

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

18 September 2022

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses Live Streamed on Parish
YouTube Channel

MONDAY •19 SEPTEMBER

Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Darlene Jurgella)
- 5:00 PM- PCCW Meeting & Pot Luck Supper - Spirit Hall

TUESDAY •20 SEPTEMBER

Prv 21:1-13/Ps 119:1- 44/Lk 8:19-21

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Justine Starr)
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 10 AM - Stephen Ministers Supervision Group

WEDNESDAY •21 SEPTEMBER

Eph 4:1-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream
(+Deceased members of Dunigan & Ziehr Families)
- 9:15 AM - Fatima Series - Conference Room
- 4 PM - Parish Finance Council Meeting - Conference Room
- 6 PM - Reconciliation – Ministry Center Library
- 6:30 PM- K-5 A Family of Faith Welcome - Kostka Hall
- 8 PM - Point Catholic Late Night Mass

THURSDAY •22 SEPTEMBER

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-17/Lk 9:7-9

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+William & Lottie Przybylski)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet

FRIDAY •23 SEPTEMBER

Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Gary Stoltz)

SATURDAY •24 SEPTEMBER

Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-17/Lk 9:43b-45

- 9 AM Reconciliation - Church Confessional

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 24/25

Am 6:1-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

- 5:00 PM - MASS (+Gary Check)
- 7:30 AM - Rosary
- 8 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Bill Haine)
- 10:30 AM - MASS (+Leone Bernas)
- 6 PM - MASS (+Holy Spirit Parish)

DEACON KEITH STROHM

SPIRIT
NIGHTS
2022

Sept
26
27
28



ABLAZE PARISH MISSION EVENT

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

6:30 - 8:00 pm

What if you didn't have to earn God's love?

How does the cross set us free?

What would it mean to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Come and explore these and other questions of the mind and heart in a series of engaging live talks with popular Catholic speaker, Deacon Keith Strohm! Come and be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit!

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Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.”
(Luke 16:13)

No less than St. Thomas Aquinas said that God created us for pleasure. Therefore, if we don't find healthy forms of pleasure, we will of course become addicted to unhealthy forms. What I like about this is it gives us both an offense and a defense in our spiritual life. Many people only play defense: “I must stop this unhealthy form of pleasure.” But defense alone will never bring us to holiness and real happiness. To simply stop doing what is unhealthy will not meet our God given hunger for what is healthy. We need to play offense. We need to find healthy things that bring us satisfaction and pleasure. In fact, as they say, the best defense is a good offense. If we have healthy forms of pleasure, unhealthy forms will hold no attraction for us.

The ME25 survey is based upon this principle. There is a hierarchy of needs in a faith family. Everyone comes hungry asking: What will I get here? When a person's healthy needs are met they move on to asking: How can I give? When a person's need to give is also being met, then they move on to: How can I belong? And lastly: How can I grow? There are two questions on the survey aimed at addressing the first need: What am I getting? They are numbers 11 and 12. We looked at 11 two weeks ago: “As a member of my parish, I know what is expected of me.” Number 12 is: “In my parish my spiritual needs are met.” Here's how we scored.

| Strongly disagree | | | Strongly agree | | Ave. | Ave. | Ave. |
|-------------------|----|-----|----------------|-----|------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | HS | All Catholic | All Churches |
| 4% | 6% | 13% | 35% | 42% | 4.05 | 4.03 | 4.02 |

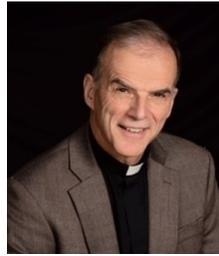
I find this tremendously reassuring. The vast majority of Holy Spirit members are saying they are coming because they are getting fed. Their spiritual hungers are being met. And that Holy Spirit is doing a bit better than other growing dynamic churches... is icing on the cake!

Gallup says of questions 11 & 12: “It is important that these two items receive high scores because they form the base of the engagement hierarchy. The base must be strong if the rest of the pyramid is to stand.” We certainly need to grow, but we have a very good start!

This month of September we are all about helping people get their spiritual needs met. Thursday our Parish Council affirmed in principle the Parish Member Covenant and our starting with challenging all parish members to engage in at least one faith formation program this year. At Masses this weekend Deacon Bill and parish members will be sharing the impact Alpha has had on their spiritual lives in order to encourage you to consider taking part in Alpha this fall. I add my voice to theirs. I have had six years of Catholic graduate studies in theology and still have been enriched in some new way each of five times I have now been through the Alpha program. The content of the presentations are excellent and the community that grows is just what I hunger for.

Next weekend Deacon Keith Strohm from the Archdiocese of Chicago will be our guest preacher at all Masses. He will be inviting us to take part in SpiritNights the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please clear your calendars so you can be present those three evenings! If being the Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Chicago and being a leader in the Divine Renovation movement are not enough credentials, I add that he works with Colleen O'Doud at Our Lady of Ransom parish in Niles, Illinois. For all who have joined Holy Spirit in recent years, Colleen was our former Director of Faith Formation.

I and our parish staff are hoping that Deacon Keith will move everyone in this parish to stop simply playing defense and come play some offense, meeting those God given longings with healthy heaven sent food. One cannot serve God and mammon.



Fr. Steven J. Brice

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Welcome Back Point Catholic!



Wow! It has been so good to have students fill the town, campus and our pews again! We had wonderful welcome weekends to kick off the year! We have met a lot of new faces and reunited with returners at all the Masses. After our first 6pm Masses, we had root beer floats which brought over 50 students together! We had beautiful nights for campfires, a sunny Labor Day for our parking lot

party, and a full house at our first Student Supper bringing

over 65 students together! It has been a full first couple of weeks so far! I look forward to continuing to share how the year starts off. Continue to hold these students in prayer as they transition back to college life and being a student again!



Eternal Life: We acknowledge the passing of Sharon Patoka, Bernadelle Toser, Alice Richter & Charolette Quinn. May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



Matthew 25 Collection

Parishioners are invited to donate items needed for area charitable organizations at the beginning of each month. Our October Matthew 25 recipient is

Operation Bootstrap

They would be grateful to receive:

- Diced tomatoes canned, tomato sauce, spaghetti, canned beef meatballs, hamburger helper. Canned fruit, vegetables, tuna, salmon, and chicken. Microwave popcorn. Peanut butter and jam. Cereal and oatmeal.
- Household cleaning products.
- Personal care items: body wash, deodorant, shampoo, tooth paste and tooth brushes.



Monetary donations are welcome and can be dropped in the collection.

Checks to be made out to Operation Bootstrap.

Items can be dropped on the cart in the Ministry Center by Sunday, October 2, 2022.

BEING GOOD STEWARDS Of time, talent and treasure

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

September 03/04

5pm – 114 8am – 150

10:30am – 135 6pm – 141

Online views - 165

Total: 705

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending 9/09/2022

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards..... | \$7,548 |
| Envelopes..... | \$4,634 |
| Offertory | <u>\$614</u> |
| Total..... | \$12,795 |

All **second grade students and parents** are to attend the first session of **BLESSED**, preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

When: TODAY! Sunday, September 18th

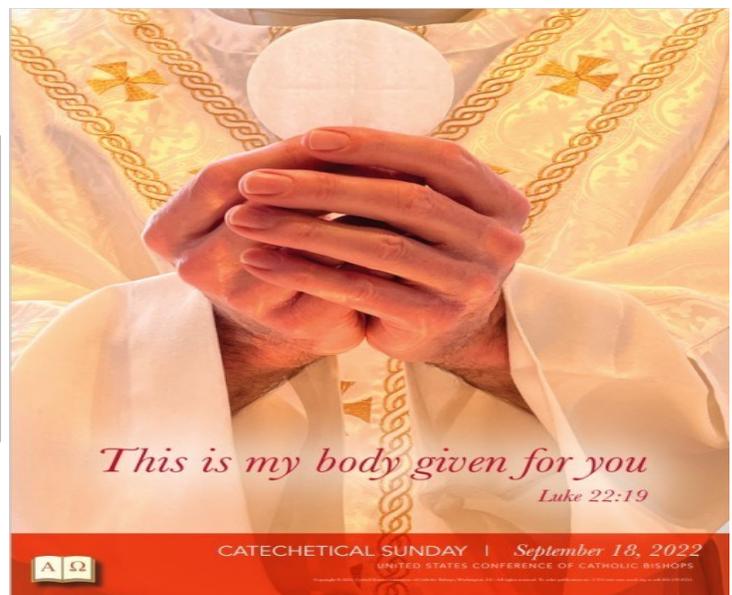
What Time: 9:15am-10:15am

Where: Kostka Hall

Please come to get your books, a parent guide to lead you and your student through the online accompanying video program and to meet one another and be introduced to our **BLESSED** program.



If you haven't registered yet, materials will be available at our meeting on Sunday!



Join us today as we recognize, thank, celebrate and bless all who will serve as Catechists in the upcoming year.

May God strengthen them with a loving zeal that leads others to a transforming encounter with His Son.



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