



God willing and the people consenting

**The Standing Committee as
Ecclesiastical Authority
Welcomes**

The Rt. Rev. James E. Waggoner,

VIII Bishop of Spokane (retired)

Who, by the laying on of hands

and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit,

will ordain to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood

Gretchen Gina Strohmaier

You are cordially invited to join us to

celebrate this joyous occasion!

Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church

130 South 6th St. East, Missoula Montana

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall

Clergy: red stoles

■ WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Parish Life

The Eucharistic Prayer and Post-Communion Prayer come from the **ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP** texts prepared by the Standing Commission on liturgy and music of The Episcopal Church. *Enriching Our Worship* is a resource to help expand the language, images, and metaphors used in worship. The prayers can be found in the white leaflet. **Please return the *Enriching Our Worship* leaflets to the back of the church so that they can be reused.**

THE TEXT OF THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM: O brighter than the morning star is the heart that's pure and free, and the light that's ever glowing there, the Star of Purity. The sun shall wane, the stars go down and reign of time be o'er, but the living light in the heart that's pure shall shine forever more. The gems within the ocean deep and the wealth her caverns bear, let the oceans and the caverns keep in darkness hidden there. But O Almighty Father, send thine angels from above to kindle in my heart a fire of purity and love.

This week we will mark **GRETCHEN STROHMAIER'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** on Saturday, February 23 at 1 p.m. here at Holy Spirit. If you would like to recognize her accomplishment and contribute to a fund to help her with such things as clergy attire or other items she might need going forward, please write a check to HSP with "Gretchen Ordination Gift" in the memo line and place it in the offertory plate or mail it to the parish office. It's time to celebrate! **Please see the invitation on the back of this insert.**

Registering to be a donor at the **ANNUAL BLOOD DRAWING** continues today after both services. Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of the church and in the parish hall at both Sunday services. The Holy Spirit Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, February 21, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parish hall. For those regular blood donors who want to give at our drawing, you need to know that December 27 was the last day to meet the Red Cross requirement to have at least 56 days in between blood donations. Please consider being a part of our Red Cross Blood Drive.

WE ARE IN NEED OF HOSTS FOR COFFEE HOUR. Coffee Hour is a wonderful way to get to know the people in the congregation and for them to get to know you. We would like to have three or four people each Sunday to help serve coffee and put out treats. You can sign up at today's Coffee Hour. Remember, the Vestry will reimburse up to \$30 for treats per Sunday. This is such a meaningful part of our church community. Please consider helping out with Coffee Hour this year.

Please check out the insert in today's bulletin regarding our **BUDGET SHORTFALL** and how you can help.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED VESTRY MINUTES are available at the back of the church in the literature rack, on a stand by the Vestry bulletin board in the parish hall and on the parish website, holyspiritmissoula.org. A copy of the approved financial statement is posted on the Vestry bulletin board in the parish hall and is available from the church office by request.

THE NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISM will be at our Easter Vigil service on Saturday, April 20, at the 7:30 p.m. service. If you are interested in baptism at that time, either for yourself or for your child, please contact Rev. Terri. **The deadline for the April 20 baptism date is March 17.**

IS YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE? Would you like your son or daughter to participate in our Sunday worship service? Maybe you would like to sign up as a family! If you are interested, please contact our new Acolyte Coordinator Mary Beth Jourdonnais at 406-370-4841 or mbjourdonnais@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

The next meeting of the **YOUTH GROUP** will be tonight, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please join us for pizza, games, fun and discussion. Come and bring your friends!

Explorations

The following Christian formation classes and programs offer a wide variety of educational opportunities aimed at helping us Cultivate, Challenge and Live our Faith

COME TO THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP, led by Willie Hoffer and Jennifer Dousset. Our next gatherings are **Third Tuesday, February 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and First Friday, March 1, from 12 noon-1 p.m.** Come to either or both sessions! Centering Prayer is a meditation process in which we quiet our minds and open ourselves to our God. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Dousset at 406-880-1680 or Willie Hoffer at 541-815-9609.

Are you new to Holy Spirit, or new to the Episcopal Church? Would you like to learn more about us, or do you have questions about how to become a member? Please consider yourself invited to the **INQUIRERS CLASSES** at 9 a.m. between services and running concurrent Sundays through March 3 (if needed). We will meet in the Guild Room. See you there! ~ Rev. Terri

EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY by Matthew Desmond—Join facilitators Carla Mettling and Kate Laney for this

book study. It started the end of January but feel free to join the group in progress. Check with the church office about availability of the book (\$13). The group meets on Wednesday evenings in the Guild Room from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and runs through February 27th.

Update on the Bishop Search

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE gathered this past week in Livingston to prayerfully consider which candidates to invite to the in-person discernment retreat happening April 1-4 at Chico Hot Springs. Thank you for your continued prayers for guidance in this process. Please direct comments and questions to bishopsearch@diomontana.com.

THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE also has an update that is available as a handout by the bulletins at the back of the church. Please pick one up!

Upcoming Events

Our annual **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** is Tuesday, March 5, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring the family and enjoy “all you can eat” pancakes and sausages, juice and coffee for just a little money. Did you know that “shrove” is a form of the verb “shrive” which means to forgive? It refers to the ancient practice of going to confession or being “shriven” as part of one’s annual preparation for Lent. In days when a strict Lenten fast was observed, eating fattening foods containing milk and eggs was forbidden. For that reason, cooks whipped up stacks of pancakes to be consumed before Ash Wednesday. So, start your Lent by helping us use up all those rich ingredients and filling up on pancakes and sausages graciously served by the men of Holy Spirit. Cost: adults, \$4; kids, 5-12, \$3; and 4 and under, free! Hope to see you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES with the Imposition of Ashes will take place at 12 noon and 7 p.m. in the church on Wednesday, March 6. Both services conclude with the Eucharist. An offering will be taken at both services to benefit the Outreach Fund of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. We thank you for your generosity.

HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR LENTEN POTLUCKS WHICH BEGIN ON MARCH 13. The sign-up sheet will be available on the Coffee Hour table today or contact the church office, 542-2167. We will send you an instruction sheet to help you through the set up and clean up for the Lenten potluck. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry of hospitality!