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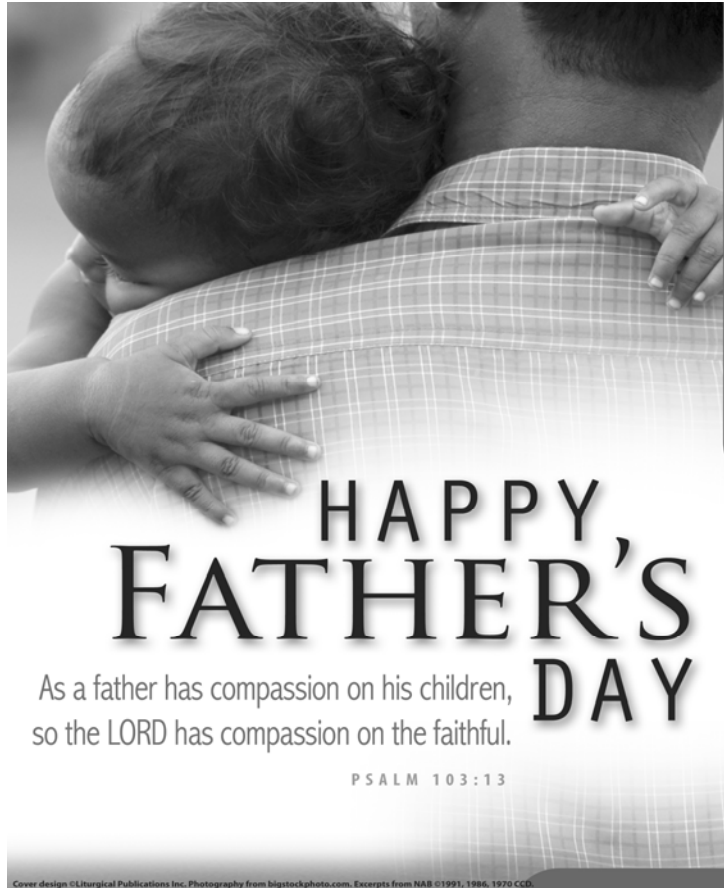
Monday-Friday: 8:30-11:30 a.m. and
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Bulletin Deadline

Monday by noon in writing or via
Email: saintpeterchurch@gmail.com

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

June 8, 2008
Tenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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 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 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, June 9

8:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, June 10

5:15 PM † Florence Dahlman

WEDNESDAY, June 11

8:00 AM † Deceased members of
the Buza and Szymanski families

THURSDAY, June 12

8:00 AM † Bernard, Theresa and
James Wysocki

FRIDAY, June 13

8:00 AM † Max Slagowski

SATURDAY, June 14

8:00 AM † Ann Pliska

4:00 PM Parish Family Members

SUNDAY, June 15

8:00 AM † William Klismith

10:00 AM † Eugene Goretski

Notes at a Glance

Secular Order of St. Francis

will meet on Sunday, June 15, with Rosary at 7:30 a.m. followed by corporate Holy Communion at the 8 a.m. liturgy. A breakfast and meeting will follow in Kolbe Hall.

St. Peter Parish's

Annual Seminarian Support Fund collection takes place throughout the month of June. Special envelopes for donations are available in the pews or from the ushers.

Power Kwik Trip Card Sale

SPACS Summer hours:

Monday thru Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Aug. 15. SPACS gift cards will still be available throughout the summer, and are sold daily at the church rectory and after weekend Masses at the church.

Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

— Pope Pius XII

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

Nun Run 2008 is June 16 thru 20 and covers Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Nashville, and Chicago. The annual pilgrimage is for young ladies between the ages of 14 and 30 who will visit several communities of Religious Sisters in one "run." Suggested donation is \$50. Discover what living a religious life is all about. Visit with several different orders, participate in Mass and prayer, hear Sisters' stories, and more! It begins with 7 a.m. Mass on Monday, June 16, at Pacelli High School, then hits the road. Fr. Derek Sakowski, chaplain at Pacelli High School and Assistant Vocation Director for the Diocese of La Crosse, is coordinating the event. Two more adult chaperones will accompany the group. For more information or sign up, call Fr. Sakowski at 252-4396 or email frsakowski@spacs.k12.wi.us



Project Milk: The month of June, Dairy Month, has been designated by the LaCrosse Diocese as the month for dried milk collection for orphans in Casa Hogar, Peru. This project began with the late Father Walijewski to feed the children with milk donated by Wisconsin farmers. Money received will be used to ship the milk to Peru. Let's keep Father Joe's mission alive and be generous. "I was hungry and you fed me."

Parish financial gifts: St. Peter Parish is offering direct deposit. Parishioners may choose to have a certain amount withdrawn from their checking account. Once set up, an automatic withdraw (ACH) from the checking account will occur on a designated date. ACH Debit Authorization forms are available at the parish office.

Beer Club



Chicken Club



We're heading down the homestretch!

Picnic Weekend will soon be here—and Yes! There is still time to join any or all of the three clubs. Club "dues" are: **Beer Club \$50.00, Pop Club \$15.00, and Chicken Club \$5.00.** Remember your donations to any or all of the clubs help defray the costs of the picnic and are tax deductible. You may put your cards and donations in an envelope and drop them into the collection box or basket. Questions? Call Paul or Marge Laszinski, 344-6316.

Pop Club



There's still time to help with the largest church fundraiser

St. Peter's Parish Picnic is next weekend—**June 14 and 15**. Last minute items to help with include:

Ticket sales: Keep selling the raffle tickets! If you have run out, there are more available at the parish rectory. Remember the sales help bring in funds for the church that are used year-round.

Silent Auction/Cherry Bowl/Craft sale: Items are needed for the Silent Auction, Cherry Bowl and craft sale. Please drop donations at church or in the rectory. Thank you!

Chicken dinner pies: Those wishing to donate pies for the chicken dinner can drop them off in the St. Peter Middle School auditorium Saturday or before 11 a.m. on Sunday. Thank you!

Bakery/gardeners: All bakers and gardeners, please bring your goods to the picnic grounds on June 14.

Volunteers: Always there is room for volunteers in a number of capacities. Call 252-8010.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

— Mt 9:11-13

Week of June 8, 2008 readings:

Sunday:	Hos 6:3-6 Rom 4:18-25 Mt 9:9-13
Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6 Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46 Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21 Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday:	Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8

Sunday Offertory, Envelopes

Budget for Year:
\$528,029.98
Need Weekly:
\$9,963.00



May 30/June 1

Offertory envelopes and offertory received: \$9,880.01
Budget Year to Date: \$488,187.00
Actual Year to Date: \$466,638.72
Year to date shortfall (\$21,548.28)

Envelopes for May 31/June 1: 288

Thank You!

We are most grateful for the donation received in memory of Alton McDonald.

Religious Education

Theology on Tap is back for a third summer! Wednesdays in July at the Sky Club. Watch for more info!

New Blog: Check out the new St. Peter's Parish Blog at www.saintpetercatholic.com/blog/

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 lawphil@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, June 17**. Meet at 6 a.m. in the church for morning prayer and teaching, 6:30 a.m. at Perkins for breakfast and fellowship. All men are welcome. Come for the whole time or whatever your schedule allows!

The St. Peter Keys Mother Nature rained on the Keys' parade last Monday. It's been a slow start to the year between holidays and the weather. The Keys' next game is Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. versus the Charcoal Grill on Field 1. Earlier this year the Keys lost a hard fought 15-12 decision to them and is looking forward to the rematch. Games are played at Zenoff Park.

Faster Pastor! Friday, June 20 at Golden Sands Speedway. Watch pastors from area parishes drive the track for the coveted trophy and title of "Faster Pastor". Phil Lawson will again be representing St. Peter's — trying to improve on last year's 2nd Place finish!

New in the Parish Library: Want to go deeper this summer? Check out: "Creation and Evolution: A Conference with Pope Benedict XVI in Castel Gandolfo" by Ignatius Press.

"Jesus: the Word to be Spoken" Prayer and Meditations for Every Day of the Year—Mother Teresa

"Letters to Gabriel" A Mother's Letters to her unborn son, Gabriel Michael.

Church Smiles

"Down in New Orleans, home of the Saints pro-football team, a first-grader was taking a religion test. 'What was November first?' he was asked.

'All Saints Day,' he answered. 'Say—do the other teams get a day too?'"

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

Pope Benedict brings his message to Vacation Bible School, which runs Monday, July 28 through Friday, Aug. 1 at St. Peter Parish from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Early registration is **due by June 15**. For any questions or for a registration form, contact the parish office at 344-6115.

Come, Follow Days 2008 for girls in fourth– through 10th grade will be this week at Mater Redemptoris Convent and House of Formation in LaCrosse. There are different times and dates for different age groups. Call (608) 788-4530 or email snewell@dioceseoflacrosse.com for registration or more information.

Come and See the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis during a weekend for women ages 18 to 40 who are thinking about religious life or are curious about what a life of a religious is all about. The visit is August 1-3. **Space is limited.** The focus will be on learning and exploring the meaning of following in the footsteps of St. Francis and Clare of Assisi. Registration is required. Call Sister Debra at 341-8457 or email vocation@ssj-tosf.org

Bethel Center will be hosting their annual summer event on Tuesday, June 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the center in Arpin. There will be games, bingo, silent auctions, petting zoo, food stands and face painting. A Wood County Sheriff's Department squad will be on hand to view. Proceeds will go toward Christmas presents for the Bethel Center nursing facility. For more information, call Lori Hetze-Meyer at (715) 652-2103.

Looking Ahead

Monday, June 9

Ephrem

- Communion service, 8 a.m.
- Buildings and Grounds meeting, 5:30 p.m. Middle School

Tuesday, June 10

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

Wednesday, June 11

Bamabas

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

Thursday, June 12

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.; Benediction; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m. conference room
- DTS, 7-8 p.m., Kolbe Hall

Friday, June 13

Anthony of Padua

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

Saturday, June 14

Flag Day

- Parish Picnic
- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Confession, 3 p.m.; Mass (with Polka music), 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 15

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day*

- Parish Picnic
- Secular Order of St. Francis, Kolbe Hall
- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Monday, June 16

- Communion Service, 8 a.m.
- Committee meetings *cancelled*

Tuesday, June 17

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

Wednesday, June 18

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

June 8, 2008

Strengthen Your Brethren...

In case you have not noticed, *Saint Peter Parish is in the midst of a mini baby boom!* Upon my arrival in Stevens Point, I introduced the practice of praying for the deceased of our parish and for the consolation of the family at all the weekend Masses following the funeral. Because our parish is large and funerals are many, it seems that most weekends we are offering the three Hail Marys and so we can get the impression that all that happens at Saint Peter is burying the dead! Not so! For all of the last calendar year our parish celebrated a total of 25 baptisms. This year – only five full months into 2008 – *we have already baptized 20 children with five more scheduled through the end of June!* And we have quite a few families who are now pregnant and due before the end of 2008! Indeed, we are on a pace to have the most baptisms the parish has celebrated for quite some time! It is a sign of the spiritual (and physical!) vitality of a parish that those living the Sacrament of Matrimony are joyously welcoming the gift of new life!

As Saint Peter Parish officially says *farewell to Father Sakowski* this weekend, we also express *our gratitude to him* for his wise counsel offered in the confessional and in spiritual direction, for his faithful proclamation of the teachings of Christ and His Church, for his fidelity in celebrating the Sacred Liturgy according to the mind of the Church, and for his excellent homilies. *Our best wishes and prayers accompany him* as he begins advanced studies in Rome this fall. And we prayerfully anticipate the arrival of his successor!

Two times each year *all the priests of the Diocese of La Crosse gather to strengthen our fraternity in the priesthood of Jesus Christ*, to hear presentations by various speakers, and simply to enjoy some time of relaxation together. The summer gathering in La Crosse – called *“Priest Unity Days”* – begins at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10. Please pray for Bishop Listecki and the priests of our Diocese!

Our *parish picnic “For Pete’s Sake” (June 14-15)* is almost upon us! In this last week please do your part to publicize the picnic by *inviting family, friends and neighbors*. And *sell those raffle tickets!*

I warmly encourage you to consider having your children (or grandchildren!) take part in our *Saint Peter Vacation Bible School* to be held here from *Monday, July 28, through Friday, August 1*. This program *for children in grades 1-5* was developed by our own parishioners and runs each day from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The week concludes with a potluck gathering and skits Friday evening. *The theme this year – “Christ Our Hope” – is taken from the recent visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States*. If you have questions or wish to register please contact Phil Lawson at the rectory. *Early registration (\$15) is due Friday, June 15*.

I have always wanted to visit the Holy Land – to see and pray at the places made holy by Jesus and spoken of in the Bible. While I was a seminarian studying in Rome (1985-1989) I had several opportunities to travel to the Middle East but money was tight and the region was extremely unstable. So, I never went, although the desire has never left me. Earlier this year, Father Robert Schaller – former Pastor of Saint Peter now serving at Saint Elizabeth in Holmen – made his first visit to the Holy Land. He came back so moved and enthused that he called me from the Minneapolis-Saint Paul airport where he had just landed in order to convince me to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with him in 2009! Well, it worked and *Father Schaller and I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 8-18, 2009*. We will be the spiritual guides celebrating the Holy Mass each day. We will have the opportunity to see and pray at those sights most holy to our faith. The number of pilgrims is strictly limited so that we can all travel together on one bus thereby creating a more intimate atmosphere conducive to a prayerful absorption of all that we will see and experience. Some of the highlights include visits to Caesarea Philippi (now known as Banias) where Jesus declared to Simon, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church”, Cana in Galilee where couples may renew their marriage vows, Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity, as well as Jerusalem where we will walk the Way of the Cross (*Via Dolorosa*) and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Of course, this only scratches the surface of the magnificent and moving sights to be seen and places to offer prayers! The cost of \$2,799 includes airfare, expert native Christian tour guides, meals, and lodging in first class hotels. *For a complete itinerary and more information please consult the brochures available in church or at the rectory.*

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

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!

“Recognizing the inviolability of human embryos really does not depend on religion at all, but rather on an accurate understanding of where each of us originated and of the shared rights we all possess regardless of age, size or state of dependency.”

— *The Ethics of Stem Cell Research*,
Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

For those in the pro-life movement, that their faith and trust in the Lord may carry them through difficult times, we pray ...

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@diocesoflacrosse.com

Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

“We Must Understand What We Believe” is a 16-lesson Basic Catholic Catechist Home Study Course that covers the essentials of Catholic faith. It will be offered at St. Peter’s beginning Tuesday, June 24 in the Faustina Room. It is a bi-monthly meeting for about 90 minutes. Written by the late Father John A. Hardon, the challenging course is open to ALL, including catechists, parents, teachers and any Catholic adult to help us grow to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His church. The course tuition is \$50 and includes all materials. To register, contact Diane Sommers at 341-6093. **Registration deadline is June 9.**

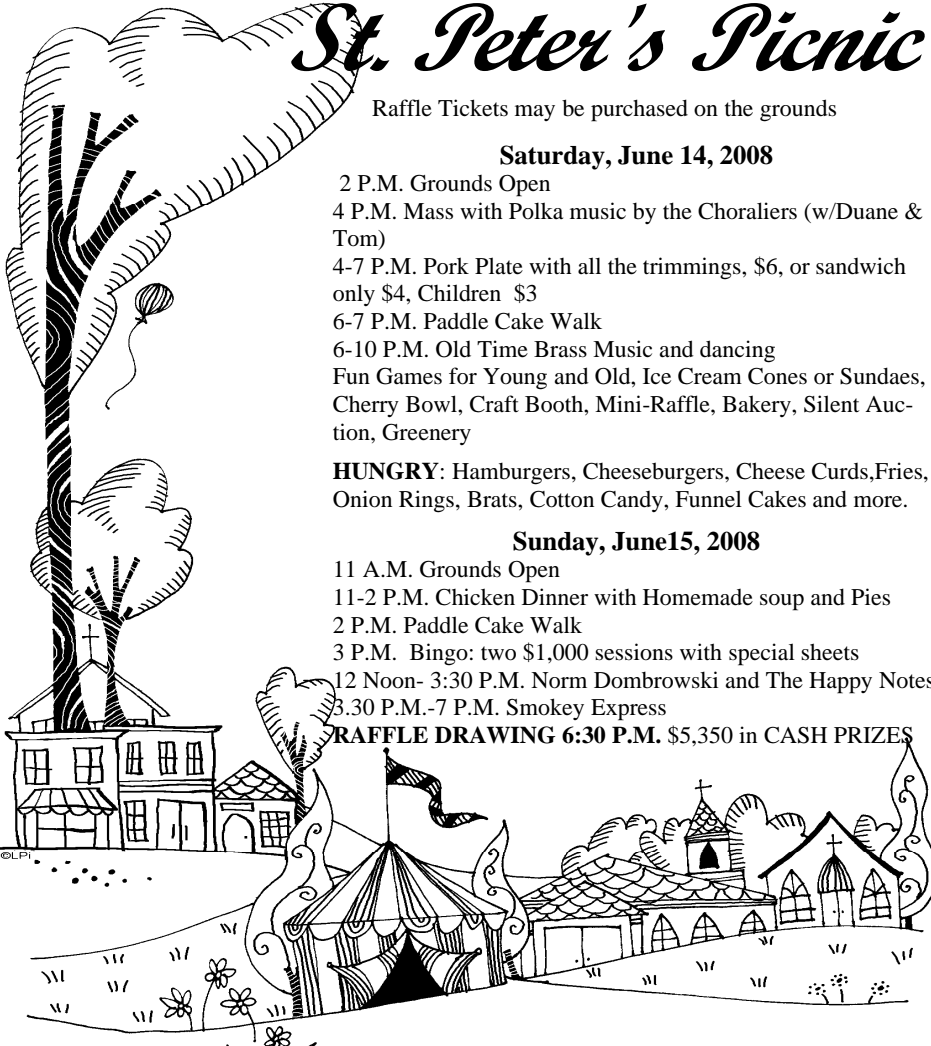
Eucharistic Ministers: Father Janusz Kowalski, priest at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, is looking for people interested in volunteering as eucharistic ministers. A training session will be on Wednesday, June 18. Call Tasha Beestman at (715) 847-2848.

Recruitment for Deacon Formation information and application process for a new class of aspirants to the diaconate is underway. If you know of anyone who may be a good candidate, have that person call the Office of Ministries and Social Concerns of the LaCrosse Dioceses, (608) 791-2667 or email cruff@diocesoflacrosse.com.

Area picnics and festivals to check out:

St. Ladislaus Parish’s 18th annual “Event in Bevent” is Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29 beginning with a polka Mass. There will be a chicken dinner Sunday, as well as games, bingo, crafts, raffles and a silent auction throughout the weekend.

St. Mary’s — Torun: St. Mary’s—Torun annual church picnic is Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20, starting with a polka Mass at 5:30 p.m. July 19. There will be food, dancing, music, raffles, and family games throughout the weekend along with softball tournaments.



St. Peter's Picnic

Raffle Tickets may be purchased on the grounds

Saturday, June 14, 2008

- 2 P.M. Grounds Open
- 4 P.M. Mass with Polka music by the Choraliers (w/Duane & Tom)
- 4-7 P.M. Pork Plate with all the trimmings, \$6, or sandwich only \$4, Children \$3
- 6-7 P.M. Paddle Cake Walk
- 6-10 P.M. Old Time Brass Music and dancing
- Fun Games for Young and Old, Ice Cream Cones or Sundaes, Cherry Bowl, Craft Booth, Mini-Raffle, Bakery, Silent Auction, Greenery

HUNGRY: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Cheese Curds, Fries, Onion Rings, Brats, Cotton Candy, Funnel Cakes and more.

Sunday, June 15, 2008

- 11 A.M. Grounds Open
- 11-2 P.M. Chicken Dinner with Homemade soup and Pies
- 2 P.M. Paddle Cake Walk
- 3 P.M. Bingo: two \$1,000 sessions with special sheets
- 12 Noon- 3:30 P.M. Norm Dombrowski and The Happy Notes
- 3:30 P.M.-7 P.M. Smokey Express

RAFFLE DRAWING 6:30 P.M. \$5,350 in CASH PRIZES