

SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH



*“Are not two SPARROWS
sold for a small coin?
Yet NOT ONE of them
FALLS to the ground
without your
FATHER’S knowledge.”*

MATTHEW 10:29

800 Fourth Ave.
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54481

June 22, 2008
Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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.

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 23

8:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, June 24

5:15 PM † Boleslaw Michalak

WEDNESDAY, June 25

8:00 AM † Theresa, James and Bernard Wysocki

THURSDAY, June 26

8:00 AM † Special Intentions

FRIDAY, June 27

8:00 AM † Harry Peskie

SATURDAY, June 28

8:00 AM † Regina Peskie
4:00 PM † Parish Family Members

SUNDAY, June 29

8:00 AM † Anthony and Esther Stepaniak
10:00 AM † John Meshak

Notes at a Glance

Newly Baptized

Saint Peter Parish congratulates the parents and Godparents of Rachael Lian Bouwer and Ruth Ying Bouwer, who were baptized last weekend on Sunday, June 15. Their parents are Marc Alan and Bonnie Jean Bouwer; Godparent is Nancy Tillman.

Anniversaries

Blessings for Henry and Theresa Soik's 50th wedding anniversary are at the 10 a.m. Mass today, Sunday, June 22. Congratulations and may God grant you many more years together!

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.

Independence Day Office Hours and Bulletin Deadline

The Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday, June 25 for all announcements going into the July 5/6 bulletin. You may mail, e-mail or hand deliver any announcements you may have. The Rectory Office will be closed Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

St. Peter Parish Picnic

2008 Raffle Winners



Grand Prize: John Groholski, Stevens Point

First Prize: Angela Drefcinski, Stevens Point

Second Prize: Martha Wisniewski, Custer

Third Prize: Tim Kawleski, Stevens Point

Fourth Prize: Schultz, Stevens Point

Fifth Prize: Richard Pudrowski, Stevens Point

Sixth Prize: Gorius, Stevens Point

Seventh Prize: Elsie Hytry, Stevens Point
Eighth Prize: William and Julie Grimstad, Stevens Point

Ninth Prize: Julie Zinda, Stevens Point

10th Prize: Mike Gentry, Stevens Point

11th Prize: Pearl Szymanski, Stevens Point

12th Prize: Ellen Auch, Stevens Point

13th Prize: Marchita Polum, Stevens Point

14th Prize: Tim Schwebach, Plover

15th Prize: Karey Somers, Stevens Point

...A sincere thank you to all the workers, those who sold or bought tickets or helped in any way to make the Grand Raffle a success. Your help was greatly appreciated.

— Bernie Mallek

Special thanks to everyone who helped and participated

I want to thank all the people who helped me throughout the weekend with the Silent Auction. Without your help, I couldn't have done it. And Thanks to all who donated all the wonderful items, it made the Silent Auction a great success!!

— Brenda Suplicki, S.A Chairperson

A warm and sincere thank you to all the wonderful people who worked the BINGO event at the picnic. It's your support and dedication to "Pete's Sake" that keeps this picnic going strong. Also, a special thanks to all the BINGO players for your continued support. Sorry everyone couldn't win a prize. Hope to see you next year.

— Marcia and Irene, BINGO Committee

Pies — A big Thank You to all who provided pies for the Chicken Dinner, also the blackberries. Donations and sales of pies that were leftover amounted to \$145. The money was turned over to the Chicken Dinner. Thank you again!

— Lillian Jakusz

Thank You to all who volunteered to work in the Snack Stand and all who supported it.

— Debbie Jakusz and Don and Cherye Rolnicki

Thank you for all who donated bakery for the bake sale, to all our customers and all the who volunteered to work. Thank you for all the donations of cakes for our Cake Walk. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you to all those who donated plants for our Greenery Sale. We had a nice assortment of plants. Thank you for those who worked and all who purchased plants.

— Darlene Wierzba

Many Thanks! Many Thanks! Many Thanks! Your support of the CLUBS was phenomenal. The success of the clubs is due to many generous members of St. Peter Parish. We are most appreciative of the continuing membership of so very many of you. And there were several new emmbers to all of the clubs. THANK YOU one and all. Your generosity benefits your parish, ST. PETER'S.

This year's donations were wonderful!

CHICKEN CLUB	129	\$ 645.00
POP CLUB	90	\$1350.00
BEER CLUB	53	\$2650.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$4,650.00

All of St. Peter Parish, THANK YOU, each and every one of you. See you in 2009.

And a very special THANK YOU to an anonymous donor for the gift of \$600 to the Beer Club. St. Peter Parish is extremely grateful for your most generous donation!

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”

— Mt 10:29-32

Week of June 22, 2008 readings:

Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10 1 Pt 1:8-12 Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12 Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10 Gal 1:11-20 Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Sunday Offertory, Envelopes

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

June 14/15

Offertory envelopes and offertory received: \$13,282.97
Budget Year to Date: \$508,113.00
Actual Year to Date: \$488,822.97
Year to date shortfall (\$19,290.03)

June 7/8 envelope count: 260

Religious Education

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

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 1**. Meet at 6:30 a.m. in the church for morning prayer and teaching followed by conversation. Please note the time change! To allow more men to join us, we are having a few evening sessions during the summer Fr. Kevin Louis will join us. All men are welcome.

The St. Peter Keys With the Women’s Olympic Softball team in town last week, the Keys had another week off. Play resumes on June 23 at 6:30 p.m. versus Kristin’s Riverwalk on Field 3 at Zenoff Park. Our current record is 2-2.

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?

Church Smiles

“If kids don’t know the answer to a question, one soon comes bubbling up from their imaginations. A little girl, asked why we now worship on Sunday instead of on the Sabbath Day, as they did in Bible times, gave this answer: ‘Because there aren’t as good cartoons on Sunday as there are on Saturday.’”

“In another classroom, a teacher asked, ‘Why do you suppose we no longer offer burnt offerings to God?’”

“A boy answered, ‘Air pollution.’”

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

Are you: 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! It all starts July 2 at the Sky Club, 2202 Post Rd., Plover, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the parish office or Phil Lawson at 344-6115.

Open House: Join us, together in faith and excellence, for an Open House exploring the childcare, preschool, and kindergarten programs available through SPACS, on **Tuesday, June 24**, at St. Joseph Early Childhood Center, 1901 Lincoln Ave. The Open House will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in learning more about SPACS. It’s never too early to start planning your child’s education.

Come and See the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis during a week-end 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.** Registration is required. Call Sister Debra at 341-8457 or email vocation@ssj-tosf.org

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, WI 54481

Looking Ahead

Monday, June 23

- Communion service, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, June 24

Nativity of John the Baptist

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

Wednesday, June 25

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

Thursday, June 26

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.; Benediction; Mass, 8 a.m.
- DTS, 7-8 p.m., Kolbe Hall

Friday, June 27

Cyril of Alexandria

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

Saturday, June 28

Iranaeus

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

Sunday, June 29

Solemnity of Peter and Paul

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, June 30

First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

- Mass, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, July 1

Bl. Junipero Serra

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

Wednesday, July 2

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration
- Evening prayers, 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 3

Feast of Thomas

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

June 22, 2008

Strengthen Your Brethren...

According to the *Saint Peter Diamond Jubilee* book, our parish “through all the years of its history, was blessed with pastors who were lovers of sacred music. **Good organs were the rule, and exceptionally talented choirs and organists have made Saint Peter’s noted for good Church music**” (p. 103). Indeed, the commitment of our parish to the highest quality authentic sacred music for use in the liturgy is manifested in our history. From 1923 to 1946 **Professor Eugene Walkiewicz** was the organist and choir instructor at Saint Peter. Following him was **Professor Waclaw Betlejewski** who served from 1948 to 1951. **These two native Poles were world-class organists, choirmasters, and composers.** While at Saint Peter, Professor Walkiewicz composed many pieces of sacred music and Professor Betlejewski later compiled them. What a beautiful legacy this is, and for us what a responsibility – and privilege – to sustain! **As we give glory to God with sacred music at Saint Peter we are also more deeply connected to our Polish roots and history as a parish**

In continuity with this great tradition, I am pleased to announce that **Patrick Burkhart**, our **Director of Sacred Music and Organist** currently at half-time, will move to **three-quarters time** effective July 1. On that date he will also take up the responsibilities of the newly-created (**quarter-time**) post of parish **Coordinator of Youth Apostolate.** But more on that later! Patrick, a native of La Crosse, earned a **B.A. in Music from Viterbo University,** La Crosse, in 1983. In 1988 he received an **M.A. in Music from the University of Wisconsin, Madison,** studying organ under Dr. John Chappell. While a university student Patrick served as **Organist and Director of Music** at First Congregational Church in La Crosse. Upon earning his M.A. he became the **Director of Music** at Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Omaha, Nebraska – a church known for having one of the finest programs of sacred music in the nation. After nearly a decade at the Cathedral, Patrick relocated to Wisconsin during which time he served as a **teacher and Director of Choral Activities** at Rosholt Middle and High Schools as well as our own Pacelli High School. While at Pacelli he additionally began taking on administrative posts acting as **Assistant Principal** and **Dean of Students.** Most recently he has been the **Principal** of Aquinas High School, La Crosse, and then of Saint Adalbert (Rosholt) and Sacred Heart (Polonia) Elementary Schools. Patrick earned a **Certification in Educational Leadership from Viterbo University** in 2007.

Earlier this year, Patrick decided to definitively **exit the world of school administration** (having previously served as an Acting Principal of two elementary schools I could sympathize with him!) as it seemed that **God was leading him to once again dedicate himself more fully to the use of his musical talents.** Over the past ten years Patrick has experienced a real awakening and maturation of his Catholic faith. Indeed, Saint Peter Parish – its priests and parishioners – has played a crucial role in the nourishment of his faith. Patrick loves Saint Peter Parish – its faith-filled parishioners, its inspiring history, and its rich tradition of sacred music and the celebration of the liturgy according to the mind and discipline of the Church. He expressed to me his strong desire to remain at Saint Peter but obviously could not do so on the meager half-time salary we pay him. The fact is that, according to the national pay scale standard of the American Guild of Organists, a musician with Patrick’s academic background and experience could command salary and benefits (full-time) of more than \$90,000.00. Clearly, our parish cannot afford that! And Patrick was not looking for that from us! But what a loss for us if we would let a musician of his caliber “get away!”

At this point of the discussion, another reality of parish life came into play. **Basically, since my second year at Saint Peter I have been alone in providing priestly pastoral care to you.** In this new situation, in order to meet your pastoral needs yet not kill myself in the process, I **shifted a significant number of responsibilities to our own Phil Lawson.** Indeed, the job description of the Director of Catechesis and Evangelization got a complete “makeover” in 2006! This has proven to be incredibly successful pastorally (Phil is so good at what he does!) as well as being helpful to relieve a portion of the stress on me (even though I am still regularly putting in 90 plus hour weeks serving you!). However, the foreseen side effect is that Phil no longer has sufficient time to be able to dedicate to the labor-intensive task of development and cultivation of programs for our children and adolescents. Already last year Phil and I talked about this lacuna in the pastoral works of our parish and that it would be important in the near future to have someone fill this need. Well, in the meantime, our Pastoral Council and Finance Council in **identifying our parish needs and goals for the**

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Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

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!

“The Dutch have decided that killing is an acceptable answer to human suffering. While it started with just a few, that is the people who supposedly were at the end of life, it very quickly became the many, i.e. people with disabilities or those who wanted to die.”

— Wesley J. Smith,
The Southern Cross, 5-12-05

That all people of faith may realize they are called to proclaim the truth that God cherishes every life, born and unborn, 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@diocesesoflacrosse.com

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, call the LaCrosse Dioceses, (608) 791-2667 or email cruff@diocesesoflacrosse.com.

Finding the Treasures of Our Faith, a family retreat, will be July 5 & 6 at St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon. It includes fun to teach children more about Jesus. Cost is \$100 single parent up to three children and \$125 for two parents up to three children. Additional cost for more children. **Register by June 25.** Call (715) 443-2236.

Area picnics and festivals to check out:

St. Ladislaus Parish's 18th annual “Event in Bevent” is Saturday and Sunday, **June 28 and 29.** It includes a chicken dinner, games, bingo, crafts, raffles, silent auction.

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Fancher will hold its church picnic Sunday, **July 6.** It includes dancing, bingo, children's games, bingo, silent auction.

St. Bronislava Parish festival is Friday, **July 11** through Sunday, July 13. 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.

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next five years – our We Belong to Christ Campaign – established the youth apostolate as a priority. A very modest amount of the monies collected through our *We Belong to Christ Campaign* is designated to fund the (quarter-time) position of Coordinator of Youth Apostolate at Saint Peter. Just like in the cartoons, the light bulb appeared over my head as I thought about Patrick Burkharth's years of work with youth as a teacher and principal that would certainly qualify him for this new post. I first went to Phil Lawson, however, seeking his counsel and opinion. And in the end, of course, Patrick would have to actually be interested in this!

Yet another fact of contemporary parish life and finances became relevant at this stage! With their convents and rectories sitting empty or barely occupied (like our behemoth rectory!) and having very limited financial resources, many parishes throughout our Diocese and the nation are offering as part of the compensation package for parish staff ***room and board in the convent or rectory.*** ***This sort of creativity is enabling parishes to secure pastoral services that they would normally not be able to afford if they went the traditional route of virtually all compensation being given in the form of salary.*** And so such arrangements are working out very well for all involved. In fact, Saint Peter had such an arrangement with Phil Lawson when he was first hired! ***This is nothing new for our parish!*** For well over a year Phil lived in our rectory, his room and board being provided as part of his compensation package as our employee.

Assembling all these pieces of the puzzle I approached Patrick to gauge his interest in a ***creative compensation package*** that would be sufficient to retain his services meeting his financial needs while advancing our sacred music program and youth apostolate, removing yet more stress from my life, and – as an added bonus – saving the parish a ton of money for the quality of services received. Patrick and I agreed in principle that he would accept the quarter-time position of Coordinator of Youth Apostolate plus he would go to three-quarters time as Director of Sacred Music and Organist with a very modest increase in his base salary but with the parish providing him room and board at the rectory (as well as other benefits that accompany full-time employment as the two posts combine for 40 hours per week). The proposal was ***discussed and approved at the March 13, 2008, meeting of the parish Finance Council*** and it was ***presented at the May 19, 2008, meeting of the parish Pastoral Council.*** Having received the counsel of these bodies, I formally offered Patrick the two positions. ***To be continued next week***

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

Father Kevin C. Louis