

Holy Spirit Parish

April 13th 2025
PALM SUNDAY
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Weekly Mass Schedule

All weekday masses at Holy Spirt Parish and Sunday 8:00 a.m. are live streamed

- Tuesday, April 15 (†Nona Higgins)
- Wednesday, April 16 8am (†Anthony Treder)
- Holy Thursday, April 17th
 7:00pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper (†Live Streamed)
- Good Friday, April 18th Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 12noon (Live Streamed) and 6:30pm
- Holy Saturday April 19th Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Live Streamed)
- Easter Sunday, April 20th 8:00am mass and
 10:30am mass (†Eugene Weir) (Live Streamed)

The Monday Daily Mass will be held at St Peter's Parish at 8am April, May, and June 800 Fourth Ave., Stevens Point, Stevens Point

Reconciliation

Saturday, 9:00am Wednesday, 6:00pm Holy Spirit Parish - Church

Holy Spirit Parish - Church Confessional



Easter Sunday April 19/20

Saturday, April 19th Easter Vigil

• 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY April 20th 7:30am Praying of Rosary

EASTER SUNDAY Mass Times

- 8:00am
- 10:30am (TEugene Weir)

There will not be a 6pm mass on Easter Sunday.

This Week Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 11:00 a.m.. - 12:00 noon Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Thursday NO ADORATION NO ADORATION

Parish Calendar

PALM Sunday, April 13th

- 9:15 11:00am Catechesis of the Good Shepard (Atrium)
- 12:30 2:00pm OCIA (Gathering Space/Spirit Hall)
- 7:00 8:00pm Point Catholic Women's Group (Spirit Hall)

Monday, April 14th

- 1:00 2:30pm Grief Support Group (Conference Room)
- 6:30 8:00pm Boyle's Cherished Belonging (Spirit Hall or Gathering Space)
- 6:30 8:00pm Grief Support Group (Conference Room)
- 6:30 7:30 Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 15th

- 9:00 11:00am Stephen Ministry Supervision (Conference Room)
- 1:00 3:00pm Staff Meeting/Prayer (Conference Room)
- 6:00 7:00pm Cup of T-ology with Amy (Kostka Hall)
- 6:30 -7:30 Holy Thursday Liturgical Practice (Church)
- 6:30 8:30pm Accompaniment (Gathering Space)
- 7:00-8:00pm RESTORE Book Study (Kostka Hall)

Wednesday, April 16th

- 4:30 6:30pm Catechism of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)
- 6:00 7:00pm Practice for Good Friday (Church)
- 6:30 -8:00pm Come Forth Book Study (Kostka Hall)

Thursday, April 17th

- 11:00am 1:00pm Budget Committee (Conference Room)
- 5:00 6:30 Holy Thursday Potluck (Spirit Hall)

Friday, April 18th

Saturday, April 19th

- 8:00 9:30am A&E Church Decorate
- 9:00 10:30am Prayer Shawl Gathering
- 10:00 11:00am Easter Vigil Practice (Church)

Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

"This is my body which will be given for you. Do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19)

Pope Francis' Jubilee Prayer has led us through Lent to Holy Week's door. Rooted in Christ (week 1) we can open our hearts to his community of Love and receive healing (week 2). Experiencing God's belief in us through this healing, we begin to believe in ourselves and become seeds of Hope (week 3). Seeing ourselves in others still wounded we give them the gift of Hope and so begin the transformation of humanity (week 4). We continue to extend that Hope "in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth." Even when violence or hatred or greed seem overwhelming, we continue to act in Hope rather than in fear knowing there is life beyond death (Week 5). At the last supper Jesus invites the disciples, and us, to walk with him in that life beyond death. "Do this in memory of me."

We all learned as children that Jesus died on the Cross to free us from sin. What exactly does it mean to be "free of sin?" It is the Lutheran position to say that Christ's death covers up our sin, like snow on a dung hill, and makes us acceptable to God. And so, God lets us into heaven. The Catholic position is that Christ's death, resurrection, and out pouring of the Spirit changes us from dung, into snow. The record of sin is in us and among us in broken relationships, self centered behavior, violence and disorder in nature. Christ came to justify (restore right relationship) and sanctify (fill with Spirit) humankind.

And what would a justified and sanctified person do with their life? What could possibly satisfy a heart that has known the healing and freeing love of Christ? Being a millionaire? Having an expensive car? Of course not. In one way or another, they would spend their life for the justification and sanctification of others, the greatest joy a human heart can know. They would become bread broken and wine poured out. They would do with their lives what Jesus did with his. They would live as he lived, in memory of him. They would love those who hate them. They would no longer live in fear of death. They too would live a life beyond death.

Holy Thursday we will decide whether to join Jesus in his way of life or not. If we choose to walk with him, we will come back Good Friday to embrace the cross, to face death where it appears in our lives. But we will do so "in sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth." Holy Saturday we will profess that faith along with twelve others professing it as adults for the first time. Then Easter Sunday begin our life beyond death with Christ.

Come Pilgrims of Hope. Let us do what Jesus asked us to in his memory.

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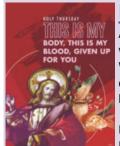
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Please Note: Beginning with Tuesday, March 4th there will no longer be a mass on the First Tuesday of each month. Father Todd will no longer be available to celebrate mass in Fr. Steve's absence. If you have a mass of intention scheduled for the FIRST Tuesday of the month please call the office at 715-344-9117 and we will reschedule it for you.

Holy Week 2025

Introduction

The Jubilee Prayer of Pope Francis that has guided our Lenten journey has led us right to Holy Week and the Paschal Mystery. Based on our Faith in Jesus Christ (Week 1) we can open ourselves to a community of His love (week 2). Healed and freed by that Love we become seeds of Hope (week 3). By sharing the life changing power of Hope we are part of the transformation of humanity (Week 4) and walk with growing confidence of the overcoming of evil and the rising of God's glory (Week 5). Like Christ himself, all seeds must die in order to rise and bring new life. It's the great Paschal Mystery that we enter into this Holy Week.



Holy Thursday

All are invited to dinner beginning at 5:00pm in Spirit Hall. Food will be provided akin to a Student Dinner, where all can bring a dish, potluck style. Please watch for a Sign Up Genius. Food will be served until 6:00pm. We are expecting 50-60 guests who normally take part in the Place of Peace Meal in Kostka Hall on Thursday evenings. Our gathering will look and sound like Jesus' gatherings where all were welcome. Please come and let your heart be stretched even wider.

Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00pm with the Reception of the Holy Oils blessed by Bishop Battersby at the Cathedral. As commanded by Jesus, we will do what he did at the last supper. We will wash

one another's feet. There will be five stations each with two chairs, a bowl and pitcher. Our OCIA Candidates and Sponsors will be serving us. They will be the first to wash someone's feet at each station. All are invited to come up when every you are ready. Please take your shoes and socks off in your pew before coming up. As the person ahead of you is getting their feet washed, take your seat in the other empty chair. When they are finished, they will wash your feet. When your feet have been washed you then would wash the feet of the next person who has filled the chair next to yours. After you have washed their feet, return to your pew and put your socks and shoes back on. After communion we share in the sorrow of Christ and the disciples processing out to the Garden of Gethsemane. All are invited to watch and pray until 10:00pm.



Good Friday

There are two services on Good Friday, one at noon and one at 6:30pm. We will let the chalice be our window into the meaning of Christ's death on the Cross. At 6:30pm, you will be invited to share in the intercessions. We will have some prepared that will be led by volunteers throughout the Church. But you may offer a petition of your own during the silent periods between groups of intercessions. Please be loud enough for all to hear. Our collection will go to support the teachers at the school of our Twinning Parish in Haiti. University students will bear the cross at the noon service; possibly those just returned from their mission trip to Denver. High school students will bear the cross at the 6:30pm service. We will part in silence at the end.



Holy Saturday Please pick up a vigil candle at one of the entrances as you arrive. All are invited to gather by 8:30pm whether in the church or out at the fire on the grass on the east side of the Ministry Center. A few minutes before 8:30pm all in church will be invited to go out for the lighting of the Easter fire. This Vigil we will welcome into the Catholic faith Samuel Bennet, Leighton Lambert and Austin Rennhack. Tucker Bart, Logan Egle, Christian Houben, Shaylee Houben, Patrick Houben, Kenneth Huff, Keifer Sroka, Sarah Sroka and McKayla Mertz, who were baptized Catholic, will complete their initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation, and for some, their First Holy Communion. All are invited to personally congratulate these men and women at a reception held in their honor in Spirit Hall immediately after the Mass.



Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday liturgies are at 8am and 10:30am with the Apostles Choir signing at 10:30am. All will renew their readiness to pass through baptismal waters in order to increase their share in the risen life of the Son.

Holy Spirit will be hosting a Holy Thursday 'Directed PotLuck' meal with an invitation to our Place of Peace friends.



We need people

to help with the meal. Casseroles, desserts, vegetables, salads, and fruit are needed. Meals prepared in crockpots can be delivered by 3pm.

We are also in need of hospitality. We need people to help with meal prep, greeters and servers, and clean up. Please consider offering your services to this ministry by signing up through Sign Up Genius on the parish website.

Or try this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FAFAB28A0F4C61-56071732-holy#/

You may have to copy and paste the link into your browser.

Thank you so much for helping out!



What Help off set the expense of laundry for strugglin families, folk without homes, folk without work.

How: Save your quarters and put them in the bucket marked "Laundry Love" on the table by Laura.

Consider: Getting to know your neighbors by volunteering at Laundry Love. Make their day a little special with your smile, care and conversation.

Where: South Point Laundromat on Tuesdays from 4-6pm and Wednesdays from 10-Noon.

Laundry Love uniquely serves low and no income individuals and families in the Stevens Point area. On Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, South Point Laundromat transforms into a place of hospitality amid washers, dryers, bundles of quarters and bubbles!

You might not realize it, but laundromat-laundering is expensive: a large load costs \$6.50 and drying is .25 per 6 min increments. As you can imagine, that adds up—particularly for young families!

Eight churches so far contribute to Laundry Love's operation with volunteers and support. I hope to encourage Holy Spirit Parishioners to contribute quarters, detergent and their company. Currently, only one person among 28 volunteers hails from Holy Spirit. We can help further, right!?

One Big Tent Wish List for the Month of April

Rain Gear Ponchos

Rain Jacket

Umbrellas

We always need Kwik Trip fuel cards (\$15 is a good amount) or Goodwill gift card (\$15).





(Reminder) Chrism Mass | April 15, 2025 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse

The chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights. At it, the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the sacraments of baptism and the anointing of the sick and consecrates the sacred chrism used in the sacraments of confirmation and holy orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

BEING GOOD STEWARDS Of Time, Talent & Treasure

Participation at Mass March 5/6

Unknown at time of printing.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING for the Week Ending 4/04/2025

Autodrafts & Debit/Credit Cards \$ 375 Envelopes 6,617 Offertory Basket 648

Total: \$7,640

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn

13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22,

25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/

Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1 -2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or

Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/

Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ /Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/

Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12 **Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-1

Easter Flower Offering

Would you like to make an offering in memory/honor of someone special? The offerings are used to purchase altar flowers for the Easter Season



Please use the Easter Flower envelope in your March giving envelope pack or pick up an envelope in the Ministry Center, fill in the name(s), insert your offering and put it in either the collection basket or the after-hours drop box by the office window.



Jubilee Pilgrimage: Lady of Champion, WI.



When: 13 June 2025, 7:30 - 5: 30.

What: Coach bus travel from Stevens Point - Champion WI Marian Shrine.

Why: To deepen your prayer life and renew your Spirit via prayer; celebrate mass,w Fr Steve; meditative walks; Sacrament of Reconciliation; Divine Mercy Chaplet; Historic Talk, Veneration of St Anthony of Padua's relics on his feast day.

How Sign up on the table across from Laura.



Stevens Point Area Catholic Cemetery Association Spring Cemetery Cleanout April 14, 2025

The Maintenance crew will be removing decorations from the previous decorating

period on Monday April 14th. Any decorations you may want to save, must be removed prior to April 14. The Cemetery Association is not responsible for decorations removed and discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parishioners interested in purchasing burial lots should contact the cemetery office at 715-341-3236 to schedule an appointment.



Knights of Columbus
Pizza Fundraiser

Wednesday April 16th
5:00 to 7:00 pm
Portesi Pizza (all you care to eat)
Only \$10.00 per person;

coffee, milk or ice water and tax.

Ages 5-11 \$7.00

Ages 4 and under free

Lounge Open for refreshments

Knights of Columbus Clubhouse,

401 W Clark St (Just across the Clark St Bridge)

This event is open to the public.

includes

All profits from the pizza sales will help fund our Charity Account to help others in our Community.

Don't miss this fun event!

 If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit from a pastoral care minister, priest, or deacon from Holy Spirit Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at 715-344-9117.

Good Friday Collection

The Haiti Mission Team would like to thank all of you for your continued support to Help Educate the Children.

Once again, our Good Friday collection will be for this project but will go toward purchasing rice for weekly school lunches. We ask you for prayers and contributions.

Thank you.

Deacon Rick and The Haiti Mission Team

'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

ADORATION NIGHT

Join us for a night of Adoration, praise & worship, and prayer



WED, APRIL 23 6 - 7:30 PM AT HOLY SPIRIT "Behold, your king comes to you meek and riding on ... a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." ~ Matthew 21.5.

Recently during an OCIA meditation, we prayerfully visited Jesus' joyful Palm Sunday reception. To my surprise, my attention centered on the young donkey, an unsung hero and exemplar.

Only moments before, it had been nestled alongside its mother, safe and secure. Now, he's without her, on his own and for the first time, carrying a human upon its back. He doesn't buck. He doesn't stand stubbornly. He walks carefully step by step upon cloaks and palms fulfilling ancient Hebrew prophecy, carrying the Messiah.

Why might such a little beast be heroic? And what does he show us? How is he exemplary?

He's heroic because he goes where Jesus leads. No questions. No arguments. No negotiations. And he's exemplary because he carries his 'burden' willingly and without complaint. Jesus is about to carry the cross and for this brief segment of time, this colt carries Jesus, carefully, for all the world to see and to "beseech".

Echoing angels of old, the crowd cries, "Hosanna!!, ie, "save us, we beseech thee!" Amid this noise, confusion and ruckus, the little colt walks without complaint, carrying Jesus, mapping the Way.

He walks where Jesus leads. And he trusts Jesus' direction completely. Can we do this? Can Jesus' Way be our "Way" without question? Hesitation? Resistance? Re-mapping?

And it's not only Jesus who is meek, but the colt—and so too we, if we accept not only where Jesus leads, but how he leads. Meekness means "power or strength under control." It's a posture of attentiveness marked by compassion, patience and service to others.

As we enter into Holy Week, I invite you to reflect on our meek little friend and to find hope in his pilgrimage away from home, away from family, leading the Way, trusting entirely in Jesus.

Will you choose "the Way" of meekness? Will you trust in Jesus and go where He leads?

As Jesus, will you lead with Love and serve your neighbor?

If you do, you'll find that as our little colt, "doing little things with great love"* transforms us all.

This week, what little things will you do out of Love for Jesus and your neighbor?

(*Mother Teresa).

PIA

Come on a spring walk with fellow parishioners at

Schmeeckle Reserve on Sunday afternoon, April 27, in celebration of Earth Week! The Environmental Justice Committee invites you to a leisurely stroll from the Nature Center to Lake Joanis, around and back. If you wish, you can also participate in a Citizen Scientist activity to collect and enter



data on the plants and animals that you spot.

If you plan to take part in the Citizen Scientist "bio-blast," we will meet after the 10:30 Mass social in the Gathering Area for a brief instruction on how to use the iNaturalist app on your phones. Your observations can be entered there and added to a pool of nature sightings across our state. This data assists scientists in monitoring the location and number of various species of flora and fauna.

Let's meet between 12:30 and 1:00 in front of the Nature Center near the parking lot on April 27. We'll meet there again at 2:30 pm to share our observations. A fun activity for individuals and families! Hope to see you! (We won't let a little drizzle deter us, but in case of rain we will meet May 4.)

Prayer Shawl
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gathering in the
Conference
Room on
Saturday, April





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