



Church of the

Holy Spirit

You are welcome here!

MASSES

Saturday 4:00_{PM}
Sunday 8:30_{AM}, 11:00_{AM}
Wednesday 8:15_{AM}
Friday Communion Service
& Holidays 8:30_{AM}

Office Hours: Monday – Friday
9:30_{AM} – 3:30_{PM}

Sacraments:

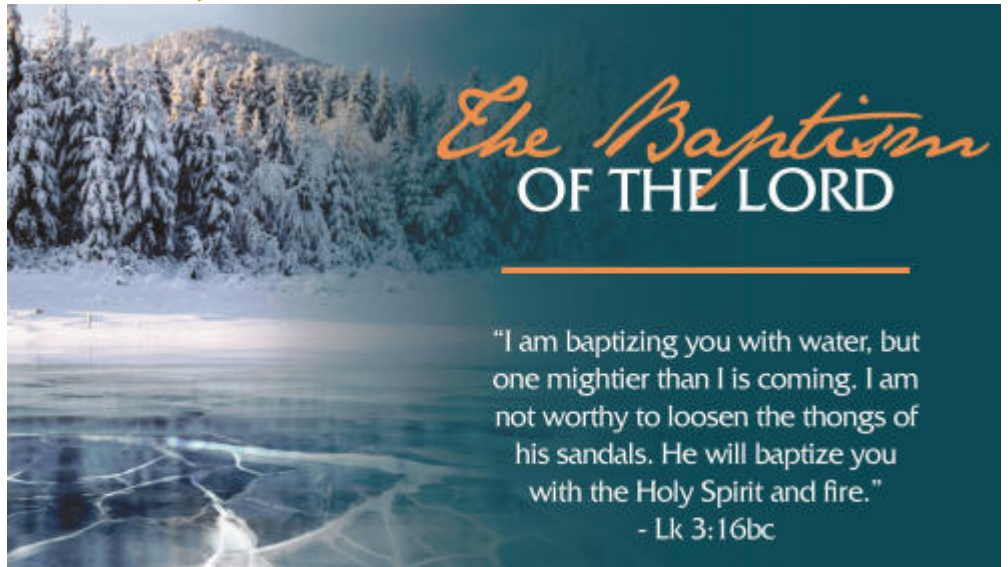
You are invited to celebrate the sacraments with us:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday at 3:00_{PM} or by appointment.

Contact the Parish Center to arrange preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Sacrament of the Sick. If you are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the parish at least six (6) months in advance.

Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Formation Employment Opportunity...

Would you like to guide families as they prepare to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation? We invite you to join our team. This is a 10 hour a week paid position. There are no special job skills requirements, just a willingness to learn and to become a part of the LIFT team. Send your resume and letter of interest to Laura Countryman, Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith and Family Ministry, laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org.



The Baptism OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
- Lk 3:16bc

A letter from your parish staff...

Merry Christmas! This weekend marks the end of the Christmas Season. We began on December 25th with Jesus' birth. When we end the Christmas Season this weekend, Jesus has become a man. He meets up with his cousin, John the Baptist at the Jordan River and is baptized. It's time for Jesus to begin his public ministry and mission.

Next weekend, we begin Ordinary Time. The quiet season between Christmas and Lent. We have spent the last few weeks on Jesus' birth and childhood. Pay attention to how Jesus' ministry unfolds in the Gospel Readings during Ordinary Time. Do you notice a pattern?

Our baptism marks us for mission. This is what Pope Francis' document *Rejoice and Be Glad* is all about. Our mission. Our call to holiness. We are all children of God, children of the light. How are you called to holiness? How will you live out your mission this year? Join us at LIFT as we explore how the Beatitudes help guide our call to holiness. The Beatitudes can seem paradoxical. Explore with us how Jesus' Sermon on the Mount can be a guide for your life, as it was for His. Yours too, is the kingdom of heaven.

*Peace Be With You,
Laura, Pam and Meaghan*

Sunday's Reading: #900**This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 3: 15 — 16****Next Sunday's Gospel: John 2: 1 — 11**

See our website for this week's daily readings:
www.holyspiritchurcheg.org

Reflection Questions for the Week

- On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, consider your own baptismal day. What do you remember or what have you been told about the day you were baptized?
- This feast day officially marks the last day of the Christmas season. Looking back on the weeks since December 25th, what has been most meaningful for you this Christmas? What traditions would you like to continue? Looking forward to next year, what would you like to do differently?
- After being baptized, Jesus prays. In Luke's gospel we often see Jesus in prayer. How would you like to enrich your own prayer life this year?
- At his baptism Jesus hears the voice of God saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." is it easy or difficult for you to believe that you are God's beloved? Why do you think this is?

**Week of Sunday,
January 13, 2019****Saturday 1/12—4_{PM}**

William Belschwinder—by Jack & Maureen McDonough
 Albert & John Blevins—by Mary Blevins
 For the victims of the tsunami

Sunday 1/13—8:30_{AM}

Marie Shabarekh, for healing—by Don & Rose Lyman

Sunday 1/13—11:00_{AM}

Ryan Nixon—by Rick & Cheryl Palmer
 Rosalie Bearce—by the Gialanella family

Wednesday 1/16—8:15_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Friday 1/18—8:30_{AM}—Communion Service

Saturday 1/19—4_{PM}

Joan H. Weglarz—by Janice Griffin
 Mary Whitford—by the Holy Spirit Church Choir

Sunday 1/20—8:30_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Sunday 1/20—11:00_{AM}

Francis L. Steinbach—by Vince & Annette Gizzi

Ushers Needed!!! We are still in desperate need of ushers at the 8:30_{AM} Sunday Mass. Any parishioner can assist in this ministry. Contact the Parish Office for more information, 518-477-7925.

Stewardship**Offertory:**

1/6/19 — \$5,186.00 1/7/18 — \$6,278.75

Are you looking for a convenient, easy to remember way to be a good steward? Look into safe and secure **Online Giving** at Holy Spirit. You may access donation forms and manage your stewardship by using our parish website at: holyspiritchurcheg.org.

Please remember your envelopes after bad weather.

Our 2018 Bishop's Appeal will end in March. We are currently within \$10,000 of our goal. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Center or www.bishopsappeal.org. Please continue paying towards your pledge balances.

Join us for our Parish LIFT Gathering on either Sunday January 13th or Monday January 14th...

Dinner will be pasta & meatballs and tossed salad.

Sunday: dinner will begin following the 11_{AM} Mass. Our Gathering will end at 2_{PM}.

Monday: dinner will be served from 5:30-6:05_{PM}.

Our Gathering will end at 7:30_{PM}.

We hope to see you there!

Reconciliation and Eucharist Candidates will begin their formation for celebrating these sacraments soon. This is an exciting time for families as their children continue their initiation into the church. An email was sent to all of the families that have registered for sacramental formation at the end of December. Please contact Laura Countryman, (laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org) if you did not receive an email. We look forward to accompanying your family on this part of your faith journey!

Explore the Beatitudes with Pope Francis! Pope Francis tells us that "Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card... In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives." Join us for our next parish LIFT Gathering as we continue our exploration of *Rejoice and Be Glad – On the call to Holiness in Today's World*. How do the Beatitudes speak to us today? Do we really understand the Beatitudes? Join us as we explore Chapter 3 together.

Please remember to patronize the sponsors of our weekly bulletin. Tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.

Prayer Lists—To add names to the prayer lists for the health of parishioners or those parishioners who are in the armed services, please call 518-477-7925 or email names to: info@holyspiritchurcheg.org.

Please Pray for the Health of... Philip Agcaoili, Sandra Battisto, Joe Belschwinder, Jennifer Bobersky, Linda Cambareri, Louise Carpentier, Catherine Coates, John Crowther, Joe DiBella, Allana DiBiasio, Chris Edwards, Fred Endres, Marilyn Hart, Pam Hellwig, Rose Helms, Mary Hoffman, Carol Langdon, Margaret Leahy, Jeff Lichiello, Daniel Lockhart, Daniel Mancino, Jeff McAuley, Carole McDowell, Joan Mineau, Zygmunt Palasz, Paul Piela, Lynn Pupello, John Orsino, Patricia Reilly, Joan & Lou Roher, Paul Schell, Mary Lou Seger, Teena Sleasman, Jeff Werther.

Please Pray for Parishioners in the Armed Forces... James Conlon, Jason Dringus, Dan Farley, Casey Frankoski, Luke Horvath, Anthony Hunt, Davis Kakely, Arthur Murphy, Brian L. Murphy, and Erin Walraven.



Thank You!!! Watch for more “*Thank You*” to come. We’ll publish the rest of your names in the next few weeks. A Parish community is everyone working together. Without your ministry we couldn’t accomplish so much here at Holy Spirit. We still have a thriving parish while we wait to greet our new pastor.

Ushers and Collection Takers:

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| Alex Blake | Gus Lapham |
| Tim Blake | Jim Murphy |
| Pat Cancilla | Frank Pietraniello |
| Diane Church | George Raneri |
| Matt Heitker | Jay Stagg |
| Paul Jordan | |

Greening of the Church

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| Doris & Gary Beardsley | Jim & Ellen Murphy |
| Linda & Tim Blake | Alena Llorens-Myers & Jeff Myers |
| Celeste, Erin & Danielle Dickie | Carole Reamer |
| Maria & Jackson Dringus | Kenneth Rizzo |
| Chris Dushensky | The Rossbach family |
| Matt Heitker | Denise Thoma |
| Maureen Kirsch | |

Thank you to all our parish family members who served during our Advent and Christmas Season.

Holy Spirit Directory...

Parish Pastoral Team 518-477-7925

- Deacon Deacon Bill Dringus ... deacon1275@aol.com
- Interim Sacramental Minister Fr. John Bradley
- Interim Administrator Gail Moore
- Family Ministry & Lifelong Faith Formation (LIFT)
 - Laura Countryman laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org
 - Meaghan Rossbach .. meaghan@holyspiritchurcheg.org
- Music Ministry
 - Tim Dowling tim@holyspiritchurcheg.org
- Secretary Pam Bennett .. info@holyspiritchurcheg.org
- Maintenance Services Paul Weidman

Holy Spirit School (PreK3-Grade 8)

- School Office, 54 Highland Drive 518-477-5739
- Email hsoffice@hsseg.org
- Michael Kosar, Principal principal@hsseg.com

Parish Members... are available for you to contact, or you can call the parish office 518-477-7925.

Deacon Bill Dringus: deacon1275@aol.com

Parish Council:

- Kevin Haggerty: 518-378-5428 or khaggerty@flexelectric.com
- Amy Boel: 518-296-1524 or aanddboel@gmail.com
- Frank Puttalaz: 518-477-4412 or solarstamps@aol.com
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Finance Committee:

Steve Wiech: 518-477-5351 or steve_wiech@msn.com

Trustees:

- Rick Hannmann: rhanmann7@gmail.com
- Matt Heitker: heitkergm@acm.org

Help Needed... Last Call for Elves!!!

Join us as we change the Church decorations from Christmas to Ordinary time. The de-greening of the Church will take place at 12PM on Wednesday, January 16th.



Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Su 1/13	LIFT Gathering	12PM	Gym
Mo 1/14	LIFT Gathering	5:30PM	Gym
We 1/16	De-Greening of the Church	12PM	Church
Mo 1/21	Martin Luther King Holiday	Offices	Closed
Su 1/27	Catholic Schools Week Starts		
Sa 2/2	Catholic Schools Week Ends		
Su 3/3	Souper Bowl of Caring	After	Masses

Weekly Events...

- The Rosary—Tuesdays at 11^{AM} in the Church.
- Bible Study—Wednesdays at 10:30^{AM} in the Church.
- Choir Practice—1st Wednesday at 7^{PM} in the Church.



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