

SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



*“Again, the kingdom of heaven
is like a MERCHANT
SEARCHING for fine pearls.
When he FINDS a pearl of great price,
he goes and SELLS
ALL that he has and BUYS it.”*

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July 27, 2008
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MATTHEW 13:45-46

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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 28

8:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, July 29

5:15 PM † Howard Dolce

WEDNESDAY, July 30

8:00 AM † Ronald Schroder

THURSDAY, July 31

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY, Aug. 1

8:00 AM Communion Service

5:15 PM † Charlotte Gollon

SATURDAY, Aug. 2

8:00 AM Deceased members of the
Grandquist Family

4:00 PM † Kenneth Brezinski

SUNDAY, Aug. 3

8:00 AM Parish Family Members

10:00 AM † Paul Pliska

Notes at a Glance



Congratulations to Father Kevin C. Louis on his years of faithful service to the Church! Tuesday, July 22 marked his 19th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Congratulations Father, and thank you!

Newly Baptized

Saint Peter Parish congratulates the parents and Godparents of Caleb Marcel Frederiksen, who was baptized on Sunday, July 13. Parents are Stephen and Laura Frederiksen; Godparents are Catherine and Steve Pollnow. We pray that the children will grow in knowledge of Christ's Love.

Milk for the Needy: \$399 was collected for milk for the needy to be given to Operation Bootstrap. Thank you!

We Belong to Christ

Campaign: Parishioners who have not yet completed their pledge cards for We Belong to Christ Campaign are asked to do so as soon as possible and drop them at the rectory. Otherwise you will be contacted.

Office hours change: The Parish office will be closed next **Wednesday afternoon, July 30.**

Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

Jesus thus brings his own radical *novum* to the ancient Hebrew sacrificial meal. For us Christians, that meal no longer need be repeated. As the Church Fathers rightly say, *figura transit in veritatem*: the foreshadowing has given way to the truth itself. The ancient rite has been brought to fulfillment and definitively surpassed by the loving gift of the incarnate Son of God. The food of truth, Christ sacrificed for our sake, *dat figuris terminum*. By his command to “do this in remembrance of me” (*Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:25*), he asks us to respond to his gift and to make it sacramentally present. In these words the Lord expresses, as it were, his expectation that the Church, born of his sacrifice, will receive this gift, developing under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the liturgical form of the sacrament.

— Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 11

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



United Way of Portage County is collecting new school supplies for the county's needy children, and **St. Peter is a collection site**. Collection boxes will be available for supplies that include: pencils, pens, glue, backpacks, rulers and folders.

Thank you, Justice and Peace Committee

Volunteers Needed: Relocating the deanery library to various sites in Portage County will take months, rather than years, if more volunteers help unpack, sort or mark resources for online catalogues. Adults and older youth who have some summer time to spare can offer their assistance by calling Leo Jacoby, 341-2790 or Kenn Firkus, 344-6493. Donations to grow and promote this volunteer project are also much appreciated.

Field dedication and banquet: The Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools (SPACS) will be hosting a dedication of the new Bob Raczek Football Field at Pacelli High School at 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, August 2**. The field dedication is open to the public; any interested community members are welcome to attend. A banquet will follow at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 1100 Amber Street, to honor Coach Raczek's decades of service to the young people of Stevens Point. If interested in attending the banquet, call 341-2445 **by Tuesday, July 29**, and speak to Lori Shafranski to purchase a ticket.

St. Joseph Early Childhood Center and St. Bronislava Preschool Center are accepting registration for preschool. St. Bronislava is enrolling for 3-year-old preschool and St. Joseph is registering for infants ages 6 weeks through ages 5 years old. For more information on St. Bronislava availability and program, call the Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools office at 341-2445; for information on St. Joseph, call Jane at 341-2878.

Donations sought: **Thank you** to all of those who donated to the statue restoration project during the past few years, especially the coordinated efforts of Irv and Bernie Derezinski ... the Jesus and Beggar statue you will see in its original site in the vestibule of the church. The last two pink angels are being restored and our project will be completed, but we now are short of money. St. Peter's Restoration Committee is seeking donations to pay for the balance of the three statues' restoration. Any amount would be appreciated; drop it off with Susan at the rectory or place the donation in an envelope marked Statue Restoration in the collection basket with your name. A restoration book is being completed showing a photo of the restored statue, the original bill and persons names who donated to the restoration. The book will be kept in the parish office as a record for future generations' reference. Donations as a memorial for a loved one, yourself or as a family also will be accepted.

Wanted: St. Peter Parish is in need of a regular adorer to commit to weekly adoration from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. 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

Note: *The city of Stevens Point has postponed work on Fourth Avenue until next year.*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

— Mt 13:44-46

Week of July 27, 2008 readings:

Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 55:1-3 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

Sunday Offertory, Envelopes

Budget for Year:	\$535,500.76
Need Weekly:	\$10,298.09

July 5/6

Offertory envelopes and offertory received:	\$9,840.55
Budget Year to Date:	\$10,298.09
Actual Year to Date:	\$9,840.55
Year to date shortfall	(\$457.54)

July 12/13

Offertory envelopes and offertory received:	\$9,863.05
Budget Year to Date:	\$20,596.18
Actual Year to Date:	\$19,703.60
Year to date shortfall	(\$892.58)

July 19/20

Offertory envelopes and offertory received:	\$9,400.32
Budget Year to Date:	\$30,894.27
Actual Year to Date:	\$29,103.92
Year to date shortfall	(\$1,790.35)

Religious Education

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 29**. Meet at 6:00 a.m. in the church for morning prayer and teaching followed by breakfast at Perkins at 6:30 a.m. 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: July 14 marked the start of the 2nd half for the Keys. The team kicked it off in resounding fashion, with a dominating 9-4 victory over Kristin's Riverwalk. The Keys' win featured solid defense, dominating pitching from Tim Hall; and an offense led by Jake Kluck's 4 hits and Jesse Stratton's Inside the Park Home Run. July 21 marked the 3rd rain-out of the year for the Keys. The Keys's next game is **Monday, July 28** at 6:30PM vs. Charcoal Grill on Field No. 2. Games are played at Zenoff Park.



Church Smiles: "Another girl named Linda assured her mother that she'd said her prayers the night before, but added, 'When I got on my knees I began to think that God hears the same old stuff every night-so I told Him the story of the Three Bears instead!'"

— *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, 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 weekends of Aug. 2/3 and 9/10. Please take a minute, stop by and set up a time. For more information, call Mary Skrzeczkoski, 342-0645 or Lee Petersen, 345-1734.



Leaven2Heaven08! Youth Rally in Blair, Wisconsin, will be held Saturday, August 23. The event is geared for students in grades 7 through 12. Bishop Jerome Listecki, Gina Bauer, and Fr. Rick Wendell will lead the day. The event is sponsored by St. Ansgar Parish and Fr. Joseph O'Hara. St. Peter's will be taking a group. For more information, check out the website at www.Leaven2Heaven.com If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Patrick Burkhart at the parish, 344-6115.

Welcome and Congratulations! Sheila Plageman and Jesse Stratton were received into the Catholic Church at St. Peter's Saturday, July 19. Sheila made her profession of faith and received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Jesse made his profession of faith and received his 1st Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations and Welcome to the Catholic Church! St. Peter's is blessed to have you among us!



Looking Ahead

Monday, July 28

- Vacation Bible School begins
- Communion service, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, July 29

Martha

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

Wednesday, July 30

Peter Chrysologus

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

Thursday, July 31

Ignatius of Loyola

- Vacation Bible School
- Communion service, 8 a.m.
- DTS, 7 p.m., Faustina room

Friday, August 1

Alphonsus Liguori

First Friday

- Vacation Bible School
- Communion service, 8 a.m.
- Confessions 4:45 p.m., Benediction, 5 p.m., Mass, 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, August 2

Eusebius of Vercelli

Peter Julian Eymard

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

Sunday, August 3

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Monday, August 4

John Mary Vianney

- Communion service, 8 a.m.

July 27, 2008

Strengthen Your Brethren...

Two weeks ago this opening paragraph of my column was mistakenly omitted. So here it is, just a little bit late! ***Thank you to all of those who took part in the filming of television Masses last week.*** Thanks to the lectors, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Patrick Burkhart and all the musicians as well as those who made up the congregation. Look for us on TV as the Masses will be broadcast on August 31 and September 7! ***Thank you, too, to the men who took part in our inaugural event in observance of the Jubilee Year of Saint Paul*** (June 28, 2008-June 29, 2009). Our recent gathering geared specifically to men began with the praying of Evening Prayer and listening to an extended homily on Saint Paul and how he is a model for living the vocation of being a “real” man, a man of God, as well as a husband and father. Phil Lawson then gave some very practical suggestions how men can prayerfully observe this Pauline Year. We then adjourned to Emy J’s for ice cream and good conversation! ***Keep an eye on the bulletin as we will soon have a similar event specifically geared towards the women of the parish.***

Time flies, as the saying goes, and this passage of time brings with it many changes. Our parish pictorial directory is five years old and is clearly outdated. Thanks to our parishioners, Lee Petersen and Mary Skrzeczkoski, who have volunteered to spearhead the effort, we are in the process of assembling a ***new picture directory of and for our parishioners.*** ***Please make sure you stop in the Saint Faustina Room after weekend Mass to schedule a time for your photo to be taken. It costs you (and the parish) nothing to have your picture taken and you are under no obligation to purchase anything. Just for having your picture taken you will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 custom natural portrait and a free directory.*** Of course, you are welcome to purchase additional copies of your photos in various sizes. Again, ***please sign up to get your picture taken so that we can have a directory that includes every one of our parishioners!***

I never cease to be amazed at how many activities for the building up of God’s Kingdom that we have at Saint Peter! This week is a particularly busy one! Our parishioner-designed and led ***Vacation Bible School*** runs every morning this week. On Tuesday evening (July 29) our ***altar servers and their fathers are gathering at the rectory with our priests and our resident seminarian, Dan,*** in order to say “thank you” to them for their service. But more importantly, the evening will center on exploring the vocation to the priesthood. On Saturday evening (August 2) at 6:30 our parish is offering a ***night of enrichment for married couples featuring Jeff and Alice Heinzen who will speak about the languages of love.*** It does not matter how long you have been married, all couples are welcome! Just call the parish office to reserve your spot.

This week also has events of world-wide significance in our Diocese of La Crosse as the church at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe just outside of the city of La Crosse will be dedicated. Even during these past few years as the Shrine complex was being systematically constructed, it has already become a place of pilgrimage and prayer for people from all 50 of our United States and from countries around the world. From April to June of 2005 – right before Bishop ListECKI assigned me to Saint Peter – I regularly celebrated Mass and heard confessions at the temporary chapel at the Shrine. ***I can attest first hand to the fact that Our Lady of Guadalupe is already working miracles and astounding conversions through this beautiful place dedicated to her!*** I very much enjoy my visits to the Shrine to soak up the breathtaking natural beauty of the bluffs and the forest as well as the peace and tranquility of the isolated location – all of which makes time spent there conducive to prayer and reflection. ***The jewel of the Shrine complex – the church itself – will be dedicated with great solemnity this Thursday (July 31). In attendance will be people from all over the world – bishops and priests, consecrated religious and lay faithful.*** EWTN (Charter Cable channel 19 and www.ewtn.com) will be broadcasting live as will Relevant Radio (93.9 FM). It will be a privilege for me to concelebrate this Mass of dedication, a once-in-a-lifetime event. The week of activities surrounding the dedication of the Shrine church features many spiritual programs and prominent guests from around the world – including Father

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