

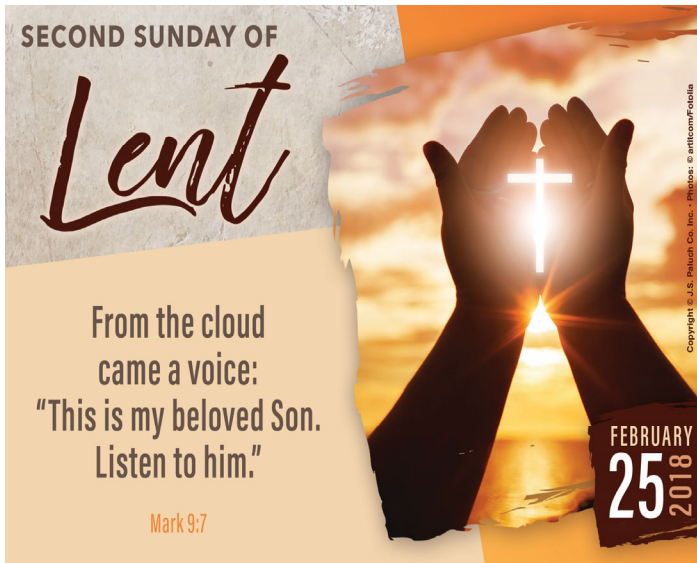


St. Joseph Parish

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Mission: Together in faith, we celebrate Christ through prayer and service.



ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 4

- Sunday, February 25, Social after Mass
 - 1:00 p.m.—Adoration
 - 2:00 p.m.—Benediction and Stations
- Monday, February 26
 - 5:00 p.m.—Meal of Hope
- Tuesday, February 27
 - 6:30 p.m.—RCIA
 - 7:00 p.m.—Finance Council Meeting
- Wednesday, February 28
 - 4:15 p.m.—CCD
 - 6:30 p.m.—CCD
 - 6:30 p.m.—TYME 4th Night
- Thursday, March 1
 - 12:00 p.m.—3/11/18 Bulletin Deadline
 - 6:00 p.m.—Sacred Worship Meeting
- Friday, March 2, World Day of Prayer
- Sunday, March 4
 - 9:00 a.m. Call to Justice Meeting
 - 1:00 p.m. Adoration
 - 2:00 p.m. Benediction and Stations

PARISH

Bricks from the School Building are available in the Gathering Space after Masses for anyone who would like one. A Good Will offering would be appreciated.

Join Us On Sundays In Lent For Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph, followed by Benediction and Stations of the Cross. We began on February 18 and will conclude on March 19. Please join us for this quiet time with the Lord.

Call to Justice Rice Bowl Collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS)—This week we encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

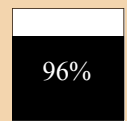
Facebook Contest—Check out the “Like and Share St. Joseph Day Celebration” contest on the St. Joseph Parish Facebook page and you could win 2 tickets for the Saturday, March 10 event. Entry deadline is Noon CST on Wednesday, March 7. Tell your family and friends to “like” and “share” the St. Joseph Day Celebration.

Did You Know ...Catholic Charities assists in finding “forever homes” for children through their adoption services program? Catholic Charities receives their funding through the Annual Appeal? Won’t you please help us meet our parish goal?
Your Appeal Team

Special Collections 02/18/2018	
Milk Can Fund	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$110.00
Keeping Our Father’s House	\$0.00

Envelopes/Basket Summary—02/14/18 & 02/18/18	
Weekly Giving	\$6,301
Weekly Giving Budgeted	\$7,096
Giving to Date	\$247,108
Budgeted to Date	\$241,264

DAA 2017/2018 GOAL	
Weekly Pledges Received	\$920
Total Pledges Received	\$48,483
Total Payments Received	\$43,706
Food for Poor Housing Goal	\$3,600
Total Received	\$2,200



Mass Schedule and Intentions

MONDAY, February 26
8:00 a.m. †Dolores Mansavage

TUESDAY, February 27
8:15 a.m. *Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

WEDNESDAY, February 28
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
St. Joseph Holy Name Society

THURSDAY, March 1
8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Stephen Parish*

FRIDAY, March 2
8:00 a.m. †Stanley & Joyce Dudzik

Third Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel
4:00 p.m. †Sadie Behm
†Maxine Skalski

SUNDAY, March 4
10:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members
of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes

Liturgical Ministers for March 3-4**4:00 p.m. — Saturday**

Mass Preparation: Kris Hansen
Altar Servers: Jim Krueger & Mary Davidson
Hospitality Ministers:
Barb Bartkowiak Virginia Zakoski (w)
Joan Misiewicz David Sroda Dale Tetzloff
Readers: Leo Jacoby & Judy S. K. Moore
Eucharistic Ministers:
Kim Boden Charisse Fogarty Phyllis Ziaya
Rich Boden Michelle Poeschel
Gift Card Sellers: Jean Bablitch

10:30 a.m. — Sunday

Mass Preparation: Deb Peltier
Altar Servers: Ian Ekstrand Emmanuel Fogliazza
Matthew Tippel
Hospitality Ministers:
John Droske Rick Kennedy Tari Wallner
Mary Hale (w) Bill Wallner
Readers: Carolyn Sauer & Mary Droske
Eucharistic Ministers:
Diane Dietsche Mitzi Hlavac Deb Peltier
Tom Ekstrand Jane Kennedy Brian Zimmerman
Gift Card Sellers: Leah Shibilski

Thank you to all who attended and worked at Winterfest. With your help and good weather it was a success. A special thank you to the following people and businesses for their time and donations. Decorating: Lori Bartlett, Kathy Hansen, Ellen Miskowski, Lisa Miskowski. Fish Fry: Nancy & Tim Kaczmarek, Mary & Brian Guzman, Lynn & John Meyer plus their invaluable kitchen staff. Basket Raffle: Finance Committee, Picnic Team and Bill & Tari Wallner. Donations: Okray Farms, Sky Club, Thrivent Financial, Old 10 Bistro and Point After. All the behind the scenes help from Renee Schneeberg.

Senior Trips—Thank you Ron and Aggie Kobishop for your many years of service in coordinating the Senior Trips. You gave us many wonderful trips and great memories! Steve and Jean Brazzale are the new coordinators. Two trips have been planned already: Milwaukee Brewer Game on June 27 and Fireside Theater for the play *Church Basement Ladies* on July 12. If you are interested in reserving a spot for either of these trips, call the Brazzales at 715-341-3256

St. Joseph Day Celebration—Holy Name Society and Parish Family Life are hosting a St. Joseph Day Celebration from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on March 10. Enjoy this homemade Italian feast served to you at your table. Meal includes chicken alfredo or meatball in marinara sauce, garlic bread, dessert, and coffee or milk. Cost is \$8.75 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5-10, under five are free. Tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend and March 3-4.

St. Joseph's 2nd Annual Eggstravaganza will be Saturday, March 31, after the Blessing of the Food. In preparation of the big event, we will be collecting plastic Easter eggs. There will be a collection box in the Gathering Space this weekend through March 11 for your donation.

Monday Morning 8:00 a.m. Mass will continue at St Joseph Parish through Monday, March 26, 2018.

Gift Card Seller is needed after Mass on the fifth Sunday. If you would like volunteer please contact Jacob Stiemann at 715-341-1617 x102.

Fr. Lyle Schulte, former pastor, has moved into Whispering Pines Assisted Living. His address is 3450 Bridlewood Drive, Room 203, Plover, WI 54467. His telephone number is 715-344-1566.

PARISH

St. Joseph Parish Prayer Corner—Please keep the health of Jan Iwanski in your prayers. If you would like your name placed on the weekly prayer list, please call Renée at 715-341-1617 x101, or send an email to: rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.

PARISH

Celebration of Ministry—St. Joseph Parish members, staff and councils recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in calling forth Walter Belsha as our new custodian. We are so grateful for the wonderful job he is doing keeping all of our facilities in tip-top shape.

How is the Holy Spirit calling you to use your gifts for our community?

Ehr Hall Update—The painting and floors are complete in Ehr Hall. The next project is for the ceiling tiles to be cleaned. The bathrooms remain closed at this time.

Weekly Reflections—“If God is for us, who can be against us?” Perhaps the better question would be: Are we for God? It is understandable that those who see themselves as Christians, assume that God is on their side and therefore they must be in the right. The Pharisees also thought this way but they were roundly criticized by Jesus. We are not all knowing and just—that is God. We are trying to learn how to be more like God, our Father. We need to develop a humble spirit and an open heart so that we may learn how to be on God’s side rather than insisting that God support our ideas and plans.

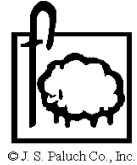
*To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
Psalm 116:17*

Adult Education Opportunity—RCIA will begin its last educational opportunity with discussion of the *Sacraments* on February 27, March 6 and 13. All are welcome to join. Sessions start at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. Please call Kris Hansen at 715-341-1617 x112 if you have any questions.

Happiness Caravans—Seventy parishioners will have their second meeting this week to discuss “Resisting Happiness” by Matthew Kelly. Some groups still have space for you: Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. (at Brookdale), Fridays at 8:45 a.m. Call Leo Jacoby, 715-341-2790, to connect with one of these “caravans.” We invite everyone reading the book, whether you are in a group or not, to leave a comment on the parish bulletin board (near NW exit door.) Share an idea or an action inspired by your reading or group conversations.

Parish new E-Mail Address Change will begin this month. Watch the bulletin for more details.

So Just Where Did That Lamb Go Anyway?—On February 24, the Parish Family Center at St. Joseph was overrun by a flock of sheep. What were they doing here? They were helping the second grade youngsters from both St. Joseph and St. Stephen parishes prepare for their First Reconciliation. The children guided trash-bag sheep along a path. They gently carried lost cotton ball sheep back to the pen. They even created their own marshmallow sheep! Immersed in sheep, the children explored the parable of the Lost Sheep and talked about our Good Shepherd, Jesus. They even managed to corral themselves long enough to do a ten-minute meditation after which they were guided through an Examination of Conscience so they could write their sins inside paper “confession sheep.” By the time their families arrived for a potluck lunch, the boys and girls were experts! First Reconciliation can be very scary. But not for these second graders. You should have seen the joy on their faces as they lit candles after receiving absolution. Priceless! I hope you get a chance to look at their prayers of thanksgiving on display (St. Stephen—back of church, St. Joseph—Gathering Space.) The children hope that your Lenten experience of this sacrament of forgiveness and healing will bring you joy and peace too. Maybe count a few sheep before you go. Pray for us.

**St. Joseph Parish**

Dawson Boyer
Adam Earnest
Emma Ekstrand
Pierce Gharis
Hadley Gollon
Abigail Johnson
Emma Johnson
Lydia Kort
Emma Rychter
Mason Schulist
Garrett Shulfer

St. Stephen Parish

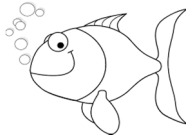
Mariah Callan
Evan Gollon
Nathaniel Jisko
Isabelle Knutson
Logan Lutz
Carter Rutta
Ava Sawyer
Ian Sensenbrenner

Contribution Statements for 2017 are available for pick up in the Gathering Space. Please note revised electronic statements are also available.

Operation Bootstrap—During the month of February we are looking to collect baby items for our shopping carts. Any non-perishable items you may wish to donate are always appreciated. We thank you for your continued generosity in helping those in need in our community.

AREA CHURCHES, SCHOOLS & DEANERY

Pacelli Lenten Fish Fry—Pacelli has two more opportunities on March 2 and March 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for this annual fundraiser. Dine in or carry out a delicious meal. New this year is homemade Mac & Cheese and Caesar Salad, along with returning items baked and beer batter fish, shrimp, potato (baked or waffle fries) and dessert. Choose from a \$7.00, \$9.00 or \$11.00 fish dinner or a \$10.00 shrimp dinner. Call 715-341-2442 after 4:15 p.m. to place carry-out orders.



Pacelli Spring Blood Drive—Pacelli High School is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, March 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Pacelli gym. All donations collected will be going to the Blood Center of Wisconsin. Registration is open at bcw.edu/pacelli. Email mschmitz@pacellicatholicschools.com or call 715-342-2008 with questions or to sign up. Walk-ins are welcome.

Pacelli Catholic Schools Presents the 5th Annual Cardinal Crusade Live Auction and Dinner on Saturday, March 3. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Games, Live Auction and Raffle Drawings at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person, \$20 for Staff/Event Volunteer or \$200 for a table of eight. Cost includes admission, dinner catered by Michele's and bidder number. RSVP by February 23 at www.pacellicatholicschools.com/cardinalcrusade. The Live Auction will include "Fathers' Feasts" dinner for up to 6 prepared by some of our favorite priests: *Grilling With Fr. Tom Lindner, Traditional Polish Dinner with Fr. Jerzy Rebacz, Country Living Meal with Fr. Dan Hackel or a Suckling Pig Dinner with Fr. Ed Shuttleworth.*

Concert Series—Holy Spirit Parish will be hosting performances by two Catholic college choirs in coming weeks. The Viterbo University Concert Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 22, and the Chamber Choir of the College of St. Benedict and St John's University in central Minnesota will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5. Both concerts will be in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. All are welcome. A freewill offering will be collected.

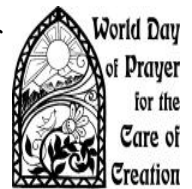
Stevens Point Catholic Cemetery—Parishioners interested in purchasing burial lots, please call the cemetery office at 715-341-3236. Did you know the Stevens Point Catholic cemetery has a webpage? Many questions about the cemetery may be answered at stevenspointcatholiccemetery.com.

Chicago Polish Trip—Join us on our annual spring bus trip to the Polish District in Chicago, Tuesday, April 3. This is a one day trip filled with Polish culture, food and fun. Father Jerzy Rebacz will be escorting the group. Transportation, 2 meals (one is an authentic Polish buffet), prizes and guaranteed fun are included in the cost of \$90 per person. Pick-up will be in Schofield and Plover. To reserve a spot or for more details, please call Helen Damask at 715-574-2654. Reservation deadline is March 27.

Knights of Columbus, Council 1170—Dave and Darrel's annual Chicken Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse. The menu includes baked chicken, homemade chicken soup and all the fixings. Adult one-quarter chicken is \$9.00, children under 12 are \$4.25 and carryout's are \$9.50. This event is open to the public.

Lenten Mission—You are welcome to attend the St. Mary of Mount Carmel Lenten Mission from March 4 to 6. Evening sessions will begin with a rosary at 6:00 p.m. followed by Father Samuel Martin's presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for complete details.

World Day of Prayer is Friday March 2, 1:00 p.m. at Intercession Episcopal & Redeemer Lutheran, 900 Brilowski Road. This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname call us to worship with the words: "All God's creation is very good!" We are invited to learn about Suriname's history and rich cultural diversity.



The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love. The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of creation. They remind us that we are caretakers of God's creation! Through their Bible study and worship service, they invite us to explore issues of climate change, natural disasters, human abuse of the environment—all affecting God's good creation and God's people. They invite us to explore these issues both in the Suriname context and around the world, and to prayerfully consider our response in light of God's generosity.

Franciscans Downtown next movie on February 28 at 1:00 p.m. is *The Black Stallion*: A wild horse and young boy become friends after being shipwrecked.



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Welcome to St. Joseph Parish to those who are new to our church or just visiting. We are grateful to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not currently a member of a local church, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Visit our Parish Office to sign up, ask questions or receive more information about our parish. We're glad you're here and hope you become involved in our parish family. Our website is www.togetherinfaith.org.

Share Your Legacy! Have you made a will? Have you included your Parish Family? Support the work of faith within the community of St. Joseph! Estate contributions assist our annual income and help the growth of St. Joseph Parish Stevens Point Endowment Trust. Leave a legacy to the Parish that reflects your connection to your parish. Give thanks to the Lord always! As you desired in life, tithe with your estate

Sacraments

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for detailed information on infant Baptism, as parents are asked to attend a baptismal preparation program. The Baptism will be scheduled after completion of the class.

Marriage: Marriage is celebrated for couples who are active and registered members in the Parish. Please contact the Parish Office at least eight (8) months prior to the requested wedding date.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., before the evening Mass, or you may call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Funeral: Please contact the funeral home director who will assist in making arrangements. The funeral director will then contact the Parish Office.

Services

Visitation of the Sick: If you become homebound because of illness and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due Thursday by 12:00 p.m. Drop off the articles at the Parish Office, or send by email to bulletin@togetherinfaith.org, with a copy to rschneeb@togetherinfaith.org.