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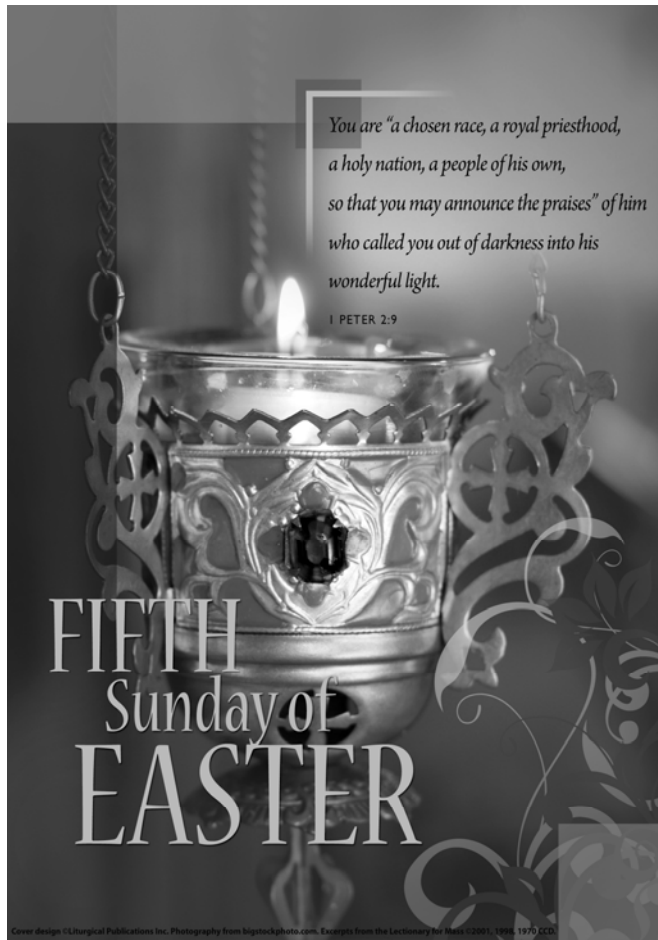
Bulletin Deadline

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 20, 2008

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Weekend Saturday: 4:00 PM **Holy Days** 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Weekdays Masses listed inside of bulletin **First Friday** 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday: 4:30-5:00 PM **Sunday:** 7:00 - 7:45 AM
Wednesday through Saturday: 7:15 AM **First Friday:** 7:15 AM and 4:30 PM
Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 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 20

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:00 AM † Thomas Bella Sr.

MONDAY, April 21

8:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, April 22

5:15 PM † Ester Daniloff

WEDNESDAY, April 23

8:00 AM † Ronald Schroder

THURSDAY, April 24

8:00 AM † Harry Bronk

FRIDAY, April 25

8:00 AM † Thomas Milkey

SATURDAY, April 26

8:00 AM † Lucy and Frank

Falkavage

4:00 PM † John Zblewski and

Frances Schulfer Families

SUNDAY, April 27

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM † Thera Zlaja

10:00 AM Parish Families

Mass Intentions: Saint Peter



Parish accepts Mass intentions up to one year in advance from the current date.

Mass intentions

are provided according to availability. The Parish limits Masses to three intentions per person per year in order to accommodate the great number of requests that come in. One of the three intentions may be on a weekend Mass, which is 4 p.m. Saturday, and 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday. The Parish currently is accepting intentions for the first three months of 2009, however several dates remain this year, in 2008. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass intention, contact the Parish office, 344-6115.



Thank You

for the generous memorial

that was received in memory of Rita Bogdanik.

Meeting change: The date for the Senior Gathering meeting has been changed to Wednesday, April 30. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

“By our little acts of charity practiced in the shade we convert souls far away, we help missionaries, we win for them abundant alms; and by that means build actual dwellings spiritual and material for our Eucharistic Lord.”

“It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight.”

— St. Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church

“How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment.”

— St. John Chrysostom

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

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.

The Catholic Daughters Bridge Marathon Group will meet on Wednesday, April 30, at Michele's Restaurant. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by bridge and award of prizes. For reservations, call 344-5519 or 344-9445 by Friday, April 25.

Last Defibrillator Demonstration: There will be a demonstration of the proper way to use a defibrillator by the Deputy Fire Chief on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. A Defibrillator is used when a person has heart trouble, before an ambulance arrives.

This demonstration is for all Ushers and anyone else who is interested in attending and is sponsored by the Holy Name Society. We will have a defibrillator at the church entrance. Call Clarence Olszewski with any questions.

Annual Parish Picnic time! Mark the dates: June 14

& 15 By now you should have received your raffle tickets. We encourage everyone to purchase or sell the tickets: **The raffle is the main fund-raiser of the picnic.** Drop your tickets in the collection basket or take them to the parish office.



Help Wanted: Saint Peter Parish has an immediate opening for a part-time cleaning position at the Rectory/Office. For more information or to complete an application, please stop by the parish office Monday through Friday during office hours.

How To Share Your Faith (without being obnoxious): What do you say (or not say) when you find yourself with an opportunity to share with family members, friends or strangers what being Catholic means to you? Father Marty Pable, OFM Cap. will lead reflection on this and related questions during a one-day training seminar on **Saturday, May 3**, at St. James Parish in Amherst. Members of all deanery parishes are invited to participate. Father Marty is a popular retreat speaker at St. Anthony's, has written books on Catholic Evangelization, and especially enjoys offering this workshop. You will enjoy him, too! Bring your own lunch, and questions or insights to share. For more information contact Bob Rogers or Leo Jacoby.

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

Phone number



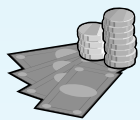
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be.”

- Jn 14:1-3

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Week of April 20, 2008 readings:

- Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pt 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21



**Sunday
Offertory
& Envelopes**

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

April 12/13

Offertory envelopes and offertory received: \$10,692.16
Budget Year to Date: \$418,446.00
Actual Year to Date: \$403,244.70
Year to date shortfall (\$15,201.30)

Fifth 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. Interested in helping out? Contact Phil Lawson!

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 lawsphil@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 lawsphil@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.”

New in the Parish Library: The Journey Home w/Marcus Grodi & EWTN. 60 min. DVD. See the stories of those who have found their way “home” to the Catholic faith.

Men of Christ: The next Men of Christ Breakfast & Prayer Meeting is **Tuesday, April 22**. Meet at 6 a.m. in the church for Morning Prayer and Teaching. Breakfast and fellowship will follow at 6:30 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant. All men are welcome. Come for the whole time or whatever your schedule allows!

Church Smiles

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was: A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, ‘Nothing, I just helped him cry.’

Discernment Retreat: Veni Si Amas Discernment Retreat will be May 19-22 for single Catholic women ages 17-30 who are discerning a call to religious life. It will be at St. Francis Convent in Alton, Ill. Register at www.altonfranciscans.org by May 7. For more information, call (618) 463-2757.

Beer Club



Pop Club



Chicken Club



**Do You Like Fun, Food and Friends?
Then It's Picnic Perfect — Join the Clubs!**

Picnic tickets have been delivered and the famous “clubs” are open for membership — new and former members. ALL are welcome to join 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 20

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Milk for Needy collection
- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Monday, April 21

Anselm

- Communion Service
- Committees meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kolbe Hall

Tuesday, April 22

Earth Day

- Confessions, 4:15 p.m.
- Mass, 5:15 p.m.
- Rosary Society quarterly meeting, 7 p.m., Kolbe Hall

Wednesday, April 23

George

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration
- Children's Choir, 6 p.m.
- REP, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

Fidelis of Sigmaringen

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Benediction, 7:45 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- DTS, 7-8 p.m., Faustina Room

Friday, April 25

Feast of Mark

Arbor Day

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

Saturday, April 26

Passover, Eighth Day

- Confession, 7:15 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Confession, 3 p.m.; Mass, 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- DTS, 6-9 p.m. Faustina Room

April 20, 2008

Strengthen Your Brethren...

Thank you to Mary Skrzeczkoski who has served as our rectory housekeeper. Unfortunately, the lingering physical effects of a mid-winter car accident have forced her to resign her post. Father Sakowski and I are grateful to Mary for the loving care with which she has kept our home in good order and our clothes clean! We will greatly miss her weekly time spent with us at the rectory! May the Lord bless her and grant her the gift of healing.

Thank you to so many of you who have attended the parish gatherings with regard to the We Belong to Christ Campaign, the five-year vision for our parish and Diocese. These meetings, which began in December, have been enjoyable for me. It has been inspiring to hear of your love for God, His Church, and our beloved Saint Peter Parish! Your excellent questions have sparked good dialogue and increased the participants understanding of our parish and Diocese. Eighty cents of every dollar given as a part of the We Belong to Christ Campaign stay right here at Saint Peter to address our parish spiritual needs and physical plant projects over the next five years as identified by our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, and Parish Building and Grounds Committee. **We are off to an incredibly fast start as you have already pledged nearly \$150,000.00 towards our goal!** Indeed, in the whole Diocese the We Belong to Christ Campaign has been an overwhelming success as it is at an amazing 92 percent of the goal! And that is with 34 parishes (including us!) still in the middle of the campaign! Virtually every single parish of the Diocese has met and exceeded its goal or at the very least come very close. **Please prayerfully consider the generous role you will play in our parish over the next five years.** Indeed, the participation of every single family of our parish is crucial if we are to remain vital as a parish! Please complete and return your **pledge card** at your earliest convenience. For those of you who have not yet picked up your pledge card **we will be contacting you personally.** Now is the time for us to imitate the profound faith and burning charity, the generous service and heroic sacrifices of our immigrant ancestors who founded Saint Peter. In this way, may our prayer to the Father be fulfilled: Thy Kingdom come! May the Lord richly bless you for the ways that you so generously serve Him and our beloved Saint Peter Parish!

The Risen Jesus appeared to the Apostles by the Sea of Tiberias. "When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time He said to him, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' And he said to Him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep'" (John 21:15-17). **Let us offer prayers of thanks to the Risen Lord for giving to us Peter – and his successors – to feed us! Let us thank God for Peter, who has spent this last week on the shores of our great nation, tending to us and feeding us with the Word! May the many graces God has given to us as a nation and especially as Catholics by the visit of Pope Benedict XVI bear much fruit in our lives!** And let us pray for our Holy Father who celebrates (April 19) the third anniversary of his election as Pope! **Ad multos annos!** May he shepherd us for many years!

Saint Peter, pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Father Kevin C. Louis

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Committees

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Picnic Committee

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Ministers of Hospitality

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Buildings and Grounds

TBA

Justice & Peace

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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Respect Life!

"We are knee deep in a culture of death.... Our moment in history is marked by a mortal conflict between a culture of life and a culture of death. God put us in the world to do noble things, to love and cherish our fellow human beings, not to destroy them."

— the late Rep. Henry Hyde,
eloquent defender of the unborn



For every unborn child
threatened by the possibil-
ity of abortion,
we pray...

Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools System News



Coach Wanted: 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 jra-flik@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.

Programs Open: SPACS is taking registration for its **Summer Programs:** Summer Adventure Series and Summer Blast. The **Adventure Series**, held at St. Joseph Early Childhood Center, is geared toward potty-trained toddlers ages 2 1/2 to 5. There are cooking activities, field trips, science projects, thematic lessons and more. Call Jane at 341-2878. **Summer Blast**, held at St. Stephen School, is geared for children entering first grade through those in fifth-grade. There is art, music, cooking and field trips as well as "buddy" programs with St. Joseph children and more. Call Sue Fix at 344-3751.

Stevens Point Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold a Spring Open Meeting on Thursday, May 1, at St. Stanislaus Church, 838 Fremont. Registration is at 6 p.m. with prayer service at 6:30 p.m. followed by Women of Light Awards, entertainment, installation of new officers, refreshments and door prizes.

Head Start Program: Recruitment for the Head Start program for 2008-09 is underway for the Family Development Center, Madison View Center and Portage County Home Base Program. For an appointment, call Amanda at 344-0408 if English/Spanish speaking or Bao at 343-7150 if Hmong/English speaking.

Blood Drive: American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at United Methodist Church. For an appointment, call 344-4052.



Thank you! Thank you!

We can't say it enough! St. Peter's Parishioners are the best!

Kwik Trip Sales: Thank you so much to those who purchased cards during the monthly Kwik Trip Power Sales event. We sold 289 Kwik Trip Gas Cards during our sale the weekend of April 5/6 and received a \$289 rebate. Based on sales, we will continue to offer more gas cards each of our Kwik Trip Power Sales. The next one will be the weekend of **May 3/4**. We are always in need of volunteers to sell both our gift cards and our gas cards. Please call the parish to volunteer at 344-6115.

Pancake Breakfast: DTS and Pointers For Life at UWSP would like to thank all of the St. Peter's parishioners that contributed to the pancake breakfast fundraiser held at St. Peter's on Sunday, April 6. With your help, our group was able to attend the Wisconsin Right To Life convention in the Wisconsin Dells.



Spring Swiss Steak Dinner: Thank you to all the people who supported our Spring Swiss Steak Dinner — you have made it a great success! Thank you for the wonderful comments about the event. We thank all the fabulous cooks, dish washing people, shoppers, dessert bakers, cutters, servers, set-up people, our wonderful smiling youth and ladies serving the delicious food, clean-up people — by all your sharing the work makes it look easy. We know and appreciate all your hard work and volunteering your time...Also thank you to the generous people for the wonderful raffle items, the raffle sellers, the ticket sellers and takers. It was such fun and you are most generous! Thank you and God Bless You!