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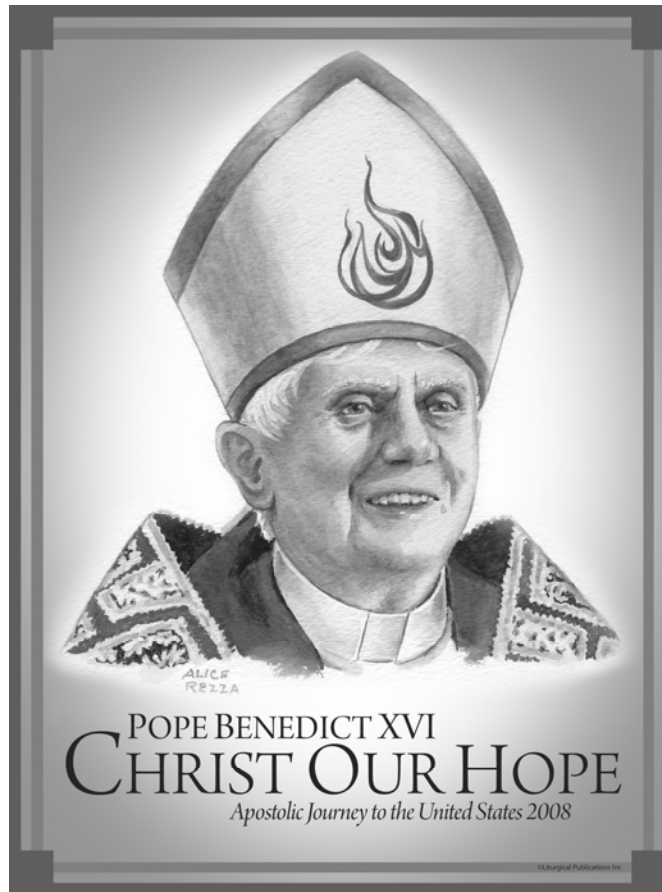
Bulletin Deadline

Monday by noon in writing or via Email:

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New Parishioners

We welcome you to our parish family. If you wish to join our parish you may register at the office during office hours. Please inform the office of any change of address.



SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

800 Fourth Avenue
Stevens Point, WI
54481

April 13, 2008
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Weekend Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holy Days 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM

Weekdays Masses listed inside of bulletin

First Friday 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday: 4:30-5:00 PM

Wednesday through Saturday: 7:15 AM

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45 AM

First Friday: 7:15 AM and 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should request the Baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of Baptism. The Baptism of infants is normally celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month either at 11:15 a.m. or during any of the regularly scheduled Masses of the Lord's Day. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent. New parents are required to take part in a four-session preparation program conducted in May or November. Participation in the program should be completed before the birth of the child. Next series of classes are May 14, 21, 28 and June 4.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period of time, or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. Couples are required to participate in a two-fold marriage preparation program: the Stevens Point Deanery-based group course and our parish-based six session program. Also, when one of the parties is not a Catholic or is a non-practicing Catholic, the couple must arrange for a course of instruction in the Catholic faith. Weddings are not normally celebrated during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 13

8:00 AM † Randall Wysocki
10:00 AM Parish Family Members

MONDAY, April 14

8:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, April 15

5:15 PM † John and Martha
Ashbeck

WEDNESDAY, April 16

8:00 AM † Irene Elchlepp

THURSDAY, April 17

8:00 AM † Lorraine Ligman

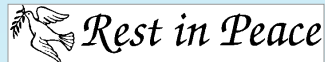
FRIDAY, April 18

8:00 AM † Catherine Worzalla

SATURDAY, April 19

8:00 AM † Esther Stepaniak

4:00 PM † Roman Groh



Our sympathy and assurance of our remembrance in prayers are extended to the family members of Eve Butkus, Rita Bogdanik, and Felix Guzman whose funerals and services were held during the month of February, and Amelia Troyanski, Gerald Klinkert, Angeline Sankey, Wallace Lorbecki, Agnes Disher, Delores Sorenson and Helen Serafin, whose funerals and services were held in the month of March.

Mark Your Calendar... Plan to attend one of three meetings — Monday, April 14, Tuesday, April 15 or Wednesday, April 16 — from 7 to 8 p.m. in Kolbe Hall and learn more about your part in the **“We Belong to Christ Campaign.”** It is a very important five-year plan for our wonderful parish and the La Crosse Diocese. Refreshments will be served. More information will follow, so watch for your letter.

Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers:

The summer Mass schedules are being put together. Please call Saint Peter Parish office, 344-6115, by **Friday, April 18**, with any dates you are unable to serve in the summer months. Thank you.

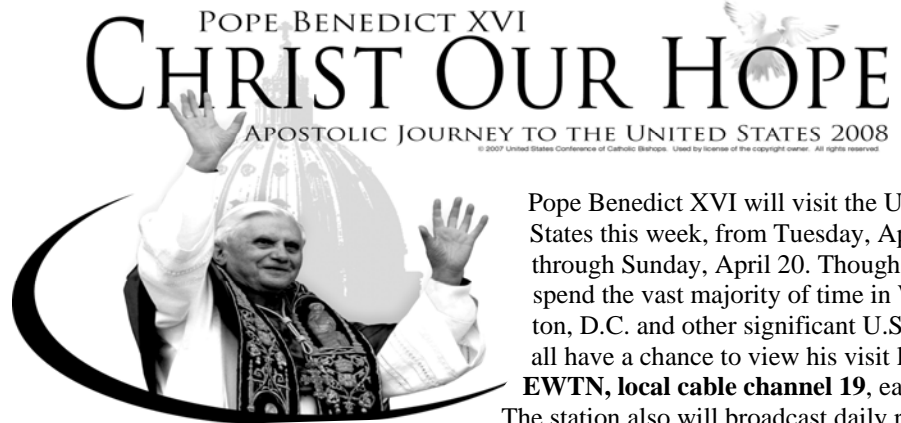
Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

“In each of our lives Jesus comes as the Bread of Life — to be eaten, to be consumed by us. This is how He loves us. Then Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the Bread of our life, our hearts by loving, and our hands by serving. In loving and serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love and when we love we are like God. This is what Jesus meant when He said, “Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Come join us for Weekly Adoration

Wednesday after 8 a.m. Mass to Thursday before 8 a.m. Mass
Questions? Call Darcy Bunn 343-9007 or go to www.saintpetercatholic.com



Pope Benedict XVI will visit the United States this week, from Tuesday, April 15 through Sunday, April 20. Though he will spend the vast majority of time in Washington, D.C. and other significant U.S. locations, all have a chance to view his visit live on **EWTN, local cable channel 19**, each day.

The station also will broadcast daily replays of

the events. Check out www.ewtn.com for specific airing times. **Sirius radio** has three channels covering the event as well.

According to a Catholic News Service article written in March, “the Pope can be expected to touch on some particular social issues, but his deeper message will be about conscience-forming and the values that underpin life in the church and in society,” US ambassador Mary Ann Glendon said.

A brief biography of Pope Benedict XVI, according to the website www.papalvisit.org: “Josef Alois Ratzinger was born to Joseph and Maria Ratzinger April 16, 1927, in Marktl am Inn, Germany....According to his memoirs, Pope Benedict XVI was only vaguely aware of the poverty and political strife building up in Germany before the outbreak of World War II. He joined his brother, Georg, at the minor seminary in 1939. Ordained a priest in 1951...” He also taught and lectured on theology and dogma through the 1960s and served as the University of Regensburg vice president in the 1970s.

“He attended the Second Vatican Council as an expert or peritus. At the council, ... he gained a reputation as a progressive theologian.” He has published several books. Pope Paul VI appointed him archbishop of Munich and Freising in 1977, and named him a cardinal later that year. He was “the guiding light on doctrinal issues during Pope John Paul II’s pontificate.” Pope John Paul II died in April 2005, and that same month, the Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected Pope and took the name Benedict XVI, in honor of St. Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, and of Benedict XV, pope during World War I and a promoter of peace. More information can be found at www.papalvisit.org

Parish Elections for the Pastoral Council will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. Terms for the newly elected members will begin in the fall and last two years. One will be appointed and three will be elected. The first step in this process is the nomination. You are asked to nominate someone (even yourself). Complete and return the following form or drop it into the collection box with your nomination(s) by **Sunday, April 27**.

I nominate _____

Name

Phone number

Name

Phone number

Name

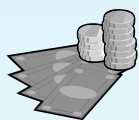
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“All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”
— Jn 10:8-10

Week of April 13, 2008 readings:

- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12



Sunday Offertory & Envelopes

Budget for Year \$528,029.98
(need Weekly \$9,963.00)

April 5/6
 Offertory received \$12,237.51
 Budget Year to Date: \$408,483.00
 Actual Year to Date: \$392,552.54
 Year to date shortfall (\$15,930.46)

March 22/23 envelope count: 248
 March 29/30 envelope count: 283
 April 5/6 envelope count: 301
Special Easter envelopes: 271

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Religious Education

REP Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Last night of REP is April 30.

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars: St. Peter’s VBS will take place the week of July 28 through August 1 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal and Retreat will be **Wednesday, April 30** at 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Reflections for Adults: The Areopagus — A weekly e-mail of reflections on the Church, current events from a faith perspective and interesting tidbits by Phil Lawson. To receive these, send an e-mail to Phil at lawspphil@gmail.com

Young Adult/College Ministry: DTS — Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. in the St. Faustina Room. It is open to all college students and young adults.

Catholic Teens Online: E-mail Phil at lawspphil@gmail.com This is a weekly reflection, prayer intentions and questions asked by your peers and answered!

High School DTS has kicked off! Next session is **Sunday, April 27** at 7 p.m. Free Food. Join Catholic teens, grades 9-12, from throughout the area. “Through the Saints of Yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the Youth of Today to become the Saints of Tomorrow.”

Church Smiles: A group of ninth-graders in Freeport, Illinois, recently wrote their own Christmas story, and fourth-graders played the parts. As the curtain opened, Jesus, Mary and Joseph were in the stable. The innkeeper made his entrance, strode to the crib and said in a loud voice, “What is it? A boy or a girl?” Before the audience recovered, the next performer, an angel carrying the most important message in Christian history, came onstage and forgot every word. She stared at the shepherds kneeling before her, peered off stage for a cue, raised her eyes to heaven, then shrugged her winged shoulders and said, “Hi, there.”
— Source: *Faith, Hope and Hilarity*, by Dick Van Dyke

St. Peter Choir: Children’s Schola practice is on Wednesdays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and Adult Schola is Sundays from 9 to 9:50 a.m., in between Masses. Anyone interested in joining may contact Patrick Burkhart, director of Sacred Music and Organist, via e-mail at sacredheartprin@charter.net

Wisconsin Master Chorale presents “Our Heritage in Song,” with special guests Pacelli Chamber Singers and SPASH Chamber Singers on Friday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, and **Sunday, May 4**, at 3 p.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; students \$8, at UWSP Ticket Office, Copy Center and choir members.

Picnic Weekend is June 14 & 15 ...Time to Join the Clubs



Beer Club



Pop Club



Chicken Club

Picnic tickets have been delivered and the famous “clubs” are open for membership — new and former members. ALL are welcome to join for one or all three of the clubs. All the club dues (donations) are the same as last year. **Beer Club \$50.00, Pop Club \$15.00, and Chicken Club \$5.00.** You may use the cards provided with the raffle tickets. Let us aim to top last year’s membership!

Remember your donations to any or all of the clubs helps defray the costs of the picnic. All club “dues” are a tax deductible item so help St. Peter’s and yourself. You may put your cards and donations in an envelope and drop them into the collection box or basket. St. Peter’s parish appreciates your generosity. Checks should be made out to St. Peter Parish. Questions? Call Paul or Marge Laszinski, 344-6316.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, April 13

Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. (Holy Name Society)
- Mass, 10 a.m.

Monday, April 14

- Communion Service
- Buildings and Grounds Committee, 5 p.m., Middle School
- WBCC parishioner meeting, 7-8 p.m., Kolbe Hall

Tuesday, April 15

- Confessions, 4:15 p.m.
- Mass, 5:15 p.m.
- WBCC parishioner meeting, 7-8 p.m., Kolbe Hall

Wednesday, April 16

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration
- Evening Prayers, 5:45 p.m.
- Children's Choir, 6 p.m.
- REP, 6:30 p.m.
- WBCC parishioner meeting, 7-8 p.m., Kolbe Hall

Thursday, April 17

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Benediction, 7:45 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Finance Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- DTS, 7-8 p.m., Faustina Room

Friday, April 18

Passover, First Day

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m.

Saturday, April 19

- Confession, 7:15 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Confession, 3 p.m.; Mass, 4 p.m.
- Secular Order of Francis district meeting, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 13, 2008

Strengthen Your Brethren...

Jesus said to Simon, son of Jonah: ***"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven"*** (Matthew 16:17-19). This week (April 15-20) our country is privileged to ***welcome to our shores the successor of Saint Peter, Pope Benedict XVI***. This is a blessing for us as a nation but especially for us as Catholics in the "New World." Benedict will be only the third Pope in history to visit these United States (the other two being Paul VI and John Paul II) and so it is a momentous occasion. Given our current Holy Father's age and the fact that he does not travel to the extent that his predecessor did, in all likelihood this could be his only journey to America thus making these days with us particularly important. I encourage you to follow the Pope during his stay with us and listen to his words. ***EWTN*** (local cable channel 19) is offering extensive live (and repeat) television coverage of the various events. The ***Sirius radio*** network has three stations that are covering the papal visit. On the internet you will find the Holy Father's schedule as well as the full texts and video highlights including www.uspapalvisit.org, www.vatican.va, www.ewtn.com. Since we have Saint Peter as our patron, we are specially obliged to offer ***prayers*** through his intercession for Pope Benedict: "Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, Pope Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build Your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

I have been blessed to have met our Holy Father on three different occasions when he was still "just" Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. In 1984 while I was a seminarian at the (then) College of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the College bestowed on Cardinal Ratzinger an honorary doctorate. On that occasion he gave a major address on the relationship of theology and philosophy, faith and reason. The Cardinal took the opportunity of his visit on the campus to also meet individually with us seminarians. It was a brief encounter but I recall his head full of white hair and his piercing eyes as well as his kindly yet shy manner – not to mention his perfect though accented English! Little did I know that 18 years later I would have two more encounters in Rome, Italy, with the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. While doing advanced theological studies in Rome from 2001-2003, I would regularly get together for supper with some of my contemporaries from our days at the Pontifical North American College (1985-1989) and who now worked in various offices in the Vatican. We had a favorite "haunt" in the neighborhood adjacent to the Vatican called the Borgo Pio. This was the same neighborhood where Cardinal Ratzinger lived and where he would dine most evenings. On two occasions while the Cardinal was walking back to his apartment after a long day at the office, our paths crossed. I knew that he knew well and had great respect for my uncle who had worked in the Vatican for a number of years in the 1980s and 1990s. So I greeted the Cardinal and introduced myself. Again, what struck me during our conversation was just how kind and genuinely interested he was (God only knows how many meetings he had that day or how many other people had previously stopped him on his way home!). After inquiring about my uncle, Cardinal Ratzinger asked what I was doing in Rome. He really lit up when I told him that I was working at the Gregorian University on my License in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) with a specialization in Fundamental Theology. You see that was his area of expertise and on which he had lectured and written extensively throughout his academic career. Our last encounter was like the previous one – in the Borgo Pio neighborhood in the evening hours as the Cardinal was making his way home and I was going to meet my classmates for supper. This time he was very interested in the topic of my thesis and he offered several helpful suggestions!

As you know our parish is in the midst of the ***We Belong to Christ Campaign*** chaired by our own ***Bernice Sevenich***. Since last December a number of gatherings have been held regarding this ***five-year vision for our parish and Diocese*** and many of you have already made your commitment. The participation of every single family of our parish is crucial if we are to remain vital as a parish! In fact, ***to date nearly \$150,000.00 has already been pledged by parishioners*** for this We Belong to Christ Campaign! If you have not already participated in a previous meeting, it is very important that you plan to ***attend one of the three informational gatherings to be held in Kolbe Hall from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on April 14, 15, and 16.***

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Committees

Pastoral Council

Cynthia Calhoun (Secretary)	344-4064
Robert Giese (Assistant to the President)	342-9817
Tom McCann	344-8570
James Miller	344-3132
Lee Petersen	345-1734
Mary Sadler	344-6448
Bernice Sevenich	344-7515
Mary Skrzeczkoski	342-0645
Jeff Zdroik	345-9993

Finance Council

Bill Grimstad	342-4249
Jean Stroik	341-1470

Rosary Society

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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Holy Name Society

Gene Kemmeter	344-2598
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Order of St. Francis

Nancy Tillman	341-0852
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Family Life Committee

Jean Stroik	341-1470
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Picnic Committee

Larry Proulx	341-0634
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Senior Citizens &

Interfaith Caregivers

Lorraine Studinski	344-3158
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Ministers of Hospitality

TBA

Buildings and Grounds

TBA

Justice & Peace

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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Respect Life!

Speaking in defense of the 2000 Partial-Birth Abortion Act, Rep. Henry Hyde, who died this past year, said, "This is not a debate about religious doctrine or even about public policy options, It is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what it means to be part of a human family, even though tiny, powerless and unwanted."



For women whose pregnancy causes them physical or mental suffering that they may call on God's strength, we pray...

Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

Committee Meetings: Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet at Saint Peter Middle School at 5 p.m., Monday, April 14. Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 17. Parishioners are welcome.

St. John's Court 1807 Catholic Order of Foresters will meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in St. Peter Middle School Clubroom. Refreshments and lunch will follow after the meeting.

Secular Order of St. Francis: Members are invited to participate in the SFO Central Wisconsin District Gathering on Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. Call Janet at 341-7936 if you have not pre-registered and would like to attend. The Secular Order of St. Francis will meet on Sunday, April 20, with Rosary at 7:30 a.m. followed by corporate Holy communion at the 8 a.m. liturgy. No meeting will follow.

Money for milk for the needy will be collected on the weekend of April 19 and 20. Gallon milk bottles will be placed at the entrances of church.

Polka Dance: St. Peter's Holy Name Society will hold its annual dance from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 20, in the St. Peter's Middle School gym in Stevens Point. Music will be provided by parishioner Norm Dombrowski and the Happy Notes. Food and refreshments will be available. Cash drawing at 5:45 p.m. Raffle tickets are available from any Holy Name member or at the door. Come join the fun.



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20. Stevens Point Council 1170 will be taking donations after each Mass and in return, contributors receive the "signature Tootsie Roll." Proceeds go toward programs for those with mental challenges. Additional donations can be sent to Knights of Columbus, 401 W. Clark St., in Stevens Point.

Golden Jubilee Celebration: A Mass celebrating the 50th Golden Jubilee of Sister Helen Miller as a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at St. Peter Catholic Church. Rev. Msgr. Bernard O. McGarty, is celebrant.

Rosary Society Quarterly Meeting will be Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. Election of officers will be held. All parish women are welcome.

Stevens Point Area Catholic Cemetery Association will do spring clean up in the cemeteries beginning **tomorrow, Monday, April 14**. Decorations left from the previous decorating period must be removed before that date if you want to save them. The Cemetery Association is not responsible for decorations that are removed and discarded. All shepherd hooks, rod holders, etc. are not permitted in cemeteries until May 1. Parishioners wishing to purchase cemetery lots should call the office, 345-3236, to schedule an appointment.

SPACS has a vacancy for the 2008-09 school year for a **Head Volleyball Coach**. Interested applicants may submit a resume to John Raflik, Athletic Director, Pacelli High School, 1301 Maria Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54481. Information can also be emailed to jraflik@spacs.k12.wi.us. Openings are also available for **substitute bus drivers** for end of the year field trips and athletic events. Please contact John Raflik at 341-2442 for more information.

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At these meetings our five-year parish plan will be explained, your questions and concerns will be addressed, and your financial support will be sought. You will also receive a **pledge card** for your financial participation over the next five years. **If you do not attend one of the meetings and pick up your pledge card we will be contacting you personally.** If God is to continue building up His Body, the Church, here at Saint Peter, He needs you. May the Lord richly bless you for the ways that you so generously serve Him and our beloved Saint Peter Parish!

Saint Peter, pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!
Father Kevin C. Louis