

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

## Lent 2019

31 March

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### THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY 1 APR

- 8 AM - Mass, St. Peter / *Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38*
- 6:30 AM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 9:30 AM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 7:30 PM - College Women's Bible Study, Newman Center

#### TUESDAY 2 APR / *Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+Tom Martens)
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 6 PM - Student Led Evening Prayer, Newman Ctr. Chapel
- 6 PM - Reconciliation Svc., St. Peter
- 6:30 PM - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Newman Ctr.
- 6:30 PM - Celebration Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

#### WEDNESDAY 3 APR / *Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-20/Mt 5:17-19*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+Henry & Clarence Filtz)
- 5 PM - Student Supper, Newman Center
- 6 PM - Campus Ministry Committee Mtg., Newman Center
- 6:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 6:30 PM - Faith Formation Grs. 1-6, School Grs. 7-8, Kostka Hall
- 9 PM - Late Night Mass, Newman Center

#### THURSDAY 4 APR / *Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-9/Lk 11:14-23*

- 8:15 AM - Mass (+Hilpert Family)
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration  
- 9 AM - Stations of the Cross - 3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 5:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Rectory
- 6 PM - Small Discipleship Group, Newman Center
- 6 PM - Student Led Evening Prayer, Newman Ctr. Chapel
- 6:30 PM - Parish Committee Meetings., Kostka Hall  
Sacred Worship, Family Life, Social Justice, Faith Formation
- 7:30 PM - College Men's Bible Study, Newman Center

#### FRIDAY 5 APR / *Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14*

- 8:15 AM - Mass
- Noon - Rosary, Newman Center Chapel

#### SATURDAY 6 APR / *Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14*

- 9 AM - Reconciliation

### LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

#### 5th Sunday in Lent | 6/7 APR

*Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

- 5 PM Saturday (+Jim Higgins)
- 8 AM Sunday (+PCCW) - 7:30 - Rosary
- 10 AM Sunday (+Dan Kedrowski)
- 6 PM Sunday (for the parish)

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#### Fr. Steve's Question of the Week

## When was the last time your hunger for God moved you into action?

Our small discipleship groups will reflect on this question at gatherings this week. Days/times/locations of small group gatherings can be found on the LENT information page found in this bulletin.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS:

You're invited to dinner



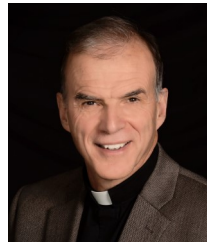
All students are invited to a Student Supper at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Newman Center. Sign up today or, send an email to [zach@holy-spiritstevenspoint.org](mailto:zach@holy-spiritstevenspoint.org).



Want to meet new parish families? Want to make SpiritFEST 2019 a success? We are **still** in need of a Logistics Chair. This person would supervise the pick up of bar/food area equipment/supplies and help with Saturday set up and Sunday tear down. We meet once a month prior to SpiritFEST and again for a fun filled day on July 28th. E-mail Brant Bergeron, [bergeron@dcopy.net](mailto:bergeron@dcopy.net) or call 347-2736 with your willingness to serve or with questions.

Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

"I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."  
(John 9:39)



The one who acknowledged his need came to see things clearly. His eyes were opened and he came to know Christ. Whereas the Pharisees who clung to their power grew more and more blind. They could not see God's work in their lives.

When Trust grows and Curiosity is respected the heart Opens. Then the deep longings of the heart begin to stir. As if from a heavy sleep, the heart awakens. As if blind from birth, the eye of the heart begins to see. As if rising from the dead, the heart begins to live the life it has always been longing to live. No longer passively waiting hidden within, the soul now begins to actively Seek its true love, God. We have come to the fourth threshold of conversion: Seeking.

Our question for the week is: When was the last time your hunger for God moved you into action? We invite you to talk about your hunger for God and a time when you crossed over from passive waiting to actively Seeking Him. If there are things holding you back from following the longings of your heart, they would be excellent things to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday, Holy Spirit will join with St. Peter's in a communal celebration of the Sacrament. We will gather at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. There will be many priests there so do not hesitate out of concerns about time.

Thanks to all who participated in our Town Hall Meeting last Thursday and all who participated in 24 Hours for the Lord. Even as we work steadily on our spiritual lives there are also some very practical matters we must tend to. As we begin the last four months of the fiscal year we need to talk about finances.

If you have been picking up copies of the monthly financial reports at church, you know that our income is trailing our expenses by about \$20,000. Our annual budget is almost exactly \$1 million. We would actually be about \$4,000 in the black if we hadn't needed to take \$24,000 out of operating income to make up the shortfall in last year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. There are two concerns here. First, the budget actually calls for us to be \$26,000 ahead at the end of these fat months so we have some surpluses to get through the lean summer months.

The other concern is this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have reached 60% of our target with 30% of our parish members participating. Reaching our target is well within our means if every household in the parish contributed to the appeal. If another 300 families each contributed \$150 we would make up our current \$45,000 shortfall. It would have significant impact on our ability to provide ministry at the level we are accustomed to if we have to use \$45,000 of operating funds to cover this year's Diocesan Appeal shortfall.

Our Finance Council certainly understands that many people have directed their limited resources toward our Building Project. For those commitments, we are also extremely grateful. To those who have committed all they can to their regular stewardship, the Annual Appeal, and the building project I give heartfelt thanks. You are investing in the well being of our community and world for the generations to come.

To those who have not yet made a significant financial contribution I simply ask you to reflect on the importance of Holy Spirit Parish and our larger Church to you, your family, and our community. Help us continue to play that critical role for generations to come.

*Fr. Steven J. Brice*

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Rectory: 838 Fremont St., 344.9117

### MISSION STATEMENT

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### VISION STATEMENT

Holy Spirit Parish, encouraged by a legacy of faith, hope and love, commits to

- ◆ welcoming all believers and seekers; engaging college students to grow in faith;
- ◆ reaching out to those who have left the Church and to those who do not know Christ;
- ◆ encouraging members to share generously of time, talent and treasure; and,
- ◆ living a Gospel response in our parish, our community, and our world.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

**JoAnn Chase, Casey Davis, John Eckendorf, Mary Ann Krems, Eric Leary, Deacon Rick Letto, Paul Peterson, Joanna Slattery, Pat Trebatoski, Kevin Weinfurter, Ginny Williams, Susan Zach**

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairs: **John Clifford, Vern Schroth**

**Fr. Steve Brice, Pastor**

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**Joining Our Parish:** Fr. Steve would be glad to talk with you about parish membership. Send him an email at [frsteve@holyspiritstevenspoint.org](mailto:frsteve@holyspiritstevenspoint.org) or call him at 344-9117 to make an appointment.

**Celebrating Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated at Lord's Day Mass at various times of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child's baptism, please call Fr. Steve for more information. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation seminar.

**Caring for the Sick:** If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call Fr. Steve to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

**Facebook:** Like us at *Holy Spirit Parish* and *Point Catholic*. Joining Facebook is easy. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

## Monday Mass Changing Location

The Monday Morning Mass moves to St. Peter Parish at 8 a.m. on April 1. The city parishes participate in a rotation of the Monday Mass, with each of the four parishes hosting it on a quarterly basis, and with Fr. Todd Mlsna, our shared associate pastor, presiding.

## Pacelli Fish Fry on Fridays

Gather Friday nights at Pacelli Catholic High School for a great Lenten meal. The menu offers a choice of homemade beer-batter fish or baked fish, deep fried shrimp plate or a combo plate. Prices: 3 pc. Fish \$11, 2 pc. Fish \$9, 1 pc. Fish \$7, Shrimp \$10. Carry outs are available: call 341-2442 after 4:15 pm.

## Elsewhere

**FRANCISCANS DOWNTOWN:** The movie *San Andreas* will be shown on Wednesday at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Also at Franciscans during Lent, Fr. Placid Stroik will offer the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Thursdays between 2 and 3 p.m. (Apr. 4/Apr. 11)

**KC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:** It's time again for this annual event to benefit those with intellectual disabilities. The KC's will be at all Masses on April 6th and 7th for this important fundraiser.

**BUILDING FAITH BRICK BY BRICK:** "Lego" of the winter blues and build a family connection with St. Joseph Parish. On Saturday, Apr. 6th at 9:30 a.m. families are invited to use their imaginations and *Lego* blocks to learn how our faith was built.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** St. Stephen's Family Life Committee hosts this event on Sunday, Apr. 7th between 9 and 11 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, bacon, orange juice, milk and coffee. Cost: \$5/adults, \$3/children 12 and under.

### FAITH FORMATION REMINDER DATES:

#### Grades 1-6 Remaining Regular Wednesdays:

3 April (Grades 7-8: Group A)  
10 April (Grades 7-8: Group B/but offsite event/Flocknote)  
(OFF 17 April — so you can be ready to attend Triduum!)  
24 April (Grades 7-8: Everyone)

#### Grade 2:

13 April — First Eucharist Family Retreat

#### Grades 1-6 Holy Spirit Quarter (\*optional/tentative\*):

1 May, 8 May, 15 May, 22 May, 29 May, 5 June  
(Opportunities for Grades 7-12 to team this "quarter"!)

#### Confirmation Discernment:

**Year 1:** Continued Sunday nights through Lent  
Parent Interviews Saturday, 6 April  
9th Grade Retreat: 10-11 May/Lions Camp

**Year 2:** Continued Sunday nights through Pentecost  
Family Interviews: 28 April/9:15 a.m. or 4 May/6:15 p.m.  
Rite of Commitment weekend of 8-9 June/Pentecost

## BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Of time, talent and treasure

### PARTICIPATION AT MASS

Mar. 23/24

5 p.m.— 227                      8 a.m. — 220  
10 a.m. — 355                    6 p.m. — 212

### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GIVING

Mar 23/24.....\$14,297.09

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target.....\$114,000  
Pledged/Contributed.....\$68,498  
Under Target.....\$45,502  
Number of Contributors: 294 (30%)

## Chrism Mass Bus Trip

Join the Stevens Point Deanery on Tuesday, Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse.

Depart from Holy Spirit Parish at 6 a.m., attend Mass, and make a stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe before returning home.

Cost: \$10 for the trip, with breakfast and lunch purchases made individually. Space is limited. To reserve your space visit at [www.pointdeanery.org/chrism](http://www.pointdeanery.org/chrism) or leave a message at 715-303-7780.

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*Note from Colleen regarding some history of Chrism Mass:*

Traditionally Chrism Mass is celebrated on Holy Thursday morning, as it commemorates the institution of the priesthood and therefore includes a renewal of vows by all priests as well as the blessing and consecration of oils by the bishop but with the help of his priests. Then the new oils would be carried back to parishes by the newly recommitted priests just in time for those oils to come in as the first part of the procession for Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. Over time, as the geographical area of dioceses grew, it became impossible for all the priests of the diocese to travel to the cathedral, celebrate Mass, and return in time to celebrate the Holy Thursday Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. So some dioceses celebrate Chrism Mass in advance of Holy Thursday. Our Diocese of La Crosse celebrates Chrism Mass on the Tuesday of Holy Week.

This is an especially good experience for families anticipating Confirmation and those who want to encourage vocations in your family — and the only time Colleen would encourage missing school/work if you can afford to do it! See our priests renew their ordination vows AND you help accompany the newly blessed/consecrated oils back to our parish — and this is the Sacred Chrism you (2019) will be confirmed with! Experience Holy Thursday liturgy #FromTheBeginning this year — starting Tuesday of Holy Week! Grab those last spots on the bus!