

SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



*“The seed sown on RICH soil
is the one who HEARS the word
and UNDERSTANDS it,
who indeed bears FRUIT
and YIELDS a hundred or
sixty or thirtyfold.”*

MATTHEW 13:23

800 Fourth Ave.
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July 13, 2008
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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

Weekdays: Masses listed inside of bulletin

Holy Days: 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

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 Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3.

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 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

MONDAY, July 14

8:00 AM † Susan Adams

TUESDAY, July 15

5:15 PM Special Intentions of James and Mary Willner on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, July 16

8:00 AM † Dolores Jesko

THURSDAY, July 17

8:00 AM † Margaret Helminiak

FRIDAY, July 18

8:00 AM † William Woitczak

SATURDAY, July 19

8:00 AM † Anthony Makuski Sr.

4:00 PM Blessings for Ronald and Dorothy Mason on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, July 20

8:00 AM Parish Family Members

10:00 AM † Harry Pliska

Notes at a Glance

Newly Baptized



Saint Peter Parish congratulates the parents and Godparents of Emberlyn Ann

Grimstad, who was baptized last weekend on Saturday, July 5. Her parents are Thomas Roy and Melia Michelle (Swain) Grimstad; Godparent is Brett William Grimstad. We pray that the child will grow in knowledge of Christ's Love.



Rest in Peace

Our sympathy and assurance of our remembrance in prayers are extended to the family members of Francisca Ophelia Matias Gonzalez-Montoya, Walter E. Herman, Ellen M. Wysocki, Donald D. Tuszka, and Marie R. Razner whose funerals and services were held in June.

Milk for the Needy will be collected next weekend, **July 19 and 20**. Bottles will be placed at each entrance.

Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

The mission for which Jesus came among us was accomplished in the Paschal Mystery. On the Cross from which he draws all people to himself (cf. *Jn* 12:32), just before "giving up the Spirit," he utters the words: "it is finished" (*Jn* 19:30). In the mystery of Christ's obedience unto death, even death on a Cross (cf. *Phil* 2:8), the new and eternal covenant was brought about. In his crucified flesh, God's freedom and our human freedom met definitively in an inviolable, eternally valid pact. Human sin was also redeemed once for all by God's Son (cf. *Heb* 7:27; *1 Jn* 2:2; 4:10). As I have said elsewhere, "Christ's death on the Cross is the culmination of that turning of God against himself in which he gives himself in order to raise man up and save him. This is love in its most radical form."

— Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 9

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



Tap into Something More: Between the ages of 21 and 39 (married or single)? Interested in learning about and discussing issues concerning the Catholic faith today? If so, you are invited to join other young adults on Wednesday nights this summer for Theology on Tap — our 3rd Year! Our next one, the third of four weeks, is **July 16** at the Sky Club, 2202 Post Rd., Plover, at 7 p.m. Chris and Samantha Parker will speak on "Marriage Prep for the Unengaged." For more information, contact Phil Lawson at 344-6115.



Wanted: St. Peter Parish is in need of a regular adorer to commit to weekly adoration from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on Wednesday evening. If you are able to spend one hour with Jesus, please contact Jason and Darcy Bunn at 343-9007 or email jdbunn@charter.net

Wedding Anniversaries: Blessings for James and Mary Willner on their 50th Wedding Anniversary are at the 5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, July 15. Blessings for Ronald and Dorothy Mason on their 50th Wedding Anniversary are at the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 19. St. Peter Parish congratulates you! May God grant you many more years together!

Road project: The city of Stevens Point will be doing water and sewer replacement on Fourth Avenue this month, starting at the intersection of Fourth Avenue and Second Street. The extent of construction will include some sidewalk removal. Please be cautious around the project and obey barricades. Access to the church and rectory will be set up; Please do not block the garage or west side entrance to the church. Thank you.

Special Thanks for St. Peter's Parish Picnic

Thank you to all who helped make the pork dinner a success. We could not have done it without your help and encouragement.



~ Ben & Angel Gebeau

Power Kwik Trip Card Sale: Sales were down a bit on this month's Kwik Trip



Power Sales event, but we'd like to thank those who did purchase cards last weekend. We sold 187 Kwik Trip Gas Cards during last weekend's sale and received a \$177 rebate. The next power sale will be the weekend of **Aug. 2/3**. We are always in need of volunteers to sell both our gift cards and our gas cards. Please call 344-6115 to help out.

Bulletin Sponsors: The support of the businesses and individuals who advertise on the back of our bulletin make printing possible. Please support and thank them for advertising in the St. Peter's bulletin. Our featured sponsor this week is **Home Furniture**.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understand it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

— Mt 13:22-23

Week of July 13, 2008 readings:

Sunday: Is 55:10-11
Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or
13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5
Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19
Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or
13:24-30

Sunday Offertory, Envelopes

July 1 began a new fiscal year for St. Peter's Parish so budget information for offertory and envelopes this month will be delayed a bit, however they will be forthcoming. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Envelope count for June 28/29:
233

Religious Education

Vacation Bible School: “Christ Our Hope” 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. Registration forms are now available in the St. Faustina room. Interested in helping out? Contact Phil Lawson.

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.

Men of Christ: The next Men of Christ breakfast and prayer meeting is **Tuesday, July 15**. Meet at 6:00 a.m. in the church for morning prayer and teaching followed by breakfast at Perkins. All men are welcome.

Women of Christ: Continuing our focus on the Year of St. Paul, we'll have a night for the women of the parish **Tuesday, August 19**. This will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Church and include Evening Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and an extended presentation on St. Paul. Following this will be ice cream at Emy J's.

An Evening for Marriages: Mark your calendar for Saturday evening August 2. St. Peter's will host a night for our married couples featuring a presentation “Languages of Love” by Jeff and Alice Heinzen. Expanding from our very popular Engaged Couples Evening, this night will be for those newlyweds to those celebrating 50+ years. So save the date, after all isn't your marriage worth it?

The St. Peter Keys: The Keys came out victorious on Monday, June 30, 13-11 over Gruber Security. The game was not without its anxious moments! After giving up 2 runs in the top of the first, the Keys came back to take a 3-2 lead. Unfortunately, the Keys' defense more closely resembled a circus then softball, and before we knew it, we were down 8-4. Thankfully the offense didn't desert us and the Keys stormed back to take a 13-9 lead. Surviving some more anxious moments in the top of the 7th the Keys gave up 2 runs and recorded the final out with the tying run at second. With the win, the Keys improved to 3-3 on the year. The Keys were rained out on July 7; the game will be made up at a later date. The Keys's next game is **Monday, July 14** at 9:30 p.m. vs. Kristin's Riverwalk on Field #3 at Zenoff Park.



Church Smiles: “Anyone who has listened as kids say their prayers knows that these moments can be full of surprises, family bulletins, and intimate glimpses into what is really going on in a child's mind.

“Just before we left New York for the West Coast, I was listening as my youngest daughter, Carrie Beth, said her goodnight to God. I practically fell on the floor when she closed her prayer with a line that I'd always thought was a joke until that moment: ‘Goodbye, God, we're going to California.’”

— Faith, Hope and Hilarity: *The Child's Eye View of Religion*, by Dick Van Dyke

New Parish Directory: A new parish directory is being worked on since our last directory was five years ago and a lot of changes have taken place in the past five years, from our pastor to new family additions. A table will be set up in the St. Faustina Room after all Masses this weekend and next weekend for families and individual members to sign up for a time and day for a photograph to be taken. Dates for sign up are the weekend of July 19/20, 26/27 and Aug. 2/3 and 9/10. Please take a minute, stop by and set up a time. For questions, call Mary Skrzeczkoski, 342-0645 or Lee Petersen, 345-1734.



St. Peter Middle School has an opening for Phy. Ed. teacher/Athletic Director for the 2008-09 school year. DPI Certification required. Ability to teach health preferred. Interested applicants should send resume, references, and letter of interest to St. Peter Middle School, Attn: Ellen Lopas, 708 1st St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 or email material to: jobs@spacs.k12.wi.us. **Applications due Monday, July 14.**

Looking Ahead

Monday, July 14

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

- Mass, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, July 15

Bonaventure

- Confession, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration

Thursday, July 17

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m., Mass, 8 a.m.
- Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m., conference room
- DTS, 7 p.m., Faustina room

Friday, July 18

Camillus de Lellis

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

Saturday, July 19

- Sign up for Parish directory
- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Confessions, 3 p.m.; Mass, 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 20

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sign up for Parish directory
- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Monday, July 21

Lawrence of Brindisi

- Communion service, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, July 22

Mary Magdalene

- Confession, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.
- Rosary Society Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kolbe Hall

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Strengthen Your Brethren...

Thank you for your prayerful support during this past year as I participated in the certification program in Catholic bioethics sponsored by the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It has proven to be a very rigorous program – much more demanding and time-consuming than I had anticipated. Recently they sent me my grades for the “classroom” (via the internet) portion of the course (94 out of 100) and the final oral examinations (190 out of 200). This week I will turn in the last of the course requirements – my thesis on the moral evaluation of *in vitro* fertilization and embryo transfer (IVF-ET). By the end of the summer the Center will notify me if I passed and thereby receive their certification as a bioethicist.

As I have mentioned to you before, I keep track of the number of confessions I hear – a habit I got into thanks to Father J. Floyd Dwyer who was Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman, my first priestly assignment. *During the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, I heard at Saint Peter Parish an amazing 3,679* (that is not a typo!) *individual confessions.* It is a joy to be kept so “busy” reconciling sinners to God and His Church!

Recently something happened that I have never experienced in 19 years as a priest. As you will recall, each parish is required to have a *Fund for Works of Charity*, an account that is separate from all other parish accounts and that is not commingled with other parish funds or with the Mass Offering Account. Into this Fund are deposited gifts that parishioners specifically designate for this purpose. But the bulk of money in this Fund comes from the offerings that parishioners make on the occasion of the celebration of the sacraments (for example, Baptism or Matrimony) or other sacred rites (for example, funeral) apart from the Mass offering or “intention.” In turn, I disburse monies (but never cash) from this Fund to assist the many needy people who come to the rectory each week seeking help. So many times over the years those who received assistance assured me that they would return shortly to repay what was given to them. *Not one person has ever kept their word and come back to return to the Fund that which was given them. That is, until this past week!* A parishioner had an unexpected and substantial expense with regard to his vehicle and I arranged for payment of the bills through the Fund for Works of Charity. *At the end of the month, as he had promised me, he returned to the rectory and repaid in full what had been given him.* No doubt the Lord will bless this young man for his honesty and integrity!

In the next five years our parish anticipates having to address a number of issues with regard to our physical plant including the increasingly dangerous buckling of the carpet in the church proper and the sanctuary (which is very obvious now in the humidity of our Wisconsin summer), the hazardous deteriorating bricks and concrete between the garage and the church, the incredibly wasteful heating system in the rectory, and the security of our magnificent church (which has been vandalized three times in recent weeks!) – to name just a few. *We will only be able to solve these problems if each and every parishioner generously participates in the We Belong To Christ Campaign now being conducted in our parish.* Complete and return your pledge card right now. *If we do not hear from you we will be contacting you personally.*

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Father Kevin C. Louis

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Pastoral Council

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Jean Stroik	341-1470

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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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TBA

Buildings and Grounds

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Justice & Peace

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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Respect Life!

Because of the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision, an unborn baby now has a legal status similar to what a black slave had under the 1857 *Dred Scott* decision. As with a black slave in the 19th century, an unborn baby now has no legal rights and is the "property" of the owner (the mother). In fact, the unborn child is worse off since she can be killed, if the owner wishes, any time before birth.

— *Today's Slave... The Unborn Child*, Pamphlet by Cincinnati Right to Life

That we may truly understand the meaning of God's Word that commands us to "Choose Life," we pray ...

Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

SPACS Employment: Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools has teaching openings for the 2008-09 school year. They are for a full-time Elementary Spanish Teacher and a full-time Elementary and Middle School Art Teacher. Resume, letters of reference, and application material can be emailed to: jobs@spacs.k12.wi.us or mailed to: 1004 First St., Stevens Point.



Rosary Society Quarterly Meeting will be Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. There will be an ice cream social. All parish women are welcome.

Secular Order of St. Francis will meet next **Sunday, July 20**. Rosary will be at 7:30 a.m. and corporate Communion will be at the 8 a.m. liturgy. Breakfast and meeting will follow in Kolbe Hall.

St. Stephen Parish will hold an auction on **Saturday, July 19**, on the grounds. The event will begin at 11 a.m. with viewing of items starting at 9 a.m. It will be held rain or shine.



Portage County Relay For Life, the American Cancer Society's signature event, will be July 25-26, beginning at 6 p.m. on July 25 at the Amherst High School track in Amherst. The event raises awareness and funds to research and help those touched by cancer. For more information, visit www.events.cancer.org/rflamherstwi or contact the event chairman, Jerry Riederer at (715) 498-0475.

YOU'RE INVITED Day of Reflection: The Association of St. Joseph's Convent invite parishioners to join them at St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon, for a Day of Reflection on **Saturday, July 19**. The day will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Sister Anne Kelley will speak on the topic of peace. Please join the Sisters' efforts to grow as peacemakers. For more information, call Margie Cera at 341-3150.

Fall Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Ill., will be October 26-29. It will be four days of peace and quiet to spend with God. Cost is \$250, which includes the bus, rooms and meals. Reservations must be made by **July 31**; Call Evelyn Staszak at (715) 359-2951.

Natural Family Planning three-class series will be offered at St. Michael Hospital from 7 to 9 p.m. **Thursdays, July 17** and 31 and Aug. 21. To register or for more information, call (800) 255-6226 or email nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com

Area picnics & festivals



St. Bronislava Parish festival is **THIS WEEK-END**. It includes music, dancing,, raffles, silent auction, children's fun, bingo, bake sale, music.

St. Mary's — Torun: St. Mary's—Torun church picnic is Saturday and Sunday, **July 19 and 20**. It includes dancing, raffles, family games, softball tournaments.

St. Adalbert's Church in Rosholt holds its church picnic on Sunday, Aug. 3 beginning with a polka Mass. There will be a horse shoe tournament, bingo, raffle, children's games and more.

St. Philip Parish in Rudolph holds its 88th annual picnic and chicken dinner event Sunday, Aug. 3. Dinner is \$8 adults, \$5 children 6-12 and \$2 for children under 6. Music, games, raffle also are among the entertainment.