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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 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.

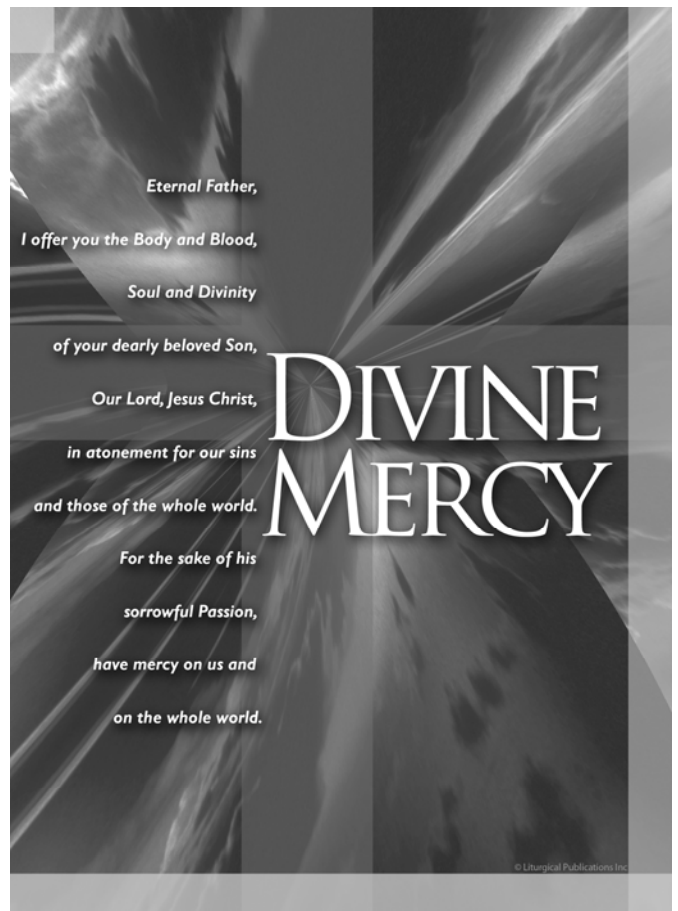
## Sacrament of Matrimony

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 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 30, 2008  
Second Sunday of Easter



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SUNDAY, March 30

8:00 AM † Ralf Klosky  
10:00 AM Catholic Order of Foresters, Living & Deceased Members

### MONDAY, March 31

*Annunciation of the Lord*  
8:00 AM † Linda Vicker-Collins

### TUESDAY, April 1

5:15 PM † Loretta Kryshak

### WEDNESDAY, April 2

*Francis of Paola*  
8:00 AM † Lorraine Ligman

### THURSDAY, April 3

8:00 AM † Harry Peskie

### FRIDAY, April 4

8:00 AM † Orville Golke  
5:15 PM † Roman Nowacki

### SATURDAY, April 5

8:00 AM † Walter Zywicki  
4:00 PM † Louie Helminiak

### SUNDAY, April 6

8:00 AM † Naomi Schultz  
10:00 AM † Parish Family Members

The following Mass Intentions were given to Fr. Derek Sakowski:



† Harry Peskie (3),  
† Elizabeth Jesko (3),  
† William Woiczak (5),  
† Beverly Dupuis (6),  
† Irene Gawin (2),  
† Dolores

Glodowski (7), † Ronald Schroder (2), † Harry Pliska (5), † Esther & Anthony Stepaniak (1), † Orville Golke (4), and † Florence Dahlman (8).

### Power Kwik Trip Card

**Sale** Please don't forget about our sale next weekend, April 5 and 6. We will sell the gift cards at each of the entrances to the Church. Just simply have a check made out to SPACS or \$20 cash in hand on your way out of church and you will receive a gas card from Kwik Trip for the same amount. We are also in need of volunteers to sell the cards at the door. It only takes about 10 minutes after Mass. Please call Heather in the parish office, 344-6115.

## Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

*"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment."*

— St. John Chrysostom

*"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."*

— St. Augustine

*"I hunger for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ ...; I long to drink of his blood, the gift of unending love."*

— St. Ignatius of Antioch

## Come join us for Weekly Adoration

Questions? Call Darcy Bunn 343-9007 or go to [www.saintpetercatholic.com](http://www.saintpetercatholic.com)



**Rosary Society Sunday** will be April 6 with Rosary at 7:30 a.m. followed by 8 a.m. Mass. Rose 50 is responsible for leading the Rosary and Offertory gifts.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Jerem** #1031 will meet Tuesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the KC Clubhouse for a business meeting.

**A Pancake Breakfast** will be Sunday, April 6, in Kolbe Hall. Serving will be from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The breakfast is co-sponsored by DTS and Pointers For Life. Cost for adults is \$6.00 and \$3.50 for children under 12. Proceeds will benefit Pointers For Life to attend a Wisconsin Right To Life convention.

**Where Did All Those Books Go?** Before Christmas you may have read about 30,000 books needing new homes. An update on the former Deanery Library is offered next Thursday, April 3, 4:30 p.m. in the Pinery Room of the Portage County Public Library. Meet hosts of various collections and learn how to access resources online or on site. Help is needed to sustain and develop this volunteer, community project. For more information, call Leo Jacoby, 341-2790.

**Bingo:** Pacelli bingo will come to an end, possibly with this event! So Come play Pacelli Bingo before it is over! The next – and maybe last – bingo is **tonight**, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. The progressive Jackpot is growing – already over \$2,000! Call 344-1985 for more information.



### Annual Parish Picnic time! Mark the dates: June 14 & 15

By now you should have received your raffle tickets. We encourage everyone to purchase or sell the tickets: **The raffle is the main fund-raiser of the picnic.** Drop your tickets in the collection basket or take them to the parish office.

### Attention "CLUB MEMBERS!!" It is getting to that time of year again! Picnic Weekend is June 14 & 15

Picnic tickets have been delivered and the famous "clubs" are open for membership — new and former! ALL are welcome for one or all three of the clubs. All the club dues (donations) are the same as last year. **Beer Club \$50.00, Pop Club \$15.00, and Chicken Club \$5.00.** You may use the cards provided with the raffle tickets. Let us aim to top last year's membership!!

Remember your donations to any or all of the clubs helps defray the costs of the picnic. All club "dues" are a tax deductible item so help St. Peter's and yourself. You may put your cards and donations in an envelope and drop them into the collection box or basket. St. Peter's parish appreciates your generosity. Checks should be made out to St. Peter Parish. Questions? Call Paul or Marge Laszinski 344-6316



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

— Jn 20:27-29

**Week of March 30, 2008 readings:**

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47  
1 Pt 1:3-9  
Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37  
Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26  
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33  
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42  
Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7  
Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33  
1 Pt 1:17-21  
Lk 24:13-35

**Sunday Offertory & Envelopes**

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

**March 15/16**

Offertory received \$9,891.58  
Budget Year to Date: \$378,594.00  
Actual Year to Date: \$363,238.44  
Year to date shortfall (\$15,355.56)

**March 22/23**

Offertory received \$7,714.27  
Budget Year to Date: \$388,557.00  
Actual Year to Date: \$370,952.71  
Year to date shortfall (\$17,604.29)

*Second Sunday of Easter*

**Religious Education**

**REP** Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School:** 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.

**Eighth Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting** will be on Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. Required Meeting for any eighth-grade parents who have children seeking Confirmation in ninth-grade.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**High School DTS** has kicked off! Next session is **TONIGHT!** March 30 at 7 p.m. 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."

**New DVD in the Parish Library!** "Interview with An Exorcist." Fr. Jose Antonio Fortea from Saint Joseph Communications

**Think about it:**

"According to most philosophers, God in making the world enslaved it. According to Christianity, in making the world he set it free. God had written not so much a poem, but rather a play; a play he had planned as perfect, but which necessarily had been left to human actors and stage managers, who have since made a great mess of it."

— G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

**Exciting Announcement from Fr. Derek Sakowski:**

I have some important news to pass along to you. Bishop Lisecki intends to send me to Rome in the fall for advanced studies in theology. I am to spend two to three years gaining expertise in Ecclesiology (the theology of the Church). As our diocese courageously takes steps forward in implementing the Pastoral Plan, it is vital for us to have a clear vision of what it means to be Church. Bishop Lisecki is convinced that, enriched by these studies, I will be a helpful resource in this time of transition.

I will probably be flying over to Italy sometime in August. However I will be packing my things at the rectory in June to make way for my successor. Bishop has every intention of appointing a new priest chaplain to take my place. I will do everything I can to make him feel welcome in his new position and then will be sure to get out of his way.

Obviously, this is a time of very mixed emotions for me. One the one hand, I am thrilled at the opportunity to live in Rome, to be close to the Holy Father, to travel in Europe, and to study a subject very dear to my heart. On the other hand, I will be further away from my family and will sorely miss the two schools and the parish.

Can you believe that I have been at St. Peter Parish now for almost five years? The time has gone by so quickly. Even though I have only been "in residence" here (and never actually an associate pastor), I cannot imagine a better place to be as a newly ordained priest. I have learned much from all of you. At every moment I have been deeply aware of your affection, prayers and support. Please continue to pray for me and be assured of my prayers for and support of the parish as I start this new chapter in my life.

## Looking Ahead

### Sunday, March 30

*Second Sunday of Easter*

- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Mass for Catholic Order of Foresters, 10 a.m.
- DTS, 6-9 p.m. Faustina Room

### Monday, March 31

*Annunciation of the Lord*

- Mass, 8 a.m.
- Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 1

- Confessions, 4:15 p.m.
- Mass, 5:15 p.m.
- Picnic meeting, 6-8 p.m., Kolbe Hall

### Wednesday, April 2

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration
- Evening Prayers, 5:45 p.m.
- Children's Choir, 6 p.m.

### Thursday, April 3

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Benediction, 7:45 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- DTS, 7-8 p.m., Faustina Room

### Friday, April 4

*First Friday*

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Confessions, 4:45 p.m.
- Benediction, 5 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.

### Saturday, April 5

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

### Sunday, April 6

*Third Sunday of Easter*

- Confession, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

### Monday, April 7

- Communion Service, 8 a.m.

March 30, 2008

## Strengthen Your Brethren...

Congratulations to Father Derek Sakowski who earlier this week publicly announced that Bishop Listecky is sending him to Rome, Italy, for advanced theological studies beginning this fall. We in Stevens Point have been very fortunate to have Father Sakowski for five years – an unusually long term for a high school/middle school Chaplain in this day and age. Both Pacelli High School and Saint Peter Middle School are better institutions of formation in the Faith thanks to his priestly ministry there. We, too, at Saint Peter Parish count our blessings having benefited specially from Father Sakowski being “in residence” among us. Being “in residence” means that the priest simply lives in the rectory and is not assigned to the parish as an “Associate Pastor” (or, according to the terminology now used in the Code of Canon Law, “Parochial Vicar”). So, Father Sakowski never had any official responsibility for the pastoral care of our parish and I had no authority to “order” him to take on various pastoral tasks within the parish. As an excellent and zealous priest, however, Father Sakowski has been most willing to give me (and before me, Father Schaller) assistance when able. As a parish we give thanks to Father Sakowski 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. In the spring we as a parish will have the opportunity to formally thank Father Sakowski for his priestly service among us. While assigned to advanced studies a priest can feel like a “man without a country” shuttling between your one-room cell at the Casa Santa Maria residence in Rome and the United States where you have no parish assignment to call home. I know how that feels having experienced it from 2001-2003! So I assured Father Sakowski that he should consider Saint Peter his home and that he is most welcome to stay with us during his stateside “down time” from the studies in Italy. Let us keep Father Sakowski in our prayers.

Bishop Listecky has assured me that he wants to appoint another priest to succeed Father Sakowski at Pacelli High School and Saint Peter Middle School. The Bishop also told me that he would like to have that Chaplain be “in residence” at Saint Peter rectory. Please pray that this may become a reality as nothing is guaranteed these days! The whole picture of priestly assignments in our Diocese of La Crosse is incredibly fragile and is subject to sudden and drastic changes (for example, illness or death of a priest). Indeed, Bishop Listecky was recently – and unexpectedly – informed by the Bishops of two of the foreign priests serving in our Diocese that they were being called back to their home Dioceses to resume priestly ministry there. Pray for our Bishop and our priests! Pray for our seminarians and an increase of vocations to the priesthood!

Also, I continue to seek out a retired priest who would be willing to take up residence at our rectory and be of assistance to me in meeting the pastoral needs of our parish. Of course, we are not the only parish in the Diocese looking for such help! Recently, one of our retiring priests told me that Saint Peter was one of four parishes that were “courting” him! Unfortunately, this outstanding priest who would have been a perfect fit at Saint Peter has decided to retire closer to family – who are not in the Stevens Point area! Keep praying!

Helen Kowalska was born in 1905 in Glogowiec, Poland. Her family was materially poor and lived deeply their Catholic faith. Already as a youngster, Helen was known for her genuine piety, depth of prayer, and concern for the poor. At 20 she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. In her community, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. Her inner life was very rich as the Lord blessed her with many extraordinary spiritual gifts. Jesus communicated to Sister Maria Faustina that she was to be the apostle of His Divine Mercy in our modern world. She died of tuberculosis at 33 and was proclaimed a Saint in 2000. Today's Second Sunday of Easter is now liturgically celebrated throughout the entire Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. In her diary, Saint Faustina reported this message of the Savior: “My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for the poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

## Committees

### Pastoral Council

Cynthia Calhoun (Secretary)	344-4064
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Tom McCann	344-8570
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Mary Skrzeczkoski	342-0645
Jeff Zdroik	345-9993

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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

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### Justice & Peace

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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*Respect Life!*

“Scientists have made ordinary human skin cells take on the chameleon-like powers of embryonic stem cells, a startling breakthrough that might someday deliver the medical payoffs of embryo cloning without the controversy.”

— Associated Press article, 11/20/07

*For the disciples and apostles in our day, that they may teach that each human life is a gift from God, we pray...*

**Speakers** Jane Frantz and JoAnne Holden will be at Dreyfus University Center at UWSP on **Tuesday, April 1** to discuss topics including information on sexually transmitted diseases, the Human papillomavirus vaccine, and post-abortion syndrome. The FREE event is at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

## Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest



**SPACS** is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year for 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade as well as childcare and pre-school. There are half-day kindergarten options as well. Please call the SPACS Central Office (341-2445) for further information.

**University of Wisconsin-Russian Folk Orchestra** will hold a free event **today**, Sunday, March 30, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Dreyfus University Center Melvin Laird Room. It is sponsored by the UW-SP Multicultural Affairs. Contact Linda Pluke at 346-3829 for more information.

**In preparation for Pope Benedict's visit** to the United States and for his birthday on Wednesday, April 16, Bishop Jerome Listecky encourages children, young people and adults to offer a Spiritual Bouquet for Our Holy Father. Bishop Listecky will give Pope Benedict XVI a card listing our prayers and sacrifices. Please list the total number of prayers/sacrifices and send via e-mail to the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, [sskemp@dioceseoflacrosse.com](mailto:sskemp@dioceseoflacrosse.com) or call (608) 791-2658 by Tuesday, April 8.



**Portage County Health Care Center** is looking for people to volunteer to be Eucharistic Ministers to residents of the Health Care Center. No experience is needed. Eucharistic Ministers would spend just a couple of hours one Wednesday a month providing the service. If you are interested, call 344-4256.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Jerem** will host a Spring Salad Luncheon on Saturday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Stevens Point Elks Lodge. The public is welcome. Tickets are \$6 — advanced sales only! Call 344-3943 or 344-4161 **by April 1**. Raffle tickets will be available also.

**Tea Hostesses** are wanted for A Most Unique Tea Party on Sunday, April 27. Tea will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Therese School in Schofield. The event is sponsored by the St. There Little Flower Council. Hostesses must reserve and purchase tables **by April 6**. Call Marie, 359-8074 for more information.

**Goodwill** inventory has run low and the organization is asking for donations. Gently used clothing and household items you no longer need can be boxed or bagged and brought to the Goodwill donation drive-thru. Attendants there will help you unload the items and give you a tax-deduction receipt. Donations help fund job training and other programs to help people with disabilities and other barriers to independence become more fully integrated into society.



**In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II** Join Chaplain Fr. Patrick Fletcher on this pilgrimage to Poland this spring. The event will begin on May 5 and continue through May 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](http://www.catholicheritagetours.com/afp)

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On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (699). I encourage you to take part in the special celebrations marking Divine Mercy Sunday in our neighboring parishes. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world!

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