



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.

Sunday's Reading: #1000

First Reading:

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7 – 9

Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 45 – 49

Next Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 6: 27 – 38

See our website for this week's daily readings:

www.holyspiritchurcheg.org

Next Sunday's Reading: #1003

First Reading:

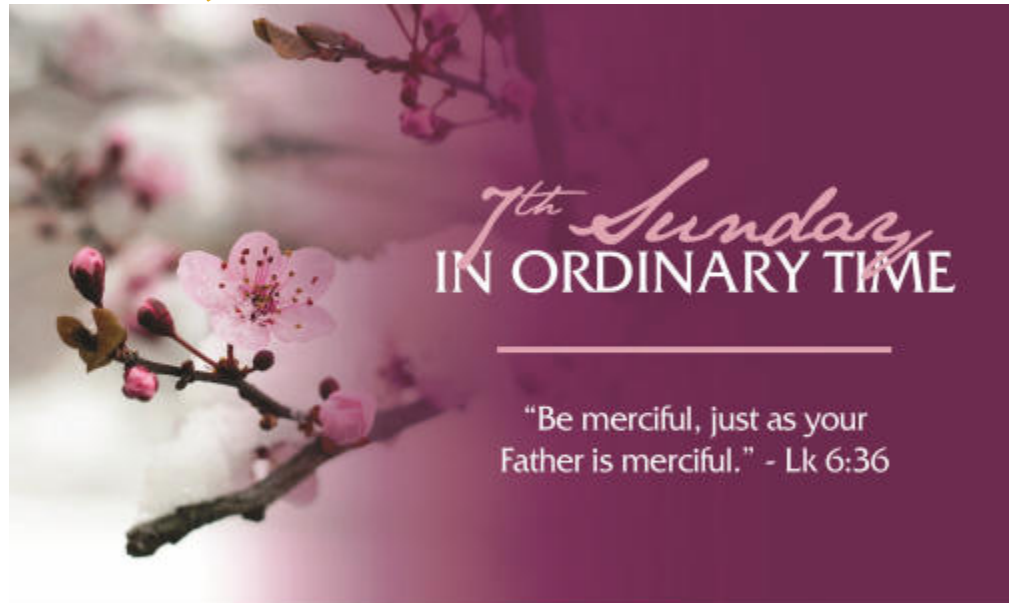
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Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 54 – 58

Next Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 6: 39 – 45



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Be merciful, just as your
Father is merciful.” - Lk 6:36

A letter from your parish staff...

Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Have you planned how you will spend the 40 days of preparation? Next weekend we will be distributing some written materials to help you have a prayerful Lent. Along with *The Word Among Us*, we will have a booklet available to use as a guide through Lent using the Beatitudes. Challenge yourself to be inspired and give yourself a faithLIFT!

This weekend from Luke, we hear something that parents have been echoing for hundreds of years; “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” This is something we teach most children, and yet as adults, somehow we still need this lesson. Why is it hard to treat *everyone*, the people we like *and* the people we don't, as we would have them treat us? “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” Sometimes this is easier said than done, but that is our goal, our path to holiness, to forgive. Forgiving can be very difficult sometimes, but Jesus asks us to do this. Sometimes the hardest person to forgive is ourselves. If we can forgive ourselves, it will be easier to forgive others. Some of our young people will be celebrating their first Reconciliation. As they experience God's never ending mercy for the first time, remember that you to will always be forgiven. All you have to do is ask.

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



Week of Sunday, February 24, 2019

Saturday 2/23—4_{PM}

Alice Matuszyk—by Betty Palasz
Mary Whitford—by Steve & Kathy Wiech
Donna Renzi—by the Farley family
Patricia & Edward Jackson—by Shirley & Joe Ouderkirk

Sunday 2/24—8:30_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Sunday 2/24—11:00_{AM}

Craig Cahill—by Pat Cahill
John Costa—by Rosemary Horan
Rose Helmes—by her family

Wednesday 2/27—8:15_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Friday 3/1—8:30_{AM}—Communion Service

Saturday 3/2—4_{PM}

Loyal Beardsley—by Gary & Doris Beardsley
Mary Whitford—by her family
Rose Helmes—by Amy & Don Boel
James J. Hicks—by Shirley Hicks

Sunday 3/3—8:30_{AM}

Lori Augustine—by Rick, Patty & family
John Tobin—by Jean Probst
Amelia Bulmer Burke—by Tom & Diane Hart & Joyce Taff
Brittany Prater
—by Jackie Coonan & Joe & Mary Ann Danner

Sunday 3/3—11:00_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Reflection Questions for the Week

- Where in your own life are you being called to choose peace and mercy over bitterness and revenge?
- How might we, as individuals and as a parish, conform ourselves more perfectly to the image of Christ, the one who loves without counting the cost?
- How does your family and/or parish follow Jesus' command to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you"?
- In the gospel we are told, "Give and gifts will be given to you." When have you experienced in your own life generosity begetting abundance?

Lenten Prayer Service... The local churches will begin the weekly Lenten Prayer Services on March 13th at the United Methodist Church. Holy Spirit will host the luncheon that day. We are looking for volunteers to prepare salads, casseroles and/or dessert for the luncheon. Please contact Helen Lewis, 518-732-2222 or hlewie@verizon.net and let her know what dish you will prepare.

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

Stewardship

Offertory:

2/17/19 — \$4,262 2/18/18 — \$5,906.25

Please remember your envelopes after inclement weather. Also, please remember to donate to the Evangelist if you are getting the paper. It costs the parish \$18 a year per subscriber. The parish is expected to pay for and is billed for all the subscriptions.

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.

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.

CoNSERNS-U Food Pantry

518-463-8571

Canned fruit, canned tuna, personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper and tampons.

Jazzy Sun Birthdays... We are collecting goody bag-type items to make goody bags for Jazzy Sun Birthdays. Jazzy Sun provides birthday parties for children living in homeless shelters. Some ideas for donations are pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos, little toys, etc. We are looking for enough of each item for 24 kids so that they each get all the same items.



Blessed are... We are excited to be starting a pen pal program with foster children at Copson House (part of St Catherine's Center for Children). All kids love to get mail and to feel special! Any interested 9 to 14 year olds and their families are encouraged to email Meaghan@holyspiritchurcheg.org. Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Raise your hand if you are tired of the cold weather!

We are too. Join us from 2 to 4_{PM} Sunday, March 3rd for our Cabin Fever event. We'll have hot chocolate, snacks and enjoy fun and games: Holy Family Feud, Categories, Bingo and more! This is a great community event for all ages.



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.

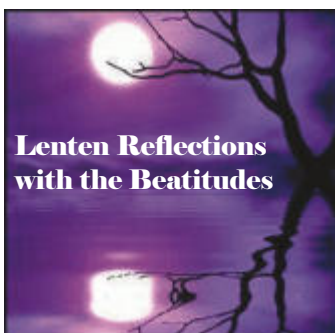
Please Pray for the Health of... Philip Agcaoili, Sandra Battisto, Joe Belschwinder, Jennifer Bobersky, Linda Cambareri, Louise Carpentier, Adelaide Carr, Catherine Coates, John Crowther, Joe DiBella, Allana DiBiasio, Chris Edwards, Fred Endres, Lynn Gorman, Judy & Bill Guilbo, Marilyn Hart, Pam Hellwig, 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.

Did you know? ... that the readings this weekend, for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C haven't been heard since 2007, due to the logistics of the liturgical year? Lent can begin as early as February 4th and as late as March 10th. This also changes the possible dates for Easter. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (also known as Trinity Sunday) takes place the weekend after Pentecost. This replaces one of the Ordinary Time Sundays. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (formerly known as Corpus Christi) is the weekend following Trinity Sunday. This replaces another of the Sundays of Ordinary Time. The readings for next weekend, the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time haven't been heard since 2001, 18 years ago. And you thought Ordinary Time was ordinary!

Lent is Coming! Next weekend we will be distributing Holy Spirit's Lenten Guide for 2019. Join us as we journey through Lent, guided by Pope Francis and the Beatitudes. Blessed are you, happy are you holy are you!



Holy Spirit Directory...

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- Interim Administrator Gail Moore
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Holy Spirit School (PreK3-Grade 8)

- School Office, 54 Highland Drive 518-477-5739
- Email hsoffice@hsseg.org
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Warm Pajamas for Cold Nights Needed...

It's been so cold lately and the Social Action Ministry is collecting pajamas for CoNSERNS-U for needy children... newborn through age 18. Please bring pajamas to the box in Church near the Music Ministry or to the Parish Center by through March 1st.



Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Sa 3/2	Cabin Fever	2PM	Gym
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	6:45 _{AM}	Church
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	8:30 _{AM}	Church
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	6 _{PM}	Church
We 3/13	Social Action Committee	7 _{PM}	Parish Ctr
Sa 3/16	Personal Care Drive		Church
Su 3/17	Personal Care Drive		Church
Su 3/24	Lift Gathering	5:30	Gym

Weekly Events...

- The Rosary – Tuesdays at 11_{AM} in the Parish Center.
- Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10:30_{AM} in the Parish Ctr.
- Choir Practice – 1st Wednesday at 7_{PM} in the Church.



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