **August Sunday 'OPEN HOUSE' Social** is gonna be great!

**WHEN:** Today, August 21, from 12:30 - 2:30 pm

**WHERE:** The Car Barn @ John and Patty Noel's  
3045 True North Trail, Plover

**WHY?:** Meet **Leah Kurzynski**, our new Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

**\* Register for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation Program Year! \***

Tour the Car Barn! Enjoy Light Picnic Fare and 8 kinds of Ice Cream!! Visit with Friends, Old and New!!!

## WITNESS FOR CHRIST - VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

5:30pm-7:30pm

Holy Spirit Parish - Spirit Hall

JOY ISN'T A LUXURY. IT'S A NECESSITY.  
BUT HOW DO WE FIND JOY –

AND HOLD ONTO IT – WHEN SO MUCH  
IN OUR LIFE STANDS IN THE WAY?



**All are welcome to attend! Please contact Leah at [leah@holyspiritstevenspoint.org](mailto:leah@holyspiritstevenspoint.org) or call the parish office to let us know that you are coming.**

## Stephen Ministry

Having fun at summer activities, like our Parish Picnic, are meant to be feel good events. When you go back home, back to your routine, how are things for you? Are you bothered by life's stresses? Are there some changes that are too much for you?



There is a Stephen Minister available to meet with you on a regular basis as you work through your changes, develop new ways to cope, learn a new normal for yourself. Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training in how best to listen and be present to and for you on your journey for as long as support is needed.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry contact Sherry Boyce (715-252-1580 or [boycesbb@gmail.com](mailto:boycesbb@gmail.com)), Bonnie Grubba (715-297-7172 or [natureinstone@yahoo.com](mailto:natureinstone@yahoo.com)) or Father Steve Brice.

Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

“Enter through the narrow gate....many will try and not be strong enough.”  
“People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.”

(Luke 13:24, 29)

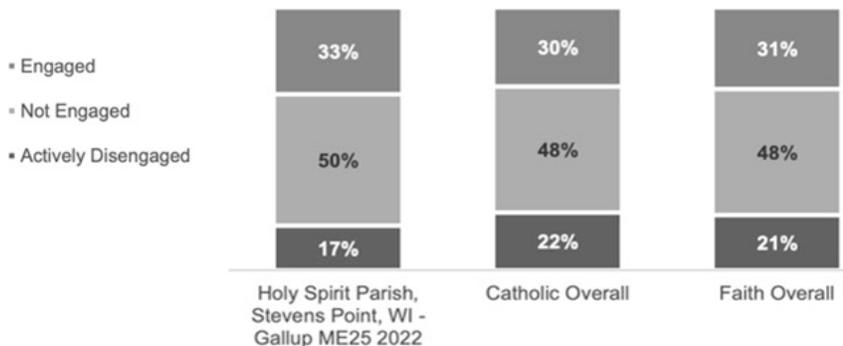
Paradox. We know we are being called to see in a more spiritual way when what Jesus says seems contradictory to us. How can it be true that it is so hard to get into heaven that many will not be strong enough and at the same time be true that foreigners from all points of the compass will enter and enjoy the feast of heaven? Hmmm, I wonder. Could what is so hard about getting into heaven be the willingness to embrace the tremendous diversity of God's children? Perfect love casts out fear .... of those who are different?

I begin sharing with you today the results of our ME25 survey. This survey was developed by the Gallup Organization over decades of surveying churches. They have developed a list of 25 questions by which they can evaluate Membership Engagement in a Church. An Engaged Member is:

- nearly three times as likely to say they are extremely satisfied with their life more than 10 times as likely to invite someone to participate in their congregation
- likely to spend more than two hours per week serving and helping others in their community
- likely to give three times more to their faith community annually

Here is the overall summary of our survey findings.

## ENGAGEMENT (%)



At Holy Spirit parish 33% of those who took the survey are engaged, 50% not engaged and 17% actively disengaged. Gallup gives the illustration, if Holy Spirit were a boat, we have 33% rowing hard in the direction you want to go, 50% enjoying the ride but not rowing, and 17% actively rowing in the opposite direction!

We had 412 people fill out the survey. After a study of who took the survey we feel they are a good representation of the whole parish. I note too, that churches who take the ME25 survey are working actively at improving. Thus, this survey compares us to growing active congregations and not coasting, dying congregations. With all that said, we have a higher-than-average percentage of engaged members and fewer actively disengaged members than other Catholic parishes and all denominations combined.

We will explore the survey results in their amazing depth and breadth over the months to come. But we have evidence now that we have a strong team of rowers as we journey from maintenance to mission. We can let go of fear and travel in hope.

*Fr. Steven J. Buis*

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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### Foster Grandparent Program

Volunteers are needed to help work with children in area schools.

#### **Foster Grandparents must:**

Have a desire to help children; Be 55+ years of age; Meet income eligibility guidelines; Be in reasonably good health; Accept supervision as required.

#### **Benefits received:**

A small non-taxable stipend; Mileage reimbursement or transportation provided; Free lunchtime meal; Supplemental accidental & volunteer liability insurance while serving; Training; Recognition event; Fulfillment & fun.

For more information contact Ginny Williams at 715-342-4363 or the Foster Grandparent Coordinator at 715-346-1401.



**UWSP graduate student Karley Wehrman asks for our assistance as she completes her research:**

My name is Karley Wehrman and I am a UW-Stevens Point audiology graduate student. I am currently working on a research project to determine if access to training materials on hearing loops affects the perceived use and satisfaction of hearing loops in adult hearing aid(s) and/or cochlear implant (s) users. This survey will be placed at Holy Spirit Parish if you are interested in participating.

To participate you have to be 18 years or older and use (a) hearing aid(s) or (a) cochlear implant(s). This survey is completely anonymous and will not contain any personal information such as your name, actual age, etc. This survey should only be completed once per person.

The paper surveys can be found in the Ministry Center. The results of this survey may benefit audiologists in the future from a greater knowledge about the effect of training materials on hearing loops.

Thank you for your consideration in participating in my survey!

**Student Welcome Bags**

We will be handing out gift bags with treats and information about Point Catholic to all college students we encounter the first few weeks to kick off the year. Items needed include: fun-size candy bars, fruit snacks, lunch size cheese/crackers, granola bars, suckers/gum, juice boxes, as well as cash donations. Items can be dropped at the Ministry Center entranceway by August 29th.



**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

Thanks to your prayers, cards, gifts, and best wishes I am happy to inform you that I'm fully recovered from my surgery. The surgery went very well with the vision coming back sooner than expected. I practically had all my vision back within a week and a half after surgery. Praise be to God! It is thanks to all of you and your prayers that I was able to experience this miracle from God. St. Lucy and St. Odellia the patron saints of eyes also served as good intercessors during this time. Words cannot describe how grateful I am for your prayers and support for me during this time. I had many wonderful experiences of true servants of God. I am happy to say that all of you are also servants of God who helped me through a very difficult time. I am happy to be back again to serve you the people of God here in Stevens Point. Let us continue to preach the gospel of the Lord and the truth of his love to all his people. May God bless you and keep you in his love now and forever.

Fr. Todd

**BEING GOOD STEWARDS**

Of time, talent and treasure

**PARTICIPATION AT MASS**

August 06/07

5pm – 110 8am – 131

10:30am – 110 6pm – 77

Online views - 176

Total: 604

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING**

Week Ending 8/12/2022

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....	\$7,581
Envelopes.....	\$10,417
Offertory .....	\$538
Total.....	\$18,536

**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

**UWSP Cupboard**

They would be grateful to receive:

- Canned fruit, canned fish and meat (tuna, salmon, chicken, etc.)
  - Cereal and granola bars
    - Peanut butter
    - Pasta and sauces.



*Items can be dropped on the cart in the Ministry Center by Sunday, September 4.*

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