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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.

Congratulations on your First **COMMUNION**

Corey Baron

Kevin Bean

Devon Blaes

Dylan Calhoun

Zachary DeDeker

Nathan Firkus

Andrew Firminhac

Austin Glodowski

Geralyn Glodowski

Jesse Glodowski

Tyler Glodowski

Danielle Luedtke

Danielle Mengel

Joseph Miller

William Nordberg

Noah Pagel

Garret Parks

Logan Reed

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Nathan Reinwand

Brooklyn Seefeldt

Roshini Traynor

Sadie Tuttle

Deryk Wedde

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Caleb Zdroik

Nicole Zinda



SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

800 Fourth Avenue

Stevens Point, WI

54481

May 4, 2008

Ascension of the Lord

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, May 5

8:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, May 6

5:15 PM † Margaret Glodowski

WEDNESDAY, May 7

8:00 AM † Chester Lake

THURSDAY, May 8

8:00 AM † John & Theresa Suchon
& deceased family members

FRIDAY, May 9

8:00 AM † Helen Zick

SATURDAY, May 10

8:00 AM † Communion Service

4:00 PM † Deceased members of the
Bronk and Golla families

SUNDAY, May 11

8:00 AM Parish Families

10:00 AM † Bonnie Goretzki

Notes at a Glance

50th Wedding Anniversary

Blessing for Greg and Antoinette Olszewski will be at 4 p.m. Mass Saturday, May 10. Congratulations and may God grant you many more years together!

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Parishioners who desire the Sacrament of Anointing are invited to attend a special Mass at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 15, in the church followed by a luncheon in Kolbe Hall. RSVP by May 13 at 344-6115.

Help Wanted: Saint Peter Parish has an immediate opening for a part-time cleaning position at the Rectory/Office. For more information or to complete an application, stop by the parish office Monday - Friday during office hours.

Donations needed: Baked goods will be collected Saturday, May 17 starting at 2 p.m. in Kolbe Hall for the servants of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Questions? Call Jen Dunnatt at 340-2779.

Auction: Please remember as you do spring cleaning, the Church Picnic needs new items for Silent Auction, Cherry Bowl and craft sale. Drop donations in red buckets at church or in the rectory during office hours.

Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

*Important
DATE!*

Join in the celebrations
Wishing two special people all the best to come!



Pacelli High School will hold a celebration to thank and congratulate **Father Derek Sawkowski** and **Sister Margaret Ann Murawski** on Wednesday, May 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the school FACC. Father Derek has served as Chaplain, teacher, coach and mentor for Pacelli and St. Peter Middle School staff and students. After five years, he will be moving to Rome to pursue a Doctorate in Sacred Theology with an emphasis in Ecclesiology (theology of the Church). Sister Margaret Ann Murawski has served as a teacher at Pacelli High School for 25 years and also celebrates her 50th year as a Consecrated Sister.

St. Peter Parish staff and members will have a farewell reception for **Father Derek Sawkowski** and wish him the best in his move and studies on Sunday, June 8 after both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. Refreshments will be served in Kolbe Hall.

See Pope Benedict XVI: Those who were unable to make it to Washington, D.C. to see the Pope have an opportunity to on **Monday, May 5** at 7 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. Attendees to the momentous occasion will share pictures and stories from their travels. Any questions, call Will Goodman, 341-4034.

A Rosary will be recited in the Pacelli Chapel at 7:10 p.m. each Thursday in the month of May. The next one will be held this Thursday, May 8, followed by May 15, 22, and 28. If anyone has questions, call Diane Somers, 341-6093.



Please Note all groups, committees, societies, clubs, and any other gatherings are to submit in writing by May 19 dates they wish to reserve Kolbe Hall/Kitchen, St. Faustina Room or the Church for the year beginning July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009. Submit dates to the parish office.

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

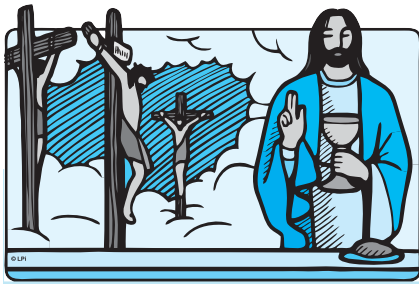
Parents should request the Baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of Baptism. The Baptism of infants is normally celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month either at 11:15 a.m. or during any of the regularly scheduled Masses of the Lord's Day. Baptisms are not celebrated 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.



“Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’”
— Mt 28:18-20

Week of May 4, 2008 readings:

Sunday: *Ascension of the Lord:*
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30;23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ez 37:1-14
or Jl 3:1-5
Rom 8:22-27
Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Sunday Offertory, Envelopes

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

April 26/27

Offertory envelopes and offertory received: \$7,910.09
Budget Year to Date: \$438,372.00
Actual Year to Date: \$418,481.26
Year to date shortfall (\$19,890.74)

Envelope count for April 26/27: 270

Ascension of the Lord

Religious Education

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. 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 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 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, June 1 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.”

Men of Christ: The next Men of Christ breakfast and prayer meeting is **Tuesday, May 6**. Meet at 6 a.m. in the Church for Morning Prayer & Teaching. 6:30 a.m. at Perkins for breakfast and fellowship. All men are welcome. Come for the whole time or whatever your schedule allows!



St. Peter’s Keys Softball: Yes, we’re back! First game is this **Monday, May 5**. The time for the first game was released too late for this bulletin. Call the parish office Monday to find out! All games are held at Zenoff Park. Come cheer on the team!

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

Church Smiles

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was. “We’re behind 14 to nothing,” he answered with a smile. “Really,” I said. “I have to say you don’t look very discouraged.” “Discouraged?” the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. “Why should we be discouraged? We haven’t been up to bat yet.”

Children’s Choir has ended for the season; Adult Schola is on Sundays, 9 to 9:50 a.m. Questions? Contact Patrick Burkhardt via e-mail at paburkha@yahoo.com.

Mother’s Day Rose Sale: Long stemmed red roses will be available for \$2 each after all Masses on Mother’s Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11. They are provided by Portage County Right to Life through a local greenhouse. Proceeds go to the organization.

Still Six Weeks Left — Make The Most of Them!

Only six weeks left before the picnic, and we still need *your* help to make it a success! We appreciate all who have sold tickets thus far and encourage everyone to sell or buy the raffle tickets. If you need more, they are available from ushers and at the parish office. Note: This year, all cash prizes!



And keep up those CLUB MEMBERSHIPS! Remember, **ALL** are welcome to join one or all of the clubs. Club “dues” (donations) are: **Beer Club \$50, Pop Club \$15, Chicken Club \$5**. Remember donations help defray the picnic cost. “Dues” are tax deductible. 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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 4

Ascension of the Lord

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

Monday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo

- Communion Service

Tuesday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

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

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i

- No morning confessions
- Communion Service, 8 a.m.
- Confession, 3 p.m.; Mass, 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 11

*Solemnity of Pentecost
Mother's Day*

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

Monday, May 12

Nereus & Achilleus, or Pancras

- Communion Service, 8 a.m.
- Buildings and Grounds Committee, 5 p.m., Middle School

Tuesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

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

May 4, 2008

Strengthen Your Brethren...

The *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* – a summary of the new Catechism in a question and answer format promulgated nearly three years ago by Pope Benedict XVI – offers a beautiful description of this weekend's ***Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord***: "After forty days during which Jesus showed Himself to the apostles with ordinary human features which veiled His glory as the Risen One, Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in His humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us His Spirit and He gives us the hope of one day reaching the place He has prepared for us" (132).

"And when the hour came, Jesus sat at table, and the Apostles with Him . . . And He took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And likewise the chalice after supper, saying, 'This chalice which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my Blood'" (Luke 22: 14-20). ***Congratulations*** to our parish children who receive the Eucharistic Lord for the first time this Sunday! May God richly bless them and their families on the occasion of this their ***First Holy Communion***. May our ***appreciation*** of this wondrous sacramental presence of Jesus Christ increase and may our ***participation*** in this Holy Banquet deepen!

Nearly a dozen young people from our area were part of the youth delegation of our Diocese of La Crosse participating in the Mass with Pope Benedict XVI at Yankee Stadium. Those from our area had made an appeal to your generosity to help them with some last-minute and unexpected expenses associated with the trip. And, of course, you were most generous in your response! Of the experience, ***Liz*** writes: "Seeing the Pope made me realize how there are so many people other than just us and our Diocese, and it was eye-opening to see all of the Catholics uniting for one common cause, to see the Holy Father." ***Chelsea*** writes: "We were all very excited when we found out there was an opportunity for us to see the Holy Father. To see it all come together through people's generosity was amazing. It showed us how Catholics can come together and make dreams come true! Thank you! Getting to see the Holy Father was an amazing experience topped off with great friends, and the love of a caring community. When I saw the Holy Father and all the people there to see him I also saw the great extent of the Church. Seeing so many people there who love their Faith shows us hope that the Church will continue to grow and spread the Good News."

In the next five years our parish anticipates having to address a number of issues with regard to our physical plant including the increasingly dangerous buckling of the carpet in the church proper and the sanctuary, the hazardous deteriorating bricks and concrete between the garage and the church, the incredibly wasteful heating system in the rectory, and the security of our magnificent church and school – to name just a few. ***We will only be able to address these problems if each and every parishioner generously participates in the We Belong To Christ Campaign now being conducted in our parish.*** In the whole Diocese the *We Belong to Christ Campaign* has been an overwhelming success as it is at an amazing 92 percent of the overall goal! Indeed, virtually every single parish of the Diocese has met and exceeded its goal or, at the very least, come very close. ***Please prayerfully consider the generous role you will play in our parish over the next five years. Please complete and return your pledge card at your earliest convenience.*** For those of you who have not yet picked up your pledge card please contact the parish office so that we may get it to you. ***If we do not hear from you we will be contacting you personally.***

Please keep me in your prayers this week as I will be in Philadelphia (May 7-13) undergoing the final examinations for the certification program in Catholic bioethics sponsored by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. You may recall that I have been diligently working on this since last August, doing extensive reading and research along with weekly homework assignments. If I pass these oral examinations the only remaining thing is to finish my thesis which is due July 15. It has been a difficult and demanding program thus far, but very much worth it. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

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

Committees

Pastoral Council

Cynthia Calhoun (Secretary)	344-4064
Robert Giese (Assistant to the President)	342-9817
Tom McCann	344-8570
James Miller	344-3132
Lee Petersen	345-1734
Mary Sadler	344-6448
Bernice Sevenich	344-7515
Mary Skrzeczkoski	342-0645
Jeff Zdroik	345-9993

Finance Council

Bill Grimstad	342-4249
Jean Stroik	341-1470

Rosary Society

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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Holy Name Society

Gene Kemmeter	344-2598
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Order of St. Francis

Nancy Tillman	341-0852
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Family Life Committee

Jean Stroik	341-1470
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Picnic Committee

Larry Proulx	341-0634
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Senior Citizens &

Interfaith Caregivers

Lorraine Studinski	344-3158
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Ministers of Hospitality

TBA

Buildings and Grounds

TBA

Justice & Peace

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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Respect Life!

In a desperate attempt at rationalizing their support for abortion, some clergy in Schenectady, NY, held a ceremony to bless an abortion clinic as "sacred ground." Pointing out the hypocrisy in this, Kathleen Gallagher of the New York Catholic Conference said, "For many years abortion proponents have been saying this is not a religious issue, you should keep religion out of this, and now all of a sudden they turn around and decide to bless an abortion clinic to gain respect for a procedure everybody knows is not worthy of respect."

— Albany Times Union

For women tempted by abortion, that they may realize their unborn child is a gift from God and not to be rejected, we pray...

Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Jerem #1031 will meet Tuesday, May 6 at 6 p.m. in the K.C. Clubhouse for a potluck dinner followed by a business meeting. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

K.C. Auxiliary meets Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the KC Clubhouse. This meeting is very important to the future of the Auxiliary. If you want the organization to continue, plan to attend this meeting.

Holy Name Society meets for Corporate Mass and Holy Communion at 8 a.m.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Mass Sunday, May 11. Rosary at 7:35 a.m. Breakfast and meeting will follow in Kolbe Hall. Rosary: Clarence Olszewski. Gifts: Jim and Ginger Groshek. Men of the parish, of all ages, come join us for breakfast.

Spouses of members who are unable to attend and widows of members are always welcome also.

Passion Play: Father Dennis Lynch, Chaplain at St. Michael's Hospital, is planning to lead a group to the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Bavaria, in 2010. The play has been performed since 1634 as the community's gratitude for God's protection against the Black Plague. Ticket demand is high, so there will be an informational meeting on Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Stanislaus Rectory. Brochures are available there, or call Father Lynch, 346-5356.

Discernment Retreat: Veni Si Amas Discernment Retreat will be May 19-22 for single Catholic women ages 17-30 who are discerning a call to religious life. It will be at St. Francis Convent in Alton, Ill. **Register by May 7** at www.altonfranciscans.org. For more information, call (618) 463-2757.

Serenity Retreat for recovering alcoholics will be held at St. Anthony Retreat Center the weekend of June 6-8. The theme is "Recovery: A Journey, not a Destination." All recovering alcoholics are welcome. Call (715) 443-2236 to register.

Congratulations Rosary Society Officers: At the April 22, 2008 meeting the following officers were installed by Father Kevin C. Louis: President, Lorraine Glodowski; Vice-President, Sophie Kubisiak; Secretary, Yvonne Gies; Treasurer, Donna Kaminski. We ask God's blessings on all their endeavors for the next two years, and we are grateful for their sharing of time, talent and labor.



Your generosity is most appreciated!

Parish Gatherings: Thank you to our energetic, joyful campaign manager Bernice Sevenich, our tireless, cheerful office staff and volunteers for typing, proof reading, folding, stuffing, organizing letters. God Bless YOU. Thank you to our wonderful creative bakers in making the refreshments. Thank you to the ladies that cut, served, cleaned up the kitchen. We all enjoyed them so much. God Bless You.

Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council and Parish and Buildings and Ground Committee, Thank You for your many hours of time, research and the FIVE-year plan for our parish. Your sharing and explanations to all of our gatherings, we appreciate your listening to our questions, concerns and suggestions. Truly this has been a time consuming effort for all involved. God Bless You.

Thank you to all those who have pledged and supported the **We Belong to Christ Campaign**, you are most generous, caring and sharing. God Bless you.

Thank you to our energetic, hard working loyal supporter of St. Peter's Parish, our joyful, caring sharing **Pastor Father Kevin C. Louis**. We all appreciate your loving kindness, time and care spent for our spiritual welfare and the material concerns of the St. Peter Parish for the next five years and the Future. God Bless You.

Dear St. Peter Parish,

Thank you for your thoughtful contributions in February and March to help those in need.

Gratefully,

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