

# SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

800 Fourth Avenue  
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Web Site.....

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## Stevens Point Area

### Catholic Schools

Central Office.....341-2445

St. Peter Middle School ... 344-1890

## 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.



*Lord God,  
you appointed PAUL your apostle  
to preach the good news of salvation.  
Fill the ENTIRE world with the faith  
he carried to so many peoples and nations,  
that your Church may continue  
to GROW.*

PAUL, APOSTLE

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, January 26

*Timothy and Titus, bishops*  
8:00 AM Communion Service

### TUESDAY, January 27

*Angela Merici, virgin*  
5:15 PM † Marie Zakrzewski

### WEDNESDAY, January 28

*Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of  
the church*

8:00 AM † Keith Bukowski

### THURSDAY, January 29

8:00 AM Special Intentions &  
Thanksgiving

### FRIDAY, January 30

8:00 AM † Roman Groh

### SATURDAY, January 31

*John Bosco, priest*  
8:00 AM † Thomas Bella Sr.

4:00 PM † John Sikowski

### SUNDAY, February 1

8:00 AM Parish Families  
10:00 AM † Kathryn Pleet

## Sunday Offertory, Envelopes



Budget for Year:  
\$535,500.76  
Need Weekly:  
\$10,298.09

### January 10/11:

Offertory envelopes and offertory  
received:

\$9034.33

Budget Year to Date:

\$288,346.52

Actual Year to Date:

\$264,010.51

Year to date shortfall:

(\$24,336.01)

### January 17/18

Offertory envelopes and offertory  
received:

\$9077.59

Budget Year to Date:

\$298,644.61

Actual Year to Date:

\$273,088.10

Year to date shortfall:

(\$25,556.51)



## Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints.



## Come join us for the 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](http://www.saintpetercatholic.com)

**Pancake Breakfast** Parishioners please plan on enjoying a homemade breakfast in Kolbe Hall on today, January 25th. We will be serving from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Menu includes a choice of either buttermilk or potato pancakes, scrambled eggs, porkies and coffee. Cost is \$6 and children aged 6 and under are free.

**Milk for the Needy:** Thank you, \$275 was collected for milk for the needy last week-end. That amount is greatly appreciated by Operation Bootstrap as they see many needy families coming for help. God bless you! Justice & Peace Committee

**Rosary Society Quarterly Meeting** on Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Kolbe Hall. A reminder to all members 2009 dues should be paid to your directress before this meeting. Dues are \$5.00 per year.

**Buildings & Grounds Committee** Meeting rescheduled for February 2, 5:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Middle School.

**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).

**Knights of Columbus**—4th Annual Men's Stag Steak Night will be Wednesday, January 28th. 20 oz Charcoal Grilled T-Bone Steak (grilled outdoors) includes potato, vegetable, salad. Only \$16.00 (including tax and tip) open to all men. Serving 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mini raffles and drink specials—early contact Bob Ostrowski 341-2017 or John Schlice 341-6278.

**Drivers Needed:** Residents of the Brigg Street High Rise are looking for a ride to and from the 4 p.m. Saturday evening Mass during winter months. Contact Lorraine Studinski if you can help 344-3158.

**Year End Statements** may be picked up in the St. Faustina Room through February 1. After that time you must come to the parish office to pick it up.

**Parish Registration Update:** We are working on the registration forms that were sent out in October, if you did not complete a new registration form, please do so this weekend. We will have helpers in the St. Faustina room after all masses. Parishioners not responding will be contacted as we need your current information.

**SPACS Strategic Planning** meeting has been reschedule for Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Kolbe Hall.

## Stewardship Quote

Jesus said to his apostles: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel..." Jesus expects his followers both then and now to evangelize, to give witness to Him by words and actions. Proclaiming the Good News by our daily pattern of living is key to Christian stewardship. And as the practice of stewardship ultimately leads to evangelization, we might ask ourselves: In what ways can we evangelize to family, friends, neighbors and strangers alike through our daily pattern of living?

## Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mk 1:16-17

### Readings for the Week of January 25, 2009

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	2Tm 1:1-8/Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28 Mk 1:14-20

**Pacelli High School 8th Grade Registration.** Current 8th grade students will be registering for classes for the 2009-2010 school year on Tuesday, January 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you cannot make this time, please call the Pacelli office at 341-2442 to schedule an alternate time. We look forward to assisting you and thank you for choosing Pacelli High School for your child's education.

### Pacelli High School presents Jesus Christ Superstar

Show Times

Friday, January 30, 7PM  
Saturday, January 31, 7PM  
Sunday, February 1, 2PM  
Friday, February 6, 7PM  
Saturday, February 7, 7PM  
Sunday, February 8, 2PM  
Tickets are: \$8 Adults/\$6 Pre-K-12

Advanced tickets at Pacelli High School.

### Religious Education

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

**1st Reconciliation Saturday**, January 31st at 10:00 a.m. for students in 2nd grade.

**Post Confirmation:** The next Post-Confirmation session will take place at St. Stanislaus on February 4th, 11th, and the 18th.

**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. M. Stephania., FSGM 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 27. 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. Registrations are now being accepted. Cost is \$55, bus departs at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 9:00 p.m.. [www.womenofchrist.net](http://www.womenofchrist.net)

### Church Smiles — From the Kids:

*"A boy who was fearful of lightning refused to go to bed during a thunderstorm. His mother said, 'There's nothing to be afraid of...God will take care of you.' 'I know,' the boy said, 'but He can take care of us better if we're all together than if He has to keep running up to my room.' But God is up in your room," said his mother. "And He can take care of your there."*



*The boy left reluctantly for bed, but soon reappeared at the heard of the stairs after a terrifying rumble shook the house. 'Mama,' he said, 'You come up and stay with God. I'm coming downstairs.'"*

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

**Vocation Night for Young Women:** Tuesday, February 3rd. Join Sr. Stephania, FSGM, Director of the Office of Consecrated Life for the Diocese of La Crosse and our own Sr. Michelle for Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by pizza and a presentation. Contact Phil Lawson at 344-6115 to RSVP.

**Faith Alive Small Faith Sharing Groups** will be coming this Lent! Watch for more information.

### Youth Apostolate

**Adventure Camp** 2009 will be at Crossroads Camp in Chequamegon 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 Burkhart, 344-6115, to register or visit [www.stbrons.com/youth](http://www.stbrons.com/youth)

**High School DTS** has kicked off! Next session is today, 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."

## Looking Ahead

### Sunday, January 25

- Confessions 7:15 a.m.
- Rosary Society Mass 8 a.m.  
Mass 10 a.m.
- High School DTS at 6:30 in  
Kolbe Hall

### Monday, January 26

- 8 a.m. Communion Service

### Tuesday, January 27

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

### Wednesday, January 28

- 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.

### Thursday, January 29

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

### Friday, January 30

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

### Saturday, January 31

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

### Sunday, February 1

- Confessions 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Adult Schola Cantorum Choir  
9 a.m.



Congratulations and God's Blessings upon Nicholas and Christine (Tielens) Koeller who celebrated their wedding here at St. Peter Catholic Church on January 11th.



Father Kevin C. Louis

## Strengthen Your Brethren...

In light of my health concerns, many people have asked if I still plan on making the *pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 8-18*. **God willing, I am determined to go and do not foresee any problems.** Others have expressed concern for our safety in light of the recent fighting in the Gaza Strip. Of course, there is some element of danger to anyone any time you travel to the Middle East (or anywhere for that matter!). However, the current violence is nowhere near where we will be visiting. Our pilgrimage takes us only to the holy sites in Israel, most of which are held sacred by the three great religions that believe in the One Only God – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Besides, the Palestinians and the Jews both need and want the income derived from visitors to the Holy Land. So, religious and economic reasons make a visit to the sacred sites in Israel a rather safe venture.

This trip to the Holy Land is not merely a vacation and we do not go simply as tourists. Oh, clearly it is a vacation and we are tourists. However, more importantly, we go as pilgrims on a spiritual journey to walk in the footsteps of Christ. I will be spending a good deal of time in prayer and will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the sites made sacred by our Lord. ***If you have any intentions that you wish me to pray for at the holy shrines I am happy to do so. Please get them to me in writing before Monday, February 2.*** You may drop them in the collection basket or deliver them to me at the rectory or send them via email (KCL33@MSN.COM). ***Of course, I will be praying for all our parishioners throughout the pilgrimage. Please keep me and the other pilgrims in your prayers.***

You may recall that in July of last year I relayed to you the story of something that happened that I had never experienced in nearly 20 years as a priest. Each parish is required to have a ***Fund for Works of Charity***, an account that is separate from all other parish accounts and that is not commingled with other parish funds or with the Mass Offering Account. Into this Fund are deposited gifts that parishioners specifically designate for this purpose. But the bulk of money in this Fund comes from the offerings that parishioners make on the occasion of the celebration of the sacraments (for example, Baptism or Matrimony) or other sacred rites (for example, funeral) apart from the Mass offering or "intention." In turn, I disburse monies (but never cash) from this Fund to assist the many needy people who come to the rectory each week seeking help. So many times over the years those who received assistance assured me that they would return shortly to repay what was given to them. ***Not one person had ever kept their word and come back to return to the Fund that which was given them – that is, until July of 2008!*** At that time a parishioner had an unexpected and substantial expense with regard to his vehicle and I arranged for payment of the bills through the Fund for Works of Charity. At the end of the month, as he had promised me, he returned to the rectory and repaid in full what had been given him. ***Recently, this young man again found himself short on funds, this time to pay for some prescription medication. He came to me seeking assistance which I rendered through the Fund for Works of Charity. As before, he promised to repay the full amount. Several days ago he came back and donated to the Fund for Works of Charity twice what had been given to him! That certainly has never happened in my years as a priest!*** No doubt the Lord will bless this young man for his honesty and integrity – and generosity!

In her address at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., ***Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*** noted that ***"the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion***, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. ***And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?*** By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. ***Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want.*** This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion. Many people are very, very concerned with the children of India, with the children of Africa where quite a few die of hunger, and so on. Many people are also concerned about all the violence in this great country of the United States. These concerns are very good. But often these same people are not concerned with the millions who are being killed by the deliberate decision of their own mothers. And this is what is the greatest destroyer of peace today – abortion which brings people to such blindness."

Saint Peter, pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Father Kevin C. Louis

## Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

### Committees

#### Pastoral Council

Angie Jakusz	341-8486
Robert Giese	342-9817
(Assistant to the President)	
James Miller	344-3132
Lee Petersen	345-1734
Mary Sadler	344-6448
Bernice Sevenich	344-7515
Mary Skrzeczkoski	342-0645
Jeff Zdroik	345-9993
John Krupka	344-8174

#### Finance Council

Bill Grimstad	342-4249
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#### 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

Kristine Lepinski	295-0067
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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

Gary Glodowski	344-0003
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#### Justice & Peace

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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Respect Life!

When does a new human life begin? When is there a new living organism of the human species, distinct from mother and father and ready to develop and mature if given a nurturing environment? While ancient thinkers had little verifiable knowledge to help them answer this question, today the science of embryology confirms beyond a doubt that a new human life begins at conception.



*For all women who carry within them the precious gift of life, we pray...*



**St. Ladislaus Parish** will hold a Valentine Dinner/Dance on 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.

**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)

**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.

**A Taste of Italy St. Bronislava Parish** is having a special evening dinner with music, candlelight, wine and a great menu, it will make you feel like you are in Italy. February 14th serving from 4:30—8:30 p.m., babysitting service will be available. Cost if \$12 per person (1/2 price children under 12). Call for reservations 344-2488

**Community Book Drive** Stevens Point Area Education Association is hoping to give each public and parochial pre-k—second grader a book of their own for Valentine's Day. These 2500 books come from people like you. Local bookstores offer a 20% discount on purchases made for the program. Tax deductible donations can also be mailed to treasurer Carol Colby, BFTH, 1201 North Point Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

**Embracing Your Call to Holiness:** We live at a time in history when many seek to undermine the beauty and dignity of motherhood, the importance of fatherhood, authentic femininity, noble character, and even the belief in the existence of God. In response to the times, the Eau Claire Deanery and La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are uniting to host an event for women of all ages that will revive in them the nobleness of their mission, the dignity of their vocation, and their call to holiness as women reflecting Christ. This special day for ladies is a lovely one-day conference to be held at St. Mary's Community Center, Altoona, WI on Saturday, March 7, 2009. All women will be edified and challenged to fully embrace their call to holiness. Please pick up a registration form and send it in today! Questions? Call Roberta Kostka (715-597-2268).

**Registration for Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools has begun.** Any family interested in registering their student in grades PK-12 should contact the SPACS office for more information - 341-2445 or visit the SPACS website at [www.spacs.org](http://www.spacs.org). All families are encouraged to explore SPACS to learn the importance of Catholic education.

**Bingo** at St. Bronislava January 31, doors open 5 p.m. and bingo starts 6 p.m. Free coffee and popcorn.

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

