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### Catholic Schools

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St. Bronislava

(pre-school-5) ..... 342-2015

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Pacelli (9-12) ..... 341-2442

### Communion Calls/First

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Lorraine Studinski - 344-3158

### Office Hours

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

Monday by noon in writing or via

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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.

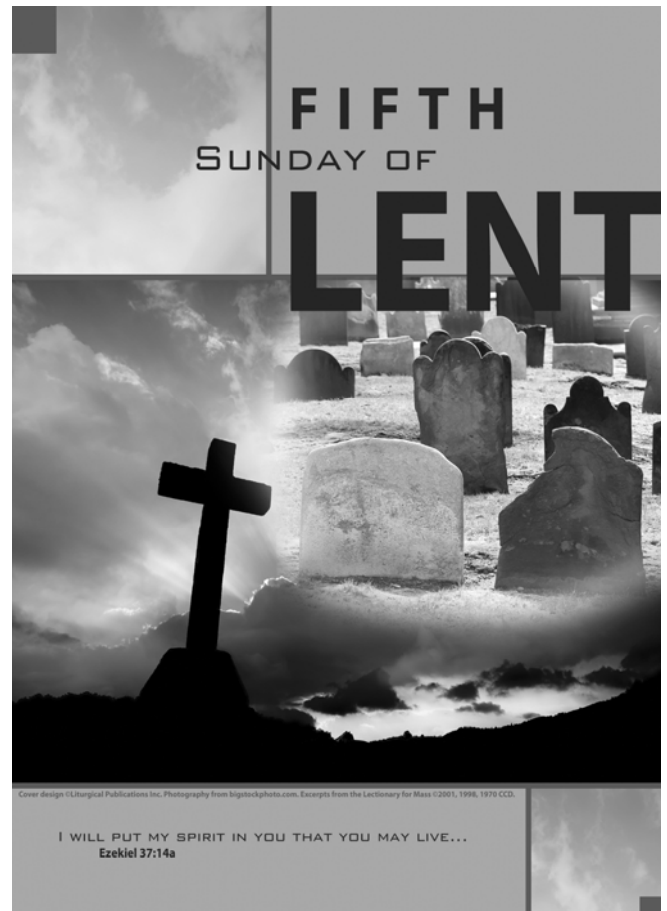
## Sacrament of Matrimony

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 9, 2008*



## Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### MONDAY, March 10

8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion

#### TUESDAY, March 11

8:00 AM † Laurence D. Wolloch

#### WEDNESDAY, March 12

8:00 AM † John Janiszewski

#### THURSDAY, March 13

8:00 AM † Thomas Fisher  
† Frank and Regina  
Sincakowski

#### FRIDAY, March 14

8:00 AM † Stanley Niespodziani  
5:15 PM † Margaret Helminiak

#### SATURDAY, March 15

8:00 AM † Carl Steinke Jr.  
4:00 PM † Francis Friday

#### SUNDAY, March 16

*Palm Sunday*

8:00 AM Secular Order of  
Franciscans  
10:00 AM Parish Family Members

**Money for milk** for the needy will be collected on the weekend of March 15 and 16. Gallon milk bottles will be placed at the entrances of church.

**Help Wanted:** Saint Peter Parish is looking for Altar Servers. Any boys who would like to be an Altar Server, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Boys must have received their First Communion to serve. Training will be scheduled in the near future.

**Bulletin deadline** will change to accommodate Easter observance. Deadline for submitting news or events for the Easter issue is **Tuesday, March 11**. Mail us or e-mail [saintpeterchurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterchurch@gmail.com) by the deadline for Easter issue. Regular bulletin deadline will resume noon Monday, March 24.

**Good Friday Collection:** On Good Friday, March 21, our parish will take up the annual good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

## Need a change this Lenten season?

Eucharistic  
  
Adoration

Come join us for Weekly  
24-Hour Adoration

Wednesday after 8 AM Mass to Thursday before 8 AM Mass  
Toddler/Preschool Adoration every Wed. 11:30 AM-Noon

Questions? Call Darcy Bunn 343-9007 or visit

[www.saintpetercatholic.com](http://www.saintpetercatholic.com)

**Last Call for Tickets for St. Peter's Parish "Irish" Celebration!** Tickets are available **this weekend** only! 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 this weekend, March 8 and 9, before and after Masses in the Faustina Room. Proceeds will be used for St. Peter Parish Wish List and Restoration of statues fund.

**Building and Grounds Committee** will meet at Saint Peter Middle School at 5 p.m., Monday, March 10. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Jerem #1031** will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. in the K.C. Clubhouse for a potluck dinner followed by a business meeting. Guest Speaker will be Fizza Razvi. Her topic will be "A Glimpse of Islam." Members, please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

**Senior Gathering** will be held Wednesday, March 12, in Kolbe Hall following the 8 a.m. Mass. A continental breakfast is served. Free blood pressure screening is provided. St. Peter Middle School sixth-grade students will present the Wax Museum at 10:30 a.m. Card Bingo with prizes and door prizes will be awarded. Cost for lunch is \$3. Parish seniors are invited to come and enjoy the activities and spend time with friends and neighbors.

**St. Peter Choir:** Children's Schola practice is on Wednesdays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and Adult Schola is Sundays from 9 to 9:50 a.m., in between Masses. Anyone interested in joining may contact Patrick Burkhart, director of Sacred Music and Organist, via e-mail at [sacredheartprin@charter.net](mailto:sacredheartprin@charter.net)

**Secular Order of St. Francis** will meet for a special Liturgy of Profession on Sunday, March 16, at 11:15 a.m. Candidates to be professed are Lorraine Przybylski, Irene Schulist, and Sharron Zimmerman. Luncheon and a meeting will follow in Kolbe Hall.

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary:** Ladies, plan to join us for our meeting on Thursday, March 13, at the KC Clubhouse. We will begin with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. (Note the time) Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Following a short business meeting, Sr. Carlene will present an Evening of Reflection focusing on the "Ladies of Lent". You will want to attend this meeting! Let's have a good turnout.

**SPACS Office** will be closed during spring break, Saturday, March 15 through Monday, March 24, reopening for business on Monday, March 25. SPACS gift cards will not be available during the weekends of March 15/16 and March 22/23. Have a Happy Easter!

**THANK YOU**

**Thank You St. Peter's Parishioners** who purchased cards during the monthly Kwik Trip Power Sales event. We sold all 250 Kwik Trip Gas Cards during our sale this past weekend and received a \$250 rebate. Based on those sales we will offer **MORE** cards at our next Kwik Trip Power Sales, scheduled for the weekend of April 5/6, and again each first weekend of the month. We are always in need of volunteers to sell both our gift cards and our gas cards. Please call the parish office to volunteer at 344-6115. Thank you!



Jesus told her, "I a.m. the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."  
— Jn 11:25-27

**Readings for the Week of March 9, 2008**

- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17, 20-27,33b-45
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62  
Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9  
Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95  
Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9  
Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13  
Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12, 14a, 16  
Rom 4:13,16-18,22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26:14 to 27:66 or 27:11-54

**Sunday Offertory & Envelopes**

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

**March 1/2**

Offertory received \$11,628.76  
Budget Year to Date: \$353,668.00  
Actual Year to Date: \$344,376.56  
Year to date shortfall (\$14,291.44)

Offering Envelopes:  
Count for February 23/24: 243

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Men of Christ!** As a follow-up to the hugely successful Men of Christ Conference, a group of men have decided to gather this coming Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. at Perkins (143 Division St. North) for breakfast, prayer, learning and conversation. Any men are welcome to join us!

**Chrism Mass Bus!** Thursday, March 20. Departing St. Peter's at 7 A.M.. Returning at 4 P.M.. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per family. Seating is limited! Call the parish office to register.

**Reminder of Post-Confirmation Classes** for those confirmed this year continues to meet the first two Wednesdays of each month. Final session for the year is Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

**First Holy Communion Parent Meeting** is Wednesday, March 12 in Kolbe Hall. 6:30 p.m. Parents and students should attend.

**8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting** is Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. This is a required Meeting for any eighth-grade parent who has 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 [lawspphil@gmail.com](mailto:lawspphil@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 [lawspphil@gmail.com](mailto:lawspphil@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 Sunday, 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."

**Church Smiles — From the Kids:**

When our oldest child, Rachel, was 4 ½ years old she gave me a compliment while I was cooking. While I made supper at the stove, Rachel looked up at me and stated, "Mommy, you're a good cooker!" So cute and funny! I hope she will always think I'm a "good cooker."

Our middle child, Luke, who is 3 ½, recently said something cute and memorable also: After I filled a cup of water for him, he was holding the cup with both hands staring into the cup. Then he stated, "This is my blood." When I realized what he said I asked him to repeat it and he said again, "This is my blood." I then asked if he heard that from church and he said, "yes." So do we have a future priest among us? Only God knows, but what a blessing that would be! —T.S., NC

— Source: Family Foundations, September-October 2005

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.

## Looking Ahead

### Sunday, March 9

#### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.; Mass 8 a.m.
- Mass, 10 a.m.
- Sung Evening Prayer with Homily, 4 p.m.

### Monday, March 10

- Liturgy of the Word With Communion, 8 a.m.
- Faith Alive Groups, 8:45-10:15 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. in Kolbe Hall
- Buildings & Grounds Committee, 5 p.m. at St. Peter Middle School

### Tuesday, March 11

- Confessions 4:15 p.m.
- Mass 5:15 p.m.
- "The Purpose-Filled Life" presentation, 7-8 p.m. in Kolbe Hall

### Wednesday, March 12

- Confessions, 7 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration
- Children's Choir, 6 p.m.
- REP, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 13

- Confessions, 7 a.m.
- Benediction, 7:45 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, March 14

- Confessions, 7 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Exposition, 8:30 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross, 12:10 p.m.
- Soup Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
- Confessions, 4:15 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.

### Saturday, March 15

- Confessions, 7 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### Sunday, March 16

#### *Palm Sunday*

- Mass 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Mass for Secular Order of St. Francis, 11:15 a.m.

## March 9, 2008

### Strengthen Your Brethren...

During this Fifth Week of Lent, Saint Peter presents several special opportunities for your spiritual growth. Today, Sunday, March 9, at 4:00 p.m., we have the solemn sung celebration of Evening Prayer (Vespers) in church. I will preside at this liturgy and give a homily "Saint Peter: From Denial of Christ to Martyr for Christ." Then, on Tuesday, March 11, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Kolbe Hall I will be offering the last of three presentations on "The Purpose-filled Life." Some questions to be explored include: How do I deal with suffering? Is there a point? How do I go about making changes in my life? What are the virtues that are the remedies to sin? How important are friendships? How do I deal with temptations? What is an occasion of sin? What should comprise a spiritual plan for my life?

If you have not already done so this Lent, I encourage you to receive the Sacrament of Penance as an essential component of your preparation for Easter. At Saint Peter this week of March 9, confessions are heard Wednesday through Saturday (7:00-7:45 a.m.) as well as Tuesday and Friday (4:15-5:00 p.m.). Also, a number of the parishes of our area offer communal Penance services (common song and prayer followed by individual Confession and absolution). During Holy Week confessions are heard at Saint Peter Monday, March 17, and Wednesday, March 19, from 7:00-7:45 a.m. and Tuesday, March 18, from 4:15-4:45 p.m. Please note that no confessions will be heard at Saint Peter the weekends of March 15/16 and 22/23. The words of Servant of God John Paul II, I make my own: "To those who have been far away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love I make this appeal: come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ Himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God!" (13 September 1987).

With next weekend's celebration of Passion or Palm Sunday we begin Holy Week. This week is the apex of our year of faith together. Indeed, our participation in the sacred rites of Holy Week is a privileged manner in which we live more deeply the mystery of our rebirth in Christ through our Baptism into the Death and Resurrection of Christ (see Romans 6:3-9). Plan now for your participation in the solemn liturgies of these days!

The Chrism Mass is celebrated by Bishop ListECKI on Thursday, March 20, at our Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. "The Chrism Mass, which the Bishop concelebrates with his college of priests and at which the Holy Chrism is consecrated and the Oils are blessed, manifests the communion of priests with their Bishop in the same Priesthood and ministry of Christ (Congregation for Divine Worship, Paschales Solemnitatis, 35). Faithful from all parts of the Diocese of La Crosse participate in this Mass at which the Bishop exhorts the priests to fidelity in fulfilling their office in the Church and invites them to renew publicly their commitment to priestly service. The Bishop consecrates the Sacred Chrism and blesses the Oil of the Infirm and the Oil of the Catechumens. The stocks containing the Sacred Chrism and the Holy Oils for use in our parish are filled and brought back to Saint Peter. I encourage you to accompany me to the Chrism Mass. A wide array of parishioners – from little children to seniors, from individuals to couples to entire families – have traveled with me to La Crosse for this inspiring celebration. To facilitate your participation, a bus will leave Saint Peter parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. Please call the parish office to register. Half of the available seats have already been spoken for so phone the rectory now to reserve your seat! The cost is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family, but no one will be turned away because of inability to pay.

Saint Peter, pray for us! Saint Joseph, pray for us! Saint Patrick, pray for us!  
Father Kevin C. Louis

### Area Communal Penance Services...



- Today, Sunday, March 9, 3 p.m. — St. Joseph
- Monday, March 10, 7 p.m. — St. Stanislaus
- Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m. — St. Stephen
- Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m., St. Casmir
- Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. — Newman at St. Joseph Convent
- Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m. — St. Bronislava
- Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m. — St. Mary's, Custer

## 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!*

Planned Parenthood performed 264,943 abortions in 2005, an amount equaling nearly 20 percent of all U.S. abortions. Abortion procedures make up nearly a third of Planned Parenthood clinic income. While the number of abortions has declined substantially in the U.S. Planned Parenthood's share of the nation's abortion business has steadily increased, making it the largest abortion chain in the country as well as the nation's biggest abortion advocate.

— NRL News, December 2007

*That this nation may emerge from the Culture of Death to fully embrace the Culture of Life, we pray ...*

## Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

**Catholics Coming Home** starts Wednesday, March 12, at 2501 Main Street (former Rice Clinic) from 7-8:30 p.m. 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/>.

**Respect Life Lenten Retreat:** The Servants of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Vigil for Life organizations are inviting all pro-lifers to "come apart" and spend some time in silence with Christ Jesus on a brief Lenten retreat before Holy Week begins. The retreat will run Friday, March 14, to Saturday, March 15, at Durwards Glen Retreat Center in Merrimac. Anyone working in the pro-life movement or concerned about building a culture of life is welcome to attend. The cost of the retreat including food and lodging is \$40 per person. Scholarships are available. Registration is from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information call Will Goodman at (608) 698-7443, or register online at [Vigil-ForLife@gmail.com](mailto:Vigil-ForLife@gmail.com).

**Pacelli Friday Fish & Shrimp Fry** sponsored by the Home & School Association of Pacelli High School holds its Lenten fish and shrimp fry on Friday, March 14 in the school cafeteria from 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.. 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 P.M. to place your order. A great meal at a great deal for a great purpose.



**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.

**St. Bronislava Fish Fry** will be Good Friday, March 21, 4 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.. 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.

**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.

**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.

## Divine Mercy Celebration

### St Casimir Church

**Novena:** March 21, 7 p.m.; March 22, 5 p.m.; March 23, 8 a.m.; March 24 to 28 after Holy Mass, 8 a.m.; March 29, 3:30 p.m..

**Divine Mercy Sunday, March 30:** Mass 8:30 a.m., The Glorious Mysteries, 9:30 a.m., Confession, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Light Mysteries, 12:15 p.m., Divine Mercy Stations, 1 p.m., Polish-English Mass, 2 p.m., Divine Mercy Hour, 3 p.m., Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.