

# SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

800 Fourth Avenue  
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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 preparation program, if possible before the child's birth.

## 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.



*On coming up out of the WATER  
he saw the heavens being torn open  
and the SPIRIT, like a dove,  
descending upon him.  
And a VOICE came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased."*

MARK 1:10-11

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, January 12

8:00 AM Communion Service

### TUESDAY, January 13

5:15 PM † Thomas Schultz

### WEDNESDAY, January 14

8:00 AM † Ellen Wysocki

### THURSDAY, January 15

8:00 AM † Herbert Kubicki  
and Frank Peplinski

### FRIDAY, January 16

8:00 AM † Kathryn Pleet

### SATURDAY, January 17

Anthony Abbot

8:00 AM † Helen Liss

4:00 PM Parish Families

### SUNDAY, January 18

8:00 AM All Living & Deceased  
members

10:00 AM † Irene Skibba

## Mass Intentions

The following Mass Intentions were given to Father Derek Sakowski:

† Chester & Dorothy Golla (30)

† Pauline & Frank Suchowski (30).

### Stewardship Quote

Have you ever wondered why Jesus, who was without sin, was baptized? The baptism of Jesus symbolized and anticipated his death. After Christ's ascension into heaven, baptism was required for all those who became Christians when he maintained that we are buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. In what way will be good stewards of that new life in the coming year?

## Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

"O Sisters, if we would only comprehend the fact that while the Eucharistic Species remain within us, Jesus is there and working in us inseparably with the Father and the Holy Spirit and therefore the whole Holy Trinity is there...."

- St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

Eucharistic



Come join us for the last Weekly  
24-Hour Adoration

Wednesday after 8 AM Mass to Thursday before 8 AM Mass

Questions? Call Darcy Bunn 343-9007 or visit

www.saintpetercatholic.com

**Keys Found:** A set of keys were found in the Church over the holidays. If you know who they belong to, please stop at the parish during office hours and pick them up.

**St. Peter Middle School (SPMS)** will be hosting a Parent Meeting/Open House for parents of 5th graders on Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. All parents of 5th graders, whether they are part of SPACS or not, are welcome to attend. The meeting is to introduce parents and students to the St. Peters Middle School facility, meet the faculty and answer questions.

**Kindergarten Open Houses** Join us, together in faith and excellence for an Open House exploring the kindergarten opportunities available through SPACS on Monday, January 12, 2009 at St. Bronislava Pre & Elementary School and Thursday, January 15, 2009 at St. Stanislaus Elementary School. Both of the Open Houses will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and are open to anyone interested in learning more about SPACS.

**Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast**, Sunday, January 18th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus clubhouse at 401 W. Clark St. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and Children 11 and under \$3.00. Serving eggs, Polish sausage, regular and blueberry pancakes, toast and drink.

**Kwik Trip Card Sales** Thank you for supporting our Power Kwik Trip Card Sale. We sold 198 cards during the weekend. We will have this sale the first weekend of each month.

**Milk Bottle Collections** will be next weekend, January 17/18. Milk bottles will be placed at all the entrances.

**Attention Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Ushers and Alter Servers:** A new Ministers schedule for Holy week and Easter week will be prepared. If you need to make changes to the times and dates you will be available or cannot serve, please contact the parish office by February 4, 2009. (344-6115).

### Sunday Offertory, Envelopes

Budget for Year: \$535,500.76

Need Weekly: \$10,298.09

#### January 3/4:

Offertory envelopes and offertory  
received: \$10,206.71

Budget Year to Date: \$278,048.43

Actual Year to Date: \$254,976.18

Year to date shortfall: (\$23,072.25)



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Readings for the Week of  
January 11, 2009

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7  
or Is 55:1-11  
Acts 10:34-38  
or 1 Jn 5:1-9  
Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6  
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18  
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16  
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,  
17-20  
Jn 1:35-42

Youth Apostolate

**Adventure Camp** 2009 will be at Crossroads Camp in Chequamagon National Forest near Drummond, WI July 12-17, 2009. Cost is \$450 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit due with registration. Youths entering seventh through 12th grade may attend. Camp includes rappelling, rock-climbing, kayaking, as well as daily catechesis, confessions, and prayer. Contact Patrick Burkhardt, 344-6115, to register or visit [www.stbrons.com/youth](http://www.stbrons.com/youth)

**High School DTS** has kicked off! Next session is Sunday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. 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."

Baptism of the Lord

Religious Education

**REP** Wednesday's from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. for those in grades one through eight.

**Post Confirmation:** The next Post-Confirmation session will take place at St. Peter's January 14th.

**Young Adult/College Ministry: DTS** Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. in the St. Faustina Room. Open to all college students and young adults. We are focusing on Saint Paul and the Pauline Epistles.

**John Paul the Great Young Adult Retreat** — February 27-March 1 at the Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI. Featuring Fr. Joe Hirsch and Sr. Stephania. Fliers can be found in the St. Faustina Room or online at [www.saintpetercatholic.com](http://www.saintpetercatholic.com) This years theme is: *Discernment through the Eyes of Saint Paul.*



**Next Men of Christ Breakfast & Prayer Meeting** is Tuesday, January 13. Meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Church for morning prayer and teaching followed by breakfast at Perkins at 6:30 a.m. All men are welcome.

**Women of Christ:** Women of Christ Conference will be in Milwaukee Saturday, February 28, 2009. A bus is being rented for the conference. Registration fliers will be inserted in next week's bulletin! [www.womenofchrist.net](http://www.womenofchrist.net)

Church Smiles — From the Kids:

"A mother in Omaha was explaining the...idea of God living with us to her Sunday School class. A boy raised his hand and asked, 'If I get a cold, does God get one, too?'"



— Source: *Faith, Hope and Hilarity: The Child's Eye View of Religion* by Dick Van Dyke

**Congratulations to 2nd grader Sarah Reilly**, daughter of Michael & Ann Marie. She won 2nd place in the annual Knights of Columbus Council 13880 "The True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest. *Well done!*

**New in the Parish Library:** Books for **Middle School/Jr. High** age children by Brother Roberto, C.S.C. and published locally by Mary's Books, [www.marys-books.com](http://www.marys-books.com), "Bring Me an Ax: A story of St. Boniface of German" "Music from the Hunger Pit: A story of St. Maximilian Kolbe"

**And for adults:** "Adventures in Orthodoxy: The Marvels of the Christian Creed and the Audacity of Belief" by Dwight Longenecker. Sophia Press

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## Looking Ahead

### Sunday, January 11

*Baptism of the Lord*

- Mass 8 a.m. Confessions 7 a.m.  
Mass 10 a.m.

### Monday, January 12

- 8 a.m. Communion Service
- School Buildings & Grounds Meeting 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 13

- Confessions 4:30 p.m.
- Mass, 5:15 p.m.
- DTS 7:15-8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 14

- Confessions 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration
- Children's Schola Cantorum Choir 5:30 p.m.
- Post Confirmation 6:30-7:45p.m.

### Thursday, January 15

- Confessions 7:15 a.m.
- Mass 8 a.m.
- SPACS Strategic Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, January 16

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

### Saturday, January 17

- Confessions 7:15 a.m.
- Mass 8 a.m.
- Confessions 3:00 pm.
- Mass 4 p.m.

### Sunday, January 18

- Confessions 7 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Adult Schola Cantorum Choir 9 a.m.

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## Strengthen Your Brethren...



Father Kevin C. Louis

You may have noted that in recent months a *steady stream of families and young adults have been joining Saint Peter Parish*. After seeing the lengthy list of new parishioners recently published in the bulletin, one parishioner commented to me: "You mean ALL of those people recently joined Saint Peter? Wow!" *Actually, I am not surprised at this sign of the spiritual vitality of our parish*. The number of people approaching for the *Sacrament of Penance* continues to increase. It has been a long time since Saint Peter has had as many *infant baptisms* as this past year and the number of *marriages* is increasing. And the twelve participants in our *RCIA* (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) *program* continues the upward trend of the last several years. The *children's schola cantorum* (literally, "school of singers" or choir) has increased its participants and their voices offered in praise of God sound fantastic! These are just a few of the ways that God is at work at Saint Peter!

In a special way we are happy to have *Ray and Cindy Heitzinger* as new members of Saint Peter. Several years ago Bishop ListECKI accepted Ray into the *formation program to become a permanent deacon in our Diocese of La Crosse*. Now that Ray is part of Saint Peter Parish we have the joy of being his sponsoring community in the Diocese. There remain several years of discernment and formation before, God willing, Ray is ordained to the diaconate. *Let us pray for Ray and for all those men from around our Diocese who have discerned that God may be calling them to service as deacons!*

Just what is being a deacon all about? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that "there are two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ: the episcopacy and the presbyterate. The diaconate is intended to help and serve them . . . The degrees of *priestly participation* (**episcopate** and **presbyterate**) and the degree of *service* (**diaconate**) are all three conferred by a sacramental act called 'ordination,' that is, by the **Sacrament of Holy Orders**" (1554). With regard to deacons, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that they "share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way. The sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an imprint ('character') which cannot be removed and which *configures them to Christ, who made himself the 'deacon' or servant of all*. Among other tasks, it is the *task of deacons* to assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries, above all the Eucharist, in the distribution of Holy Communion, in assisting and blessing marriages, in the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, in presiding over funerals, and in dedicating themselves to the various ministries of charity" (1570).

Over the centuries, the Church "generated the norm of conferring the priesthood only on those who have already received the diaconate and exercised it appropriately" (*Basic Norms for the Formation of Permanent Deacons*, 3). Thus, as a man preparing for the priesthood, I was ordained a **transitional deacon** at the Basilica of Saint Peter, Vatican City State, on April 6, 1989. On the other hand, the **permanent diaconate** – to which Ray aspires – is, as the name implies, a stable state that does not terminate in priestly ordination. This permanent diaconate can be conferred on married men and has always been maintained by the Churches of the East. It was the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) that restored the permanent diaconate "as a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy" (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen gentium*, 29) in the Latin Church.

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

## Committees

### Pastoral Council

Angie Jakusz	344-4064
Robert Giese (Assistant to the President)	342-9817
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

### 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

Gary Glodoski	344-0003
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### Justice & Peace

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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## Respect Life!

Those that support a woman's supposed "right" to end the life of her unborn child might want to reflect on how they will be able to explain their position to the victims of abortion when we meet them face to face in the next life — which we most certainly will.



*For a greater awareness of the sacredness of each human life, regardless of age, development or condition, we pray...*

## Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

**St. Ladislaus Parish** Sunday, February 8 a Polka Mass will be held at 10:10 a.m. at St. Ladislaus Parish followed by family style chicken dinner in the church hall. Also dance from 1-5 p.m. at the Lakeside Ballroom music by Golden Aces.

**Stevens Point Community Blood Drive** on Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1132 Clark Street. For more information or to set up an appointment call 1-888-310-7555.

**Retrouvaille Marriage "911"** Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille is part of a world-wide, non-profit, volunteer run program that has helped hundreds of local couples regain happy marriages. Take the first step to save your marriage. Hope is a phone call away! Call 1-877-922-HOPE for more information or [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

**St. Michael's Hospital Fertility Care Center** offers free sessions: The FertilityCare System is designed to assist women and couples in understanding their fertility cycles. Our Winter schedule is as follows: January 19, 2009 and February 16, 2009. For more information or to register, call Annette @ (715)341-2718.

**The Aging and Disability Resource Center** of Portage County invites people to the new season of classes and activities at Lincoln Center, 1519 Water Street. There are opportunities in education and information, health and fitness, creative arts, and social events. Full details are in the Winter/Spring Offerings catalog at the center or on the web at [www.co.portage.wi.us/adrc](http://www.co.portage.wi.us/adrc). Register during regular business hours.

**Bingo** at St. Bronislava Parish on January 24th, Free coffee and popcorn, lunch available, Bingo starts at 6 p.m.

**Calling all Retirees!** LIFE (Learning is ForEver) classes will begin in late January. Attend classes in a wide variety of subjects presented by local professionals from all walks of life in a relaxed, non-threatening atmosphere. Get smart and have some fun! The fee for an entire year is only \$60 (first time members, joining in January receive 18 months of membership for the price of one year). Call UWSP Continuing Education at 346-3838 for more information, or pick up a brochure.

**Card Parties** at St. Mary's in Custer beginning January 11, twelve card parties will be held in the parish hall. Cribbage, Smear, Sheephead & Pinole will be played. Everyone is welcome. \$5.00 donation at the door.

### CATHOLICS AND MARRIAGE

Christ has raised marriage to the dignity of a sacrament; therefore, a Catholic must be married in the presence of two witnesses and a Catholic priest who has the church delegation to witness the exchange of vows. This is the normal "form" for a Catholic wedding as established by the Church. The Catholic Church does not recognize marriage between two Catholics or a Catholic and a non-Catholic unless they follow this form. However, the Church can and does dispense from this form if a bride and groom has a compelling reason to be married in her or his non-Catholic church. Dispensation from form will not be given for a Catholic or Catholics to be married by a civil magistrate (judge), Justice of the Peace, or other public official.



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