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Monday by noon in writing or via

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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.

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

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 AM 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.

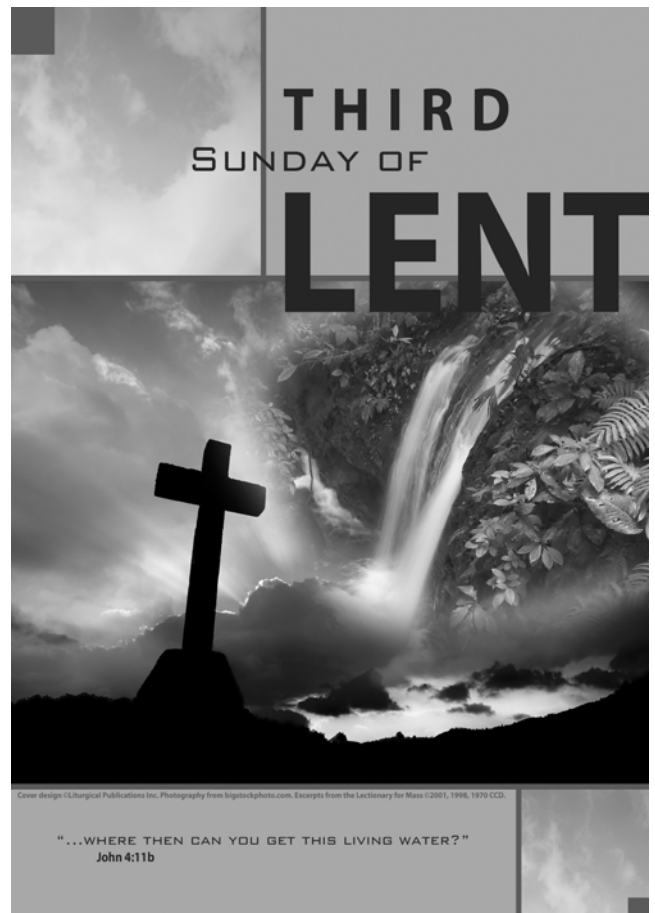
Sacrament of Matrimony

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.

SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC
CHURCH

*800 Fourth Avenue
Stevens Point, WI
54481
February 24, 2008*



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, February 25

8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word with
Communion

TUESDAY, February 26

5:15 PM Special Intentions for
Living Members of the
Catholic Daughters

WEDNESDAY, February 27

8:00 AM † Wallace Kuklinski
† Margaret Kaminski

THURSDAY, February 28

8:00 AM Special Intentions for Ken
& Virginia Glazer

FRIDAY, February 29

8:00 AM † Theresa Ziaja
5:15 PM † Alice Falksavage

SATURDAY, March 1

8:00 AM † Michael Ceplina
† Dale Ceplina
4:00 PM † Joseph and Martha
Przybylski

SUNDAY, March 2

8:00 AM Parish Family Members
10:00 AM Deceased members of the
Joseph Firkus and Johanna
Krutza Families

There is a new e-mail for submitting news or events for the bulletin. Anyone interested in having announcements included may e-mail saintpeterchurch@gmail.com. Deadline for inclusion in the bulletin is noon on Monday.

Friday Soup Luncheons

Take place following the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:10 PM. The meal will include homemade soup, bread, dessert and beverage for \$3. There will be a different soup offered each week. All proceeds are given to the parish. Please join us.



Gift Cards are available in the parish office Tuesdays through Fridays during office hours. They are also available before and after the weekend Masses. **The rebate we receive from your gift card purchases helps to reduce St Peter's SPACS cash assessment.** Please use these gift cards as often as you can.

Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

Add a new activity to your Lenten observance

Eucharistic



Come join us for Weekly
24-Hour Adoration

Wednesday after 8AM Mass to Thursday before 8AM Mass
Toddler/Preschool Adoration every Wed. 11:30AM-Noon

Questions? Call Darcy Bunn 343-9007 or visit
www.saintpetercatholic.com

40-Hours Devotion Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Bronislava Parish in Plover from 4 p.m.. Sunday, February 24, until 8 a.m. Tuesday, February 26. Opening ceremonies begin at 4 p.m. The rosary and Liturgy of the Hours will be recited each morning and evening. Father James Trempe will speak on the Eucharist on Monday, February 25, at 7 p.m. Benediction and the Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be celebrated at the end of this devotion. Contact Saint Bronislava Parish at 715-344-4326 for more information.

St. Peter's Parish "Irish" Celebration is just around the corner.

The annual event will be at St. Peter's Kolbe Hall on Saturday, March 15, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Menu includes corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings, dessert, milk and coffee. Tickets are adults, \$8, children 10 and under, \$4 and children ages 5 and under free. Tickets are limited and will be sold the weekend of March 8 and 9 prior to and after Masses in the Faustina Room. Advance and RSVP reservations will be eligible for free door prizes. Proceeds will be used for St. Peter Parish Wish List and Restoration of statues fund.

Catholics Coming Home starts Wednesday, March 12 at 2501 Main Street (former Rice Clinic) from 7-8:30 pm. This program is for inactive Catholics who desire to return to the Catholic community. If you know someone (family member, friend) who has been away from the Church, please invite them to attend the first meeting. There is no cost or obligation associated with the program. Call St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish at 344-9117 for more information or visit <http://www.saintstans.net/>.

Power Kwik Trip Card Sale Please don't forget about our sale next weekend, March 1 and 2. We will sell the gift cards at each of the entrances to the Church. Just simply have a check made out to SPACS or \$20 cash in hand on your way out of church and you will receive a gas card from Kwik Trip for the same amount. No line to wait in and no form to fill out. Please help by purchasing the Kwik Trip cards for your weekly or monthly gas consumption. We are also in need of volunteers to sell the cards at the door. It only takes about 10 minutes after Mass. Please call Heather in the parish office, 344-6115.

See What Life at a College Seminary is All About Take a trip with Fr. Derek Sakowski to LaCrosse and Winona to visit the Cathedral, the high school house of formation, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Mary's University, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Participants will also attend Mass, pray and sit in on classes at the university. Experience the real world of Seminary. There will time to spend with the seminarians as well as sight seeing and recreation time.

There is no charge for the event (but you may want spending money for souvenirs and snacks), and space is limited! Please be sure to bring a sleeping bag and pillow as well as Mass attire and indoor/outdoor clothes.

Meet at Pacelli at 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 29. The bus leaves at 5:15 p.m. and returns on late afternoon Monday, March 3. To register, contact Fr. Derek Sakowski at 715-252-4396 or frsakowski@spacs.k12.wi.us.

Thank you to our Bulletin Sponsors The support of the businesses and individuals who advertise on the back of our bulletin make printing them possible. Please support them when shopping and thank them for advertising in the St. Peter's bulletin. Our featured sponsor this week is: **Dental Health Center, S.C.** **Thank you for your support!!!**



The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

— Jn 4:9-10

Readings for the Week of February 24, 2008

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Sunday Envelopes & Offertory

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

Offering Envelopes and Offertory received

Envelope count for February 9/10 238

February 16/17 \$8,939.89
 Budget Year to Date: \$338,742.00
 Actual Year to Date: \$323,935.49
 Year to date shortfall (\$14,806.51)

Third Sunday of Lent

REP Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM. Stations of the Cross at 7 PM followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Church.

Chrism Mass Bus! Thursday, March 20. Departing St. Peter's @at 7 AM. Returning 4 PM. Cost \$15 per person. \$25 per family. Call the parish office to register.

REP Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM. Stations of the Cross at 7 PM followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Church.

Reminder of Post-Confirmation Classes for those confirmed this year continues to meet the 1st Two Wednesdays of each month. Next session is Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30PM.

1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting Wednesday, March 12 in Kolbe Hall. 6:30 PM. Parents & Students should attend.

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 lawphil@gmail.com

Young Adult/College Ministry: DTS—Thursdays, 7:15 PM in the St. Faustina Room. Open to all college students and young adults.

Catholic Teens Online: E-mail Phil: lawphil@gmail.com A weekly reflection, prayer intentions and questions asked by your peers and answered!

John Paul the Great College-Aged Retreat-St. Ignatius' Discernment of Spirits. Feb. 29th-March 2nd, 2008. Adoration, Fellowship, Confession, Mass, and Fun with young adults from throughout the state — all asking the same question --What is God calling me to? Fliers can be picked up in the St. Faustina Room pamphlet rack or by contacting Phil Lawson. Cost is \$60.

High School DTS--1st Night--Sunday, March 2 from 7 PM to 9 PM. Meet in the St. Faustina Room. This is an area-wide youth group. Come check it out!

Church Smiles-From the kids:

About three years ago, I was having one of those really rotten days. I ended up yelling at my daughter, and immediately regretted it. I pulled her onto my lap and told her, "I'm sorry for losing my temper." Overhearing my apology, my son, aged three at the time, rushed over to the dresser. He grabbed my thermometer and brought it to me happily exclaiming, "I found it, Mommy! I found your temper!" —J.H., AL

Source: *Family Foundations*, September-October 2005

Strengthen Your Brethren...

Thank you so much for your kindness on my 45th birthday! I am grateful for your thoughtful cards, delicious goodies, generous gifts, and, above all, assurances of prayers. May the Lord bless you for your goodness! You truly overwhelm me with your affection and support! Msgr. Anthony P. Wagener was one of the "giants" among the priests of our Diocese of La Crosse. He was an intelligent man who very much loved the Church and the priesthood. Because of his many talents, Msgr. Wagener held a number of important posts throughout his priesthood including Newman chaplain in La Crosse, head of the diocesan Mission Office, editor of the Catholic Times, and long-time Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse. He was also very much a "character" and you never knew just what he was going to say – in conversation or from the pulpit! Even though I was not from his parish or even from the city of La Crosse, while I was studying for the priesthood in the 1980s Msgr. Wagener was incredibly kind, generous, and supportive. As I look back at those days I realize just how important his encouragement was in helping me to persevere in the seminary on to ordination. Every time I would visit Monsignor at Blessed Sacrament he would have me don the cassock and surplice and assist in the sanctuary at Mass. Invariably as part of his homily or remarks at the Mass he would exhort his parishioners to show their support of the young men in the seminary.

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Sunday, February 24

- Family Rosary 7:30 AM
- Evening Prayer with Homily at 4 PM

Monday, February 25

- Liturgy of the Word With Communion 8AM
- Faith Alive Groups

Tuesday, February 26

- Confessions 4:15 PM
- Mass 5:15 PM
- “The Purpose-Filled Life” presentation 7-8 PM in Kolbe Hall

Wednesday, February 27

- Confessions 7 AM
- Mass 8 AM followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration
- Senior Gathering in Kolbe Hall
- Stations of the Cross 7 PM
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:25 PM

Thursday, February 28

- Confessions 7 AM
- Benediction 7:50 AM, Mass 8 AM

Friday, February 29

- Confessions 7 AM, Mass 8 AM
- Stations of the Cross 12:10 PM
- Soup Luncheon 12:30 PM
- Confessions 4:15 PM, Mass 5:15 PM

Saturday, March 1

- Confessions 7 AM, Mass 8 AM
- Confessions 2:45 PM, Mass 4 PM

Catholic Daughters of the America's Court Jerem

#1031 will gather Tuesday, February 26 at 5:15 PM at the church for a Mass for living members of Court Jerem.

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“Yes, of course, pray for them,” Monsignor would bellow, “but we must also manifest our encouragement very concretely and practically with cards, food, and money!” To my knowledge, Monsignor Wagener never delivered such an exhortation here at Saint Peter, but our Parish surely lives those words – through the prayers that are offered daily for our seminarians, the warm welcome given to our seminarians in residence at the rectory, and the generous offerings to them of food and money (especially through our parish Seminarian Fund that you established years ago and to which so many of you annually contribute). This past Christmas, from funds generated by our parish Family Life Committee and from our parish Seminarian Fund, I was able to offer to our seminarians (and most recently-professed female religious!) a modest monetary gift. The following are the notes they sent to me in response (Please note that the delay in relaying their thanks is completely the responsibility of your Pastor!).

Deacon Justin Kizewski at the Pontifical North American College (Rome, Italy): “Thank you so much for your support. Please pray for me, as I remain yours in Christ. Peace!”

Dan Oudenhoven at Mundelein Seminary (Chicago, IL): “Thank you for the gift from Saint Peter Parish. Seminary is going very well. This quarter I am taking a couple of Theology classes along with some Pre-Theology classes. The Theology classes are more interesting and I look forward to starting Theology next year. I hope that God will bless your New Year.”

Alex Sommers at Saint John Vianney Seminary (Saint Paul, MN): “I would like to thank you for your generous gift. Know that it will be put to use for my education. Know that you are always in my prayers and thoughts. Please continue to pray for me. In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.”

Philip Kosloski at Saint John Vianney Seminary (Saint Paul, MN): “I am writing to thank you for your generous gift of money that you sent me recently. Currently being in Rome, Italy, I appreciate any contribution to help me in my studies as being in Europe is not the cheapest of things. I will be returning to the States in February and will continue my studies in Saint Paul. Thank you again and I will keep you all in prayer. Please also pray for me as I continue to discern God’s call for me as a priest.”

Sister Mary Veronica of the Divine Indwelling (in the world Katie Buss) at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery (Hanceville, AL): “I want to thank you for the generous and thoughtful gift of money you sent for all of my sisters and me here at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. Thank you, too, for all your many prayers for us (We appreciate them so much since we depend on the graces from your prayers to live our vocation with generosity!). May God reward you greatly! Be assured of my prayers for all of you as well. I entrust you to Jesus’ Eucharistic Heart always. And by the way, I think Jesus likes me to join you in adoring Him every week! When the day changed for 24-hour Adoration at Saint Peter, my Adoration hour soon changed as well! Now I am able to adore Him with you on Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 a.m. Praise God! May Mother Mary lead each of you to great holiness!” In addition to this personal note from Sister Mary Veronica, I also received the following message from Sister Mary Catherine, Vicar of the same community: “On behalf of Mother Angelica and Sister Mary Veronica, the Nuns of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery would like to thank you for your generous donation . . . We are very grateful for your kindness to us. Please know that you, your families and your intentions are in my prayers and those of the Nuns, as we spend our lives in adoration of the Christ Child, hidden in the Most Blessed Sacrament.” Sister Mary Catherine also added that at the request of Mother Angelica and Sister Mary Veronica, the Nuns of the Monastery would be offering a day of prayer for me and the parishioners of Saint Peter on February 2.

On a related note, Saint Peter is happy to welcome (March 4) Darick Bloom who aspires to study for the priesthood for our Diocese. The authenticity of Darick’s perceived call to the priesthood will be tested by his residency in the rectory (through July 15) and pastoral work in our Parish. Pray for Darick that he may discern well his vocation! And thank you for the warm welcome I know you will give to him.

This Sunday, February 24, at 4:00 p.m., solemn sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) is celebrated in church. I will preside at this liturgy and give a homily “Saint Peter: the Rock Upon Which Christ Builds His Church.” This Tuesday, February 26, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Kolbe Hall I will be giving the first of three presentations on “The Purpose-filled Life.” Some questions to be explored include: Where am I going with my life? How do I find purpose and meaning in my life? What should comprise a spiritual plan for my life? Besides prayer, what are other elements that are essential to growth in my relationship with Christ? Practically speaking, what can I be doing to live more deeply my Catholic Faith – at home, in the workplace, as an individual, as a family? Two more Tuesday sessions – March 4 and 11 – follow this initial one.

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

Committees

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Buildings and Grounds

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Respect Life!

“Although it is a fundamental embryological truth that each of us was once an embryo, the advocates of embryonic stem cell research are eager to portray human embryos as different from the rest of us, unable to make the grade, and hence fair game for destruction at the hands of those who themselves are no longer embryos.”

Rev. Tadeusz Pavholczyk, Ph.D.

For courage among pro-life people so they may more fervently defend the right to life of all, we pray

Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

Friday Fish & Shrimp Fry The Home & School Association of Pacelli High School is sponsoring their Lenten fish and shrimp fry on Fridays, February 29, March 7 and March 14 in the school cafeteria from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. Fish, shrimp and a combo plate will be available with a choice of potato, coleslaw, roll, beverage and dessert. A grilled cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwich is offered for children. Cost for adults is \$7.00 for fish, \$8.00 for shrimp, and \$7.50 for a combo platter; senior citizens are 50 cents off the adult price, children ages 4 - 12 are \$4.00, and ages 3 and under receive a free meal. Drive-up service is available by calling Pacelli at 341-2442 after 4:15 PM to place your order. A great meal at a great deal for a great purpose.

St. Bronislava KC's present Vocations Night Saturday, March 1, Mass at 4 PM with roast beef dinner from 5-6:15 Pm and presentation to follow. This is open to junior & high school students and their parents. This is an open discussion to help teens learn first-hand about vocations, the process of discernment and opportunities in the diocese to take it to the next step. Call St. Bronislava for dinner prices.

St. Mary Court 998 of the National Society of Foresters of St. Philip Church, Rudolph, will sponsor a potato pancake breakfast Sunday, March 2 from 8 AM to 12:30 PM in the church basement. Cost is \$6.50 adults, \$3 children 6-12, and free for 5 and under.

End of an Era — Pacelli High School will end its bingo program by the end of February 2008 or when the current progressive bingo jackpot of nearly \$2,000 is won by a lucky participant. Please consider attending for fun and fellowship (and a chance to win cash prizes) during these final weeks celebrating the end of an era!

World Day of Prayer 2007 will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 7 at 1 PM. Refreshments will follow. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. The 2008 WDP will honor women of Guyana.

Pilgrimage to Austria, Czech, Slovakia & Hungary with Fr. Janusz Kowalski September 16-30, 2008. Call St. Theresa's in Schofield, 715-359-2421, for more information. Registration deadline is February 29.

Stevens Point Area Catholic Cemetery Association is accepting applications for a grounds crew position. The ability to perform heavy manual labor is required. Experience with lawn maintenance equipment is preferred but not required. The ideal candidate will have knowledge of machines and small engine maintenance. This is a full-time seasonal position. For an application and complete job description call the cemetery office at 341-3236.

St. Peter Middle School eighth graders
present

Living the Stations of the Cross

1:30 p.m.
Monday and Tuesday,
March 10 and 11
7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12
2 p.m.
Friday, March 14



The re-enactment will be in the gymnasium. There is no charge. All are welcome.