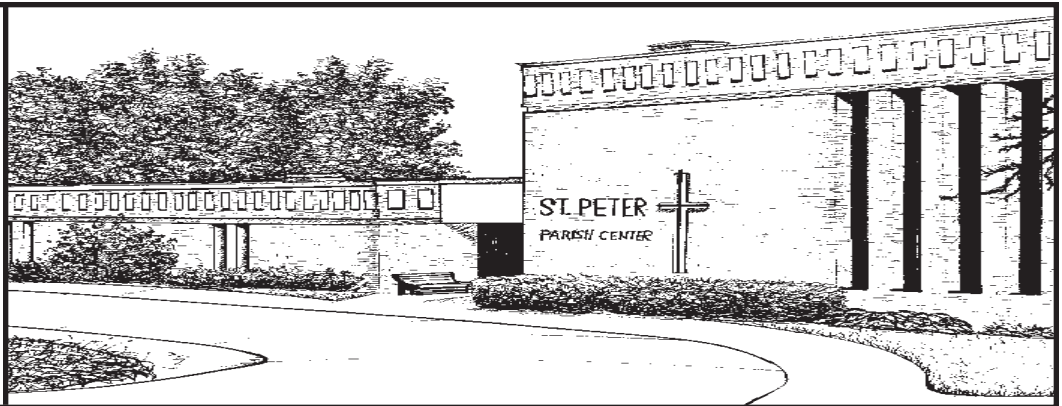


In The News

Saint Peter
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A REWARDING RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR!!!

- Do you have time to take someone grocery shopping, to a medical appointment, to Mass?
- Could you visit an ill person and/or spell their caregiver for a few hours? (RespiteCare)
- Would you enjoy chatting on the phone with a homebound member?
- How about shoveling someone's walk?
- Could you make an occasional meal for a homebound person or another with this need?
- Are you handy with home repairs?
- Could you help with light housework?

These are just a few of the needs and many volunteer opportunities for individuals and families within our parish. Your volunteer service can be tailored to your interests and availability. We invite you to consider a gift of time and special ministry to our community in 2008!!!

To volunteer, to explore opportunities, or for more information:

Contact Pat Breunig 249-9557 or Syl Kimberley 244-2890 of Outreach Ministry, or Don Gostomski 249-8250 or Ann Longua 241-3251 of RespiteCare Ministry. ❖

KC Charity Raffle

"The Wisconsin Council of the Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring its annual statewide charity raffle. The proceeds help support charitable causes, such as assisting adults and children with medical problems, and assisting the victims of disasters. \$2 from each ticket is also returned to our parish KC council for our charitable use.

First prize - \$50,000! Second prize - 2008 Harley Davidson FLHX Street Glide motorcycle or \$25,000! Third prize - \$15,000! Fourth prize - 2008 Harley Davidson XL 1200 motorcycle or \$10,000! Fifth prize - \$5,000! Twenty \$1000 prizes! Twenty \$500 prizes! 45 prizes in all! See the poster on the bulletin board in the back of church for details. Again this year, there is also a "Second Chance" drawing for four \$25 cash prizes, drawn from the ticket holders who purchased from our council.

To see an example of how the proceeds from the raffle are spent, see the Charity Grants By Diocese pamphlet on the bulletin board for a detailed list of grants from the 2007 raffle.

Tickets are only \$5 each. To purchase, contact any KC council member, or contact parish chairman Dave Van Lanen at 241-5462." ❖

A Merry Christmas



Religious Education/Youth Ministry students preformed the Gospel story of Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve.

Mary (Bridget Skinner) holds baby Jesus as Joseph (Matt Esser) looks on. The role of baby Jesus was shared this year by twins Tessa and Claire Pietruszka.



Parish Adult Appreciation Meal

Mark Saturday February 23rd, 2008 on your calendar if you are an adult and have volunteered at St. Peter's. Members of the parish who have volunteered in 2007 will have a meal prepared for them following the 5:15pm Mass. If you are a group leader, you will be contacted in the near future to turn in a list of names of members of your group. More information and registration to come. ❖

Thank You!

A sincere thank you to all who volunteer their time and talents so generously throughout the year to serve our faith community in many ways. Each one of you is appreciated!

May God bless all in the New Year!! ❖

Ladies Guild Special Notice

The Ladies Guild will NOT be having a meeting in January. The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 19, 2008. Thank you and see you then!! ❖

St. Peter's High School Boy's Basketball

White team coached by Jerry Stoker,
Green team coached by Pat O'Donnell
and Josh Page

Games:

Sunday, Jan 6th

12 noon @ Keva Court # 1 - Green
-St. Peter's vs St. Francis

1:15pm @ Keva Court # 1 - White - St.
Peter's vs St. Mary's

Saturday, Jan 12th

5:00pm @ Keva Court # 2 - Asbury
United vs White - St. Peter's

6:15pm @ Keva Court # 2 - Green - St.
Peter's vs White - St. Mary's

Sunday, Jan 20th

2:15pm @ Queen of Peace - White - St.
Peter's vs Green - St. Pete's

Sunday, Jan 27th

12 noon @ Keva Court # 1 - Green - St.
Peter's vs Asbury United

1:15pm @ Keva Court # 1 - White - St.
Peter's vs St. Dennis



Bowl-a-thon Raises \$473.00

St. Peter's High School bowl-a-thon was a great success thanks to St. Peter parish community. The seniors and teachers who participated were Lindsey Gillitzer, Noelle Reyes, Heather Kubicek, Diane Ladell, Amanda Petterson, Ron Ladell, Kyle Barman, Brian Latsch and Chris Ladell. We would like to thank all who so generously donated and helped us with this special event. The senior class will make a decision what charities will receive the money. ❖

From the Parish Council - Adult Appreciation Dinner

Greetings, The Parish Council has set the date for the Parish Appreciation Banquet for Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008. When I contacted Dave Whooley he informed me that he and Sue would very much like to have another couple or 2 to work with them as co-chairs for this event. They are most appreciative of the many volunteers who help with the event but would like to feel free to not always be there the day of the event. The Parish Council is most appreciative of the service that Dave and Sue give over the course of the year with the many meal events they do. Anyone interested may contact me at 244-5610 or leave a note in the Parish Council mail box in the Parish Office.

Jerry Paulson
Parish Council President

Annual KC's Christmas Party Fun

Father Roger reads a Christmas story to the kids. The party-goers are mesmerized by Steve Bernards the ventriloquist. The Renard kids visit with Santa Claus.



Time to check out the Scouts

Do you like to camp or hike? Do you want to learn about wildlife and make new friends? St. Peter sponsors a Scout troop for young men who are 11 years old or who have completed the 5th grade. Adventure, learning, challenge, responsibility - the promise of Scouting is all this and more. The Troop usually meets on Thursdays at the church. If you are interested in learning more, contact Scoutmaster - Wally Meyer at 246-8501. ❖



This festive group helped spread Christmas cheer as they went caroling to some parishioner's homes on Sunday, December 16th. ❖



The First Annual Living Rosary

Middle and High School students participated in St. Peter's First Annual Living Rosary on Sunday, November 18. The evening was a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary. The students represented beads of the Rosary as their candle was lit. Parents, families, friends and parishioners all enjoyed the spiritual evening of prayer and song to our Blessed Mother. ❖

First Reconciliation Retreat

Students preparing for their First Reconciliation braved the weather and attended a retreat on the morning of December 1st. The youth made candles symbolizing God's forgiving love, toured the reconciliation room, visited a Jerusalem prison, and acted out parables. At the video station the students watched a clip from the movie version of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. This was a timely and fun video, and the kids were able to easily identify all the steps of reconciliation that the Grinch went through in the final scenes of the movie.



Sierra Bauer plays in the lead in our version of the Prodigal Son.

After all their preparations, the students celebrated their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 5 during class time. The evening wrapped up with a celebration for the youth and their families. ❖

Memorial Will Burn Brightly

Thank you to the Augie and Beverly Pieper family for the memorial in memory of Geraldine Porter (Bev's mom). The gift is for the fluid burning candles around the altar area, replacing the old wax candles. The lights will burn steadily and cleanly in her memory. ❖

Ladies Guild Bazaar Proceeds Distributed

At Christmas time, the Ladies Guild distributed the proceeds from the very successful St. Peter's Annual Bazaar.

The recipients of the proceeds were:

St. Peter's Scholarship Fund for high school seniors, St. Peter's Emergency Fund, St. Peter's Bereavement Ministry, Catholic Multicultural Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Pregnancy Helpline, Apostolate to the Handicapped, Camp Gray, Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Mother House, Living Stones of Jesus, and Luke House.

Thank you to all who participated in St. Peter's Annual Bazaar and made it a great success. ❖

Answer: Have a Birthday Party for Jesus! Question: How do Religious Education Students Celebrate Christmas?

Birthday Party for Jesus

Grades PreK- 5th Religious Education Students had birthday parties for Jesus on their last class days before Christmas. The 2nd - 5th graders played a rousing game of Catholic Jeopardy. "We'll have to make it harder next year, the kids knew all the answers!", said Nicki Paulson, Assistant Director of Religious Education. The Pre-K - 1st grade students played Christmas Bingo at their party. All the grades brought in baby gifts that will be donated to Elizabeth House, a Christian residential house

for women with unplanned pregnancies. Both parties ended with birthday cake and ice cream. ❖



Students wait anxiously for the candles to be lit so they can sing Happy Birthday.



Sara Meyer, Owen Pitz and Dimitri Hechel enjoy cake and ice cream at Jesus' Birthday Party.



Students work together to come up with the right Jeopardy question.

Men of Christ Catholic Conference

• Challenging Men to Strengthen Their Faith

• Honor, Loyalty, Toughness, Mission
These are characteristics that build a band of brothers. We are looking for men who want more out of life, who desire to do good, who are willing to sacrifice, and want to fight the good fight. We are brothers in Christ searching for men from all backgrounds, and walks of life, who want to unify, and come together to make a difference in this world..... Is this YOU?

• Uncompromising, Faithful, Intense, Soul-Pervasive

The second annual Men of Christ Catholic Conference will inspire, encourage, and motivate you to "boldly live your faith." Join us along with Archbishop Dolan on February 23rd, at the Wisconsin Expo Center at the State Fair Park. Other speakers include: Fr. Larry Richards, Sean Forrest, Fr. Rick Heilman, and more.

What to Expect?

• **Truth** - You will learn profound realities about the Catholic Christian faith.

• **Challenged** - You will be pushed to live a heroic Christian life.

• **Transformation** - You will experience the powerful conversion of your heart, and feel a sense a peace that you have not had in many years.

• **Brotherhood** - You experience the presence of God through other Christian men, men like you, who want more out

of life, and desire to unify for the greater good.

• **Hope** - You will live with a new sense of wonder and joy in your life.

Visit our website at www.MenofChrist.net or call 414-297-9729 to learn more about the conference.

Tickets can be ordered through Curt Jacobsen. Phone: 243-1842.

E-mail: curtis.jacobsen@kraft.com ♦

Upcoming KC Dinners & Meetings

- Jan. 15 - Council meeting
- Jan. 20 - Breakfast
- Feb. 9 - BBQ (hamburgers & brats)
- Feb. 19 - Council meeting
- Mar. 18 - Council meeting
- Mar. 29 - Dinner Dance (tentatively)
- Apr. 15 - Council meeting
- May 20 - Council meeting
- June 17 - Council meeting
- July 12 - Steak dinner
- July 15 - Council meeting (charter banquet)

Baptisms

November 18

Peyton M. Soule

Parents: Jake & Crystal Soule

December 9

Emma Bernice Hendricks

Parents: Michael & Jennifer Hendricks

Deaths

Richard "Dick" Nelson 11-22-2007

Liturgy Corner

A great big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make the Advent and Christmas Seasons such special and beautiful celebrations here at St. Peter's. Blessings and much gratitude go out to all of our musicians, lectors, greeters, ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and altar servers as well as to all of you who gave your time to special seasonal projects, such as decorating the church and grounds, watering trees, and helping out with the collection and distribution of gifts for the Giving Tree. Thanks, too, to all who generously donated items for the church environment. St. Peter's is truly blessed by your generosity!

Wishing you peace at the beginning of the New Year,

Lori Randall

Director of Liturgy and Music

New members

Leah Algier. Leah is a physician for GHC at the Capitol clinic.

Jim and Marlene Korb. Both Jim and Marlene work at renting apartments.

Dolly O'Laughlin. Dolly is an accountant.

Ian and Jana Ringstad. Jana is a website/banker. Ian is a carpet installer.

Richard and Cheryl Swatek. Cheryl is an underwriting tech for NSI.

