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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.

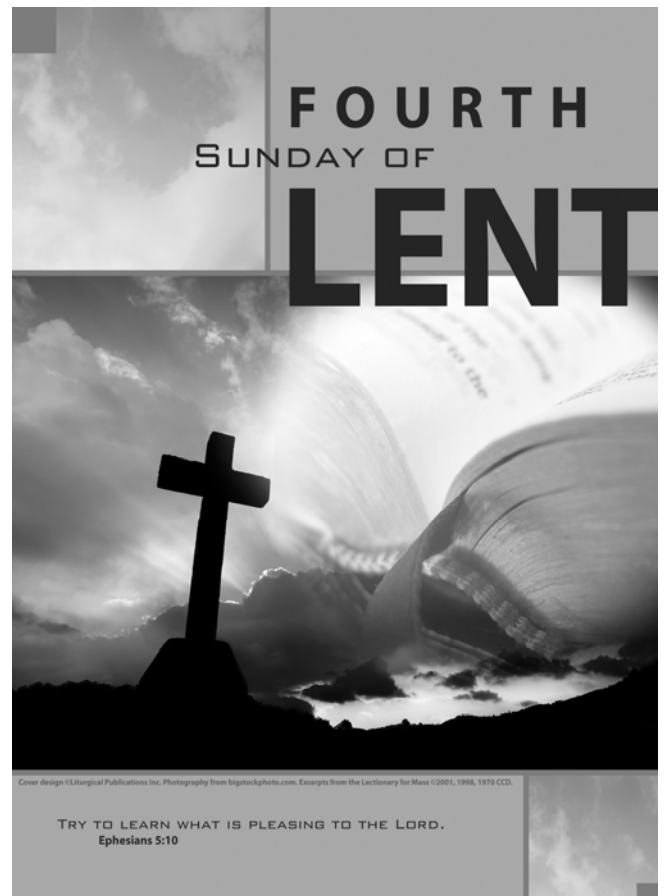
Sacrament of Matrimony

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
March 2, 2008*



Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, March 3

8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word with
Communion

TUESDAY, March 4

5:15 PM † Beverly Dupius

WEDNESDAY, March 5

8:00 AM † Chester and Dorothy
Golla

THURSDAY, March 6

8:00 AM † Margaret Glodowski

FRIDAY, March 7

World Day of Prayer

8:00 AM † Ron Shuda

5:15 PM † Florence Dahlman

SATURDAY, March 8

8:00 AM † Esther Stepaniak

4:00 PM † Parish Family Members

SUNDAY, March 9

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Chester Klesmith

10:00 AM † Aggie Stanchik



Rest in Peace

Our sympathy and assurance of our remembrance in prayers are extended to the family members of Judge Robert C. Jenkins, Thomas C. Schultz, Helen V. Liss, Martin J. Przybylski, and Wayne Zblewski whose funerals and services were during the month of January.



In Loving Memory

We are most grateful for the memorial gift received in memory of Chester Golla, Helen Liss, and also for the gift to the Endowment Trust Fund in memory of Retired Judge Robert Jenkins. The gifts are very much appreciated.

Milk for the Needy: A total of \$383 was collected the weekend of February 16/17 in our milk cartons. As always, this money is given to Operation Bootstrap's Milk for the Needy program.

Thank you and God Bless.

Need a change this Lenten season?

Eucharistic



Adoration

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

Calling all Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. The summer Mass schedules are being put together. Please call the Parish office, 344-6115, by Friday, April 18, with any dates you are unable to serve in the summer months. Thank you.

St. Peter Choir: Children's Schola practice is on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 6:30 PM and Adult Schola is Sundays from 9 AM to 9:50 AM, in between Masses.

A first annual Softball Tournament and Picnic informational meeting sponsored by Destiny Point Women's Restoration Home in Rudolph will be Thursday, March 6, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at the Portage County Library, 1001 Main St., Stevens Point. Among other aspects, the meeting will cover information about Destiny Home, the interdenominational co-ed softball tournament fundraiser. Contact Bob or Julie at 344-2391 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/>.

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.

Sing for the Chrism Mass Join the Diocesan choir to sing on Thursday, March 20 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in LaCrosse at the Chrism Mass. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 for a family. The bus will leave St. Peter's at 7 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the Dioceses. To register, sign up in the Parish office or call the office at 344-6115.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Parish Members

Welcome!

The Belsha family, Walter, Theresa, Eleanor and Elizabeth; the Bukowski family, Ray, Camille Helminski-Bukowski, and Gary Bukowski; and Dolores Tech Bukowski.

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: **A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. Thank you for your support!!**



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

— Jn 9:35-38

Readings for the Week of March 2, 2008

- 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
- Monday: Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Sunday Offertory & Envelopes

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

February 23/24

Offertory received \$8,812.31
Budget Year to Date: \$348,705.00
Actual Year to Date: \$332,747.80
Year to date shortfall (\$15,957.20)

Offering Envelopes:

Envelope count for February 16/17 254

Envelope count for February 23/24 243

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

REP: Wednesday 6:30-7:45 PM.

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

1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting is Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 PM in Kolbe Hall. Parents and 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 lawsphil@gmail.com

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

Catholic Teens Online: E-mail Phil at lawsphil@gmail.com This is a weekly reflection, prayer intentions and questions asked by your peers and answered!

High School DTS! Kicks off this Sunday, March 2, from 7 to 9 PM here at St. Peter's! Free Food! Join Catholic teens, Grades 9-12, from throughout the area — "Through the Saints of Yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the Youth of Today to become the Saints of Tomorrow."

Church Smiles-From the Kids:

When my daughter was four, she told me one day that she had to go "pee." I don't like that word so I said, "Honey, we don't say 'pee'." She asked, "Why, Mommy? Because we're Catholic?" —J.F., AR

My grandfather was telling my daughter Evalena how much she loved him, "up to Jesus." He was initially at a loss for words (a rare occurrence), then said, "Well, you can't ask to be loved better than that." —A.H., IL

Source: Family Foundations, September-October 2005

Men of Christ Conference a Joyous Success

Two busloads of men and young men left St. Peter's School about 5:25 AM Saturday, February 23, to join over 3,000 men in Milwaukee for the 2008 Men of Christ Conference. Thanks to Phil Lawson for getting the tickets and making sure we all got on the bus three different times. Thanks to Father Louis for getting up very early and giving us a blessing. Special thanks to Bill Maher who took care of nearly all the details including donuts and coffee (lots of it!) and the core group who helped make this a reality, Michael Reilly, David Malay and Jeff Zdroik. The emcee, an ex-Marine, began the conference and Fr. Larry Richards was the first speaker. No one will ever accuse Fr. Larry of "going soft!" We were challenged to be authentic Men, Men of Christ, unafraid to be leaders and to stand up for what is True. We were also exhorted to be living our faith with outward signs such as praying with our family, saying grace at meals in our homes and at restaurants, and partaking in the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession. We heard how we should be giving our love to God first and He will bless us when we love our spouses, children and our fellow man. We now know that Christ is here at St. Peter's, He was at the Men of Christ conference, and He was on those buses. Plans are in the works for a weekly morning breakfast, prayer and study group. Watch for more details!



Strengthen Your Brethren...

Last fall I asked our Parish Pastoral Council to review some possible formulations of a mission statement for Saint Peter. As you are aware, many businesses and various organizations (including churches) formulate, adopt, and then regularly review such a statement that expresses "in a nutshell" their mission. The theory is that this kind of statement ensures that all those involved with the organization understand and are committed to its purpose. It is also supposed to keep the organization focused on and devote its

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Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 2

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Confessions, 7-7:45 AM

Monday, March 3

- Liturgy of the Word With Communion, 8AM
- Faith Alive Groups, 8:45-10:15 AM and 6:30-8 PM in Kolbe Hall

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

- Confessions, 7 AM
- Mass, 8 AM followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration

Thursday, March 6

- Confessions, 7 AM
- Benediction, 7:45 AM; Mass, 8 AM

Friday, March 7

World Day of Prayer

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

Saturday, March 8

- Confessions, 7 AM; Mass, 8 AM
- Confessions, 9 AM-Noon and 1-3:34 PM
- Mass, 4 PM

Sunday, March 9

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Confessions, 7-7:45 AM; Mass 8 AM
- Mass, 10 AM

Rosary Society Sunday

March 2, Rosary at 7:30 AM, Mass 8 AM. Rose 29 is responsible for leading the Rosary and Offertory gifts.

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resources to that which is at its core. To be honest, I've never really thought that it was a very helpful (or useful!) exercise and tool for a Catholic parish to formally establish a mission statement. It seemed redundant to me since the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church is our mission! Thy Kingdom come! But when I was researching Catholic parish mission statements as posted on the internet by parishes around our country, I was rather appalled at how hopelessly generic many of them were. Some could have easily been the statement of mission of any Christian or even secular service organization! Even worse, some actually were contrary to our Catholic understanding of the Church! This inspired me to ask our Pastoral Council to move ahead with establishing a formal and theologically sound mission statement. The discussions during the meetings were very spirited and prompted excellent and wide-ranging reflections on the nature of the Church. Members of the Council came away from these discussions with a deeper understanding of the Church and how the reality of a parish fits into the “big picture.” There is no doubt that there are plenty of silly ideas out there about what the Church is and what it means to be a parish. Some parishes around the world waste precious energy and resources on that which is not essential to (or even contrary to!) the authentic nature of the Church. Hopefully, our formulation, adoption and, now, explanation of our mission statement, will bring a renewal and deepening of our understanding of the Church and the mission entrusted to her by Jesus Christ.

Actually, on January 21, 2008, our Parish Pastoral Council adopted three official statements that will be used in various publications of our parish. The first, a statement of our history, gives an extremely brief summary of where we have come from (our past): “Saint Peter Parish was established in 1876 to serve the spiritual needs of the burgeoning population of Polish immigrants to Portage County. In spite of its tumultuous early years, the parish experienced steady growth from 53 founding families to more than 2,000 households in the 1950s. The current church – built in 1897 to replace a wood frame structure destroyed by fire – is an historic and artistic treasure. The spiritual vitality of Saint Peter entailed the establishment of numerous societies and groups as well as the expansion of the parish campus to include a rectory, convent, cemetery, and school (1887). Intertwined with the history of the parish and school was the foundation in 1901 of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Third Order of Saint Francis. In 1987, the parochial school was fully integrated into the Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools as Saint Peter Middle School serving students of grades six through eight. Besides parishioners embracing the married state and dedicated single life, Saint Peter has given to the Church nearly 50 men and women as consecrated religious and more than 20 sons as priests. While serving our country in time of war, 49 native sons have made the supreme sacrifice. In 1976, Saint Peter was visited by Karol Cardinal Wojtyła – who within two years would become Pope John Paul II.” Of course, many other things could have been included, but brevity demanded that only the absolute essentials be expressed here. This statement of history gives those who know nothing about Saint Peter Parish a thumbnail sketch of where we have come from.

The second statement adopted was a statement of identity. It is a very theologically dense summary of our identity as a parish – objectively who we are and where we “fit” in God’s plan of salvation and the reality and mission of the Church. It prompted the most discussion – and learning – among the members of the Council. Because every word is carefully chosen and the whole painstakingly crafted, it takes some explaining to appreciate its richness. In future columns I will offer a detailed explanation of this statement of identity: “Saint Peter Catholic Church, established in 1876 to serve the spiritual needs of Polish immigrants to Portage County, is a Roman Rite parish of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin. This specific community of the People of God – called by the Father in the Holy Spirit, gathered together by the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ, and united in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist – is entrusted by the Bishop to the sacred ministry of the Pastor who presides in charity.”

Finally, the Pastoral Council approved a statement of mission. This expresses where we are and what we are meant to do here and now (our present): “Through faith and Baptism the members of Saint Peter Parish have been born into new life in Christ and incorporated into His Body, the Church. Our mission is to know, serve, and love the One Only God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – so as to one day attain the fullness of this communion in Heaven.” Though not nearly as dense as the statement of identity, the mission statement is worthy of some commentary as well. This I will also do in future columns.

Throughout this Lent I have been speaking in my homilies about our identity and mission as disciples of Christ. May these statements of our history, identity and mission assist us in embracing our identity and mission as Saint Peter Parish.

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

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Respect Life!

“Tragically, a person will abort with the hope of salvaging their relationship, but the toxic aftereffects of abortion are like a radioactive seed planted in the heart of the relationship that will, at varying speeds, kill the relationship.”

— Kevin Burke of Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries and Priests for Life

Natural Family Planning Classes

will be offered by the Diocese of LaCrosse in a Spring Series that begins Thursday, April 3, continues on Thursday, April 17, and concludes Thursday, May 8. The classes will be held at St. Michael’s Hospital from 7 to 9 PM those nights. To register or for more information, call the Natural Family Planning office at (800) 255-6226 or e-mail nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com

Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

2008 Parish Mission, “Living Lent & Living Life,” will take place Monday through Wednesday, March 3-5, at 7 PM at Pacelli High School. Noted storyteller, preacher and musician Tom Jacobs will share stories and songs to help enrich your Lenten journey and enhance your faith path in all walks of life. His presentation has personal and poignant themes that give insight into how to integrate our spiritual path with the challenges we all face in relationships, finances, work pressures, deadlines, and the stuff of every day life. The mission is shared by St. Stanislaus, St. Stephen, St. Bartholomew, St. Joseph and Newman University Parishes.

Pacelli Friday Fish & Shrimp Fry sponsored by the Home & School Association of Pacelli High School holds its Lenten fish and shrimp fry on Fridays, 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 for fish, \$8 for shrimp, and \$7.50 for a combo platter; senior citizens are 50 cents off the adult price, children ages 4-12 are \$4, 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 Fish Fry will be Friday, March 7, 5 PM to 7:30 PM and Good Friday, 4 PM to 7:30 PM. Baked or Deep Fried Fish (\$7.50), Shrimp (\$9) or Combo (\$8.50). Sides include potato, rolls, applesauce and coleslaw. Kids menu available with cost ranging from \$3-\$4 for ages 5-10. Carry outs available. Call ahead at 341-6706.

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.

Breakfast and Family Fun with the Easter Bunny will take place at St. Bronislava Parish on March 8. Breakfast is 9 AM to 11 AM with children’s activities beginning at 9:30 AM. An Easter egg hunt will be at 11 AM. Tickets are \$5 per person with a maximum \$20 per family and includes the meal, activities and photos with the Easter Bunny. Tickets are available at the Parish office and after weekend Mass. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, TNT and Youth Ministry.

Learn to dance with the Knights of Columbus. A four-week dance class starts Tuesday, March 5. The next three sessions will be on following Tuesdays. All classes will be held from 6 PM to 8 PM at the KC Hall. Two-Step, Waltz and Swing dancing will be taught. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call Shannon Crabb, 342-0442.

In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II Join Chaplain Fr. Patrick Fletcher on this pilgrimage to Poland, May 5-16, 2008. Visit the places where John Paul II lived and prayed. For information contact Fr. Fletcher at 707-759-4442 or www.catholicheritagetours.com/afp

Business relocation: Cornerstone Treasures LLC Catholic Books and Gifts has relocated. The store now is at 35 B Park Ridge Drive, Stevens Point, across from Silver

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.