

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

23 OCTOBER 2022

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THIS WEEK

MONDAY • 24 OCTOBER

Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

- 10:30 AM - Small Faith Sharing Group, Spirit Hall
- 6:30 PM - Apostles Choir Rehearsal, Church

TUESDAY • 25 OCTOBER

Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+JoAnn Chase)
- 9 AM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 3 PM - Sisters of St Joseph's Drop Off
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6 PM - ALPHA, Spirit Hall

WEDNESDAY • 26 OCTOBER

Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Joseph & Sophie Sigman)
- 9 AM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 9:15 AM - Fatima Series - Conference Room
- 11 AM - Sisters of St Joseph's Funeral Practice
- 6 PM - Reconciliation – Church Confessional
- 6:30 PM - Confirmation/Purpose, Spirit Hall
- 6:30 PM - Resettlement Meeting, Conference Room
- 8 PM - Point Catholic Late Night Mass

THURSDAY • 27 OCTOBER

Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Sally Rice)
- 9 AM - Visitation/Funeral Sisters of St Joseph's
- 10 AM - Soul of Aging Workshop, Conference Room
- 6:30 PM - Liturgical Minister Training, Spirit Hall

FRIDAY • 28 OCTOBER

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

- 8:15 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Dunigan & Ziehr Families)
- 9:15 AM - The Spiritual Migration Book Study, Spirit Hall
- 11 AM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 7 PM - Point Catholic Halloween Party, Spirit Hall

SATURDAY • 29 OCTOBER

Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cd/ef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

- 9 AM Reconciliation - Church Confessional

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29/30

Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8--11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2
Lk 19:1-10

- 5:00 PM - MASS (+Friday/DeKeyser Family)
- 7:30 AM - Rosary
- 8 AM - MASS & Live-Stream (+Clayton Wojtalewicz)
- 10:30 AM - MASS (+Larry & Judy Kluck)
- 6 PM - MASS (+Holy Spirit Parish)

“THE SOUL OF AGING” PILOT PROGRAM IS HERE!

Are you wondering whether it's possible to age more gracefully and more intentionally . . . to engage “the art” of aging with joy? Are you looking for a new way of being together that's safe for the soul? Are you interested in exploring:



- Visions of Aging: Calling in the Ancestors
- Living into the Soul's Calling (At Any Age!)
- Naming and Claiming Your Unlived Life
- Pathways to Wholeness
- Truth and Forgiveness
- Enlightenment in Slow Motion
- The Foreign Currency of Change
- The Wisdom of Living in Deep Time
- The Final Stage of Growth: Generativity, Legacy and Harvesting our Lives

If you've answered “Yes!” to any of these questions, then register for The Soul of Aging Pilot Program today! Participants will gather with specially trained facilitators Ginny Williams and Cheryl Geske in Spirit Hall. **There are 5 four-hour sessions on the following Thursdays: 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, and 12/1 from 10:30 – 2:45.** Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Please fill out and return your registration to the Parish Office no later than October 23rd. For questions, contact Ginny Williams via email: ginny28@live.com

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Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

“O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

(Luke 18:13)

Our “Inspired By the Spirit Campaign” is currently being led by very brave volunteers visiting parish members to answer questions about the Campaign Brochure we all received in the mail and to invite us to make a pledge. If you haven’t gotten a visit, next weekend is Commitment Sunday! We will take a few minutes during Mass to give everyone who hasn’t already made a pledge, time to fill out a pledge card. We have received pledges from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars. For all of them we are grateful.

To be able to address the school’s needs and take responsible action on behalf of the environment we still need 140 people to make an average pledge of \$45 a month for the 60 months of the campaign. I am confident we will make our goal for many reasons, including the results of our ME25 survey.

In past bulletins we have noted that Holy Spirit Parish has a bit higher percentage of members who are “engaged” in the parish than other actively developing Catholic Churches and Christian Congregations. The Gallop Organization has determined that engagement begins with a person’s getting what they need from a parish. Once their needs are met, they can grow into seeking ways to give.

Question 12 in the survey reads: “In my parish, my spiritual needs are met.” Our results were:

Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	Holy Spirit	All Catholic	All Faiths
1	2	3	4	5				
4%	6%	13%	35%	42%	4.05	4.03	4.02	

In Gallup’s book, Growing an Engaged Church, the author Albert Winsemen writes of this question: *This item identifies the characteristic that sets religious communities apart from other charitable organizations: the element of faith. People aren’t drawn to congregations or parishes merely because these organizations make a positive impact on the community and the world. Congregations and parishes exist to spiritually transform individual lives. As a result of this transformation, individuals can positively influence their world.... (this item) ... is the foundation of any congregation’s health. (pp. 85-86)*

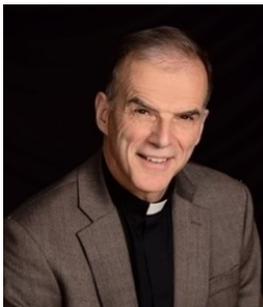
Following the reasoning of the Gallup organization we would say that the remarkable number of charitable works flowing through, and out of, Holy Spirit Parish arise from the remarkable number of members (77%) who agree or strongly agree that their spiritual needs are being met. Of course, it should give us pause that 23% do not feel that way. And of course, even the 77% who do agree certainly hunger for more.... much more.

What do we hunger for? What is the spiritual food that nurtures us? Of course, the Eucharist. Yet all Catholic Churches have the Eucharist. Today’s Gospels lifts up my deep need, and perhaps yours, for mercy and forgiveness. “Oh God, have mercy on me a sinner” was the simple prayer of the tax collector.

Many of the families who have joined the parish in recent months have said they come because they find Holy Spirit parish to be most welcoming and friendly. The spiritual food they are hungering for most is a place where they are accepted and can be at home. Are not “welcoming and friendly” the first impressions of a community that is merciful and forgiving? The prayer of the tax collector can often be heard between the lines of the story a family shares when they come seeking membership: “be merciful to us... our life has not been perfect.”

This all emphasizes the importance of the Membership Covenant commitment we are working on this fall: “I commit to work at my continued spiritual growth by participating in at least one program of faith formation each year.” As we nurture our own faith, we become more able to be of service to others. And it was the tax collector who recognized his need that went home justified.

Fr. Steven J. Buis



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MISSION STATEMENT

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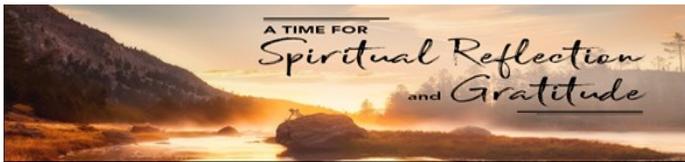
VISION STATEMENT

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, Guy Gehrman,
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Kurt Mansavage, Chet Przybylski,
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Joanna Slattery, Sue Vetter,
Susan Zach



“You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.” You are invited to a Day of Reflection on Saturday, November 5 at St. John’s in Marshfield, beginning with Mass at 8am and ending at 3pm. \$10, including lunch. Sponsored by the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, Marshfield. Please call Caren Alsides 715-897-1900 for more information.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.



We celebrate this day by remembering our Baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel to every creature! The collection today benefits the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, which support priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Please pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary efforts and give generously. Please place your donation in the collection basket or you can make a donation online at: WeAreMissionary.org/wms.

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PARTICIPATION AT MASS

October 15/16

5pm – 159 8am – 172

10:30am – 171 6pm – 70

Online views - 127

Total: 699

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Week Ending 10/14/2022

Auto drafts & Debit/Credit Cards.....	\$7,398
Envelopes.....	\$7,829
Offertory.....	\$968
Total.....	\$16,195

Transitions of Grace:

We acknowledge the passing of Charlotte Quinn. May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



It's time to bring back
Children's Liturgy of the Word
for families with children
ages 3 to first grade.

Parents will be encouraged to lead on a rotating basis with the help of a Confirmation student.

Please see the sign up sheet
in the Gathering Space
to let us know if your family would
like to participate.



Matthew 25 Collection

Parishioners are invited to donate items needed for area charitable organizations at the beginning of each month. Our November Matthew 25 recipient is *Mobile Pantry*. They would be grateful to receive:

- Baked beans, spaghetti, chicken breast in a can, rice, egg noodles and gravy packets.
- Mixes: cake, pancake and biscuit. Small packets of sugar, frosting and birthday candles.
- Baking soda for cooking and cleaning.
- Microwave popcorn.
- Coffee and fruit juices.
- Paper products: toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels.
- Cleaning supplies such as wipes, mops, brooms and dishwashing products.
- Personal care items: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and body wash, toothpaste, combs, and brushes.



Mobile Pantry is an agency associated with Hunger and Poverty Prevention in Portage County. Its mission and focus are to ensure that those living in rural areas and who have limited access to transportation, receive food and other life necessities by making deliveries twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. It is headquartered at Beloved Community 900 Brilowski Road under the direction of Marcy and Dennis Ferriter, parishioners of Holy Spirit.

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

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