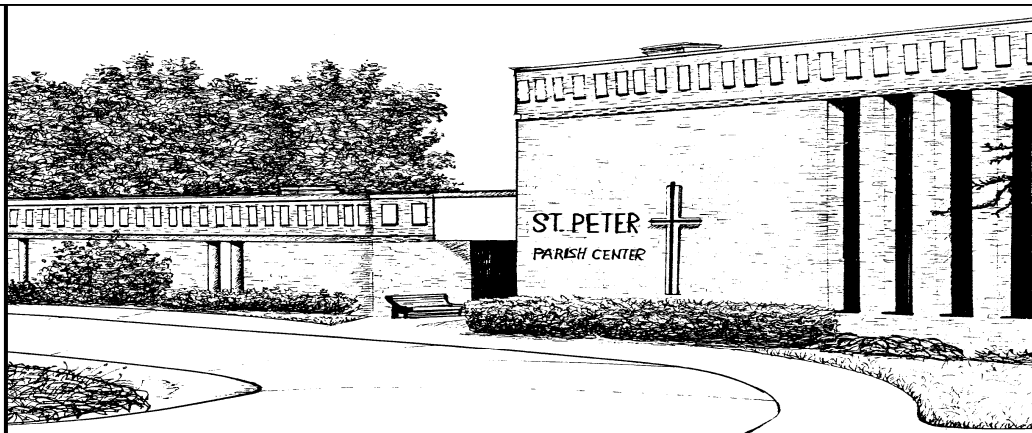


In The News

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Faith – Learn It, Share It, Live It!

St. Peter's Lenten Journey 2009



This Lent let's explore our faith together as a parish community. As Catholics we are constantly learning and growing in our faith, but how do we share our faith and live out our faith everyday? How do we keep the faith during difficult times? During lent we invite you to think about the ways you learn, share and live

out your faith everyday. Starting on Ash Wednesday (February 25), there will be a Faith Tree in the lobby along with colorful tags. We invite you to fill the tree with all the ways you feed your faith. Some examples may include; prayer, acts of kindness, reading scripture, daily mass attendance, living by the Ten Commandments and teaching the faith to others, just to name a few. By the end of Lent the tree will be full of beautiful examples of how you "keep the faith." More information will come closer to Lent. St. Peter's Intergenerational Movie Night is the unofficial kick-off of our Faith Tree. What better example of living out your faith than Horton the Elephant in *Horton Hears a Who*. Plan to attend this special evening. See the Movie Night article for all the details. ❖

Ladies Guild Christmas Party

St. Peter's Ladies Guild meeting was held on Tuesday evening, January 20, celebrating with a postponed Christmas party. Entertainment for the evening was provided by The Virginia Davis School of Dance Darlings, a group of senior ladies who are excellent jazz and tap dancers.

The February meeting of the Ladies Guild will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 17 starting with the Rosary, followed by a short business meeting, fellowship and dessert. ALL ladies of the parish are invited to attend. ❖



St. Peter's Family Day



St. Peter's kids enjoyed Family Day at Mt. Olympus Water and Theme Park over Christmas break!

The next St. Peter Family Day at Mt. Olympus is during spring break, Wednesday April 8. Tell them you're with St. Peter's at the door and get in for just \$6! ❖

Singing and the Liturgy

by Diane Jetzer, Director of Liturgy and Music



When my family moved to Madison in 1990 and we began our search for a new church home, St. Peter's was our first stop. Our intent was to attend several different Catholic churches and then make a decision on which was the best fit for us. Needless to say, we never made it to any other churches. We were so warmly welcomed that first day that we came back the next week, and the next ... and, we're still here! St. Peter's is a very special faith community that I truly love being a part of. I hope that in my new role as Music and Liturgy Director I am able to continue the warm, welcoming tradition that is St. Peter's.

A major contributing factor to our staying at St. Peter's was the wonderful music and very special liturgies we celebrated. One of my goals is to continue and improve upon this great tradition. This is not something I can do alone, however. Each of you as a member of this community has a responsibility toward that end. I'd like to take space in this newsletter to review the congregation's role in the liturgy.

Clearly, one of the most important ways that people participate in the liturgy is by singing. (Liturgy Documents Vol 1, Introduction). With the exception of the 7:30 a.m. Mass, almost all parts of the Mass are sung at St. Peter's. How, when, and what to sing are pretty well known by this community, but I'd like to take a few minutes to review a couple of things with you.

- Hymns and Mass parts that the congregation is to sing are posted on the electronic number boards in the front of the Sanctuary. Whenever you see a number posted, that is a prompt for you to turn in your hymnal to that page. There is no need to worry about whether or not you know that particular piece of music — sing anyway! If you are not familiar with that particular piece of music, please do not hesitate to use the hymnal to follow along. That is why we post the numbers for you. You will be prompted by the cantor where to find hymns that are not in our Ritual Song hymnal. These are usually found as a supplement in the back of the hymnal or in a prepared Order of Worship. The number boards take the place of the cantor introducing the hymns.
- When the Gloria is sung at St. Peter's, the congregation is expected to sing. The number board will indicate the page number. Please feel free to join the cantor/choir in the entire Gloria in addition to the refrain.
- Psalms are always sung except at the 7:30 Mass. The cantor/choir will intone (sing) the refrain once, and then the congregation repeats the refrain. The cantor/choir will sing the verses and, by way of raised arms, bring the congregation in at the appropriate time for singing the refrain. Again, the number is displayed on the electronic number board.

- When the Gospel Acclamation is sung it is intoned first by the cantor/choir and then repeated by the congregation. There is typically a verse the cantor/choir will sing and then the refrain is repeated once again.
- We try not to introduce too many different Mass settings (Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, etc.) but typically use two or three different ones during the course of the Church year. Again, the numbers will be posted for each part and we encourage you to open your hymnal and sing when prompted by the choir/cantor.

According to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops *Music in Catholic Worship* from November 15, 1982, the “congregation must be comfortable and secure with what they are doing in order to celebrate well.” I hope this information has been helpful to you in that regard.

My door is always open and I look forward to hearing your comments in regard to the music and liturgy. I welcome all comments and suggestions that will help us keep our great tradition moving forward. ❖

St. Peter's High School Boys Basketball Teams Schedule

Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays at:

- W.H.S.(Waunakee High School)
301 Community Drive, Waunakee
- Queen of Peace
418 Holly Drive, Madison (off Mineral Point Road)
- Keva
8312 Forsythia Street, Middleton (off of Airport Road)

Support our boys teams, check out their schedule, and pick a game or two to attend.

Sunday, Feb 1st

- 3:00 pm @ Keva Court #2, SFX-Black vs Team II
- 4:15 pm @ Keva Court #2 Team I vs St. Bernard

Sunday Feb 15th

- 4:15pm @ Queen of Peace, Team II vs Queen of Peace
- 5:30pm @ Queen of Peace, Team I vs St. Dennis

Sunday, Feb 22nd

- 4:15pm @ Queen of Peace, Team II vs St. Mary's
- 5:30pm @ Queen of Peace, Team I vs Good Shephard

Sunday, March 1st

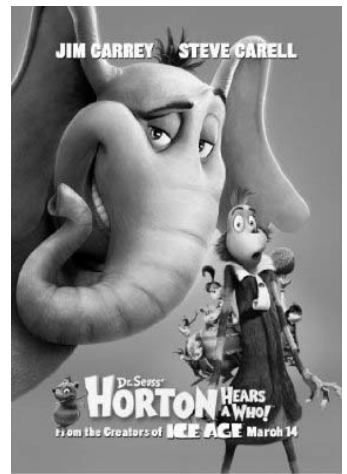
- 2:15pm @ Queen of Peace, Team I vs SFX-Black
- 3:30pm @ Queen of Peace, Team II vs St. Albert

Tournament play will be announced at a later date. Check the parish website for updates and photos. ❖

St. Peter's Intergenerational Movie Night Friday, February 13th!

All ages are invited to another fabulous St. Peter's Movie Night. Join us as we watch *Horton Hears A Who*, a wonderful story of an elephant who discovers the microscopic city of Whoville on a speck of dust. Horton shows us the true meaning of faith when he protects the speck even when nobody else believes him. At the same time, the mayor of Whoville tries to convince the rest of the city that they are actually on a speck of dust being held by a giant elephant. Hebrews 11:1 tells us that *Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see*. Both Horton and the mayor are beautiful examples of pure faith and love. As Horton says, "I said what I meant, and I meant what I said, an Elephant's faithful 100%."

This fun, free event starts with children's games at 6:00pm, with the movie starting at 6:30pm. Popcorn and drinks will be served. Hope you can join us! ❖



St. Peter's Mardi Gras Dinner To Benefit the High School Mission Trip

Come and enjoy a delicious Mardi Gras dinner on Saturday, February 21 after the 5:15 Mass. Our high school youth will be serving up Jambalaya, salad, bread and dessert. You'll be treated to New Orleans music, beads, crowns and surprises at this fun event! This is a fund raiser for our high school mission trip to the Twin Cities in June, so come and talk to the youth and find out about last year's trip to New Orleans and our upcoming trip. The meal and fun are free, but free will donations are happily accepted! ❖

"Ripples of Encouragement" Women's Retreat

EMCA (East Madison Catholic Adults) will sponsor a Women's Retreat, "Ripples of Encouragement," with Cheryl Kirking on Friday, March 6, 2009 at St. Dennis Parish Center, 413 Dempsey Road, Madison, WI 53714.

Cheryl Kirking presents a message of hope, joy, and inspiration. She tickles funny bones and tugs at the heart-strings of nationwide audiences, while weaving original songs, humor and stories from her book, *Ripples of Joy*. Get ready to laugh, tap your toes and be encouraged. Plan on joining us!

Cheryl's passion is encouraging others to identify and use their God-given gifts to create "ripples of joy."

<http://www.cherylkirking.com/>

The cost is \$19.00. The retreat begins with coffee and donuts at 9:00am and ends with lunch at 11:30am.

Cheryl will have books and CD's available and will personally sign them. Fliers and registration forms will be available starting February 17 at church and on the parish website:

<http://www.stpetersofmadison.org/> ❖



Lenten Women's Book Discussion

Judy Stolper will again facilitate a weekly discussion with a small group of women during Lent as they read and reflect on the book "Your Sorrow is My Sorrow" by well-known, popular spiritual writer and speaker, Joyce Rupp.

In this book, Joyce relates the Seven Sorrows of Mary to our own sufferings and burdens in life. She writes "whether or not anyone has any affiliation or devotion to the mother of Jesus, I have come to believe that everyone can find their struggles and sadness hidden in the folds of Mary's robe of sorrows." Through the chapters of her book, we will see ourselves in Mary's Sorrows and find encouragement, strength, wisdom, and hope for the struggles and heartaches in our own lives.

Our group will meet weekly in the Gathering Room at 3:00pm (for an hour or so) on Wednesdays in Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Cost is \$10 for the book which will be available at church the weekend of February 14th.

This book discussion invites women who are grieving the loss of a loved one ... or who are journeying with illness themselves, or with another ... or who are dealing with another difficult situation or transition in life, etc. Please consider this special opportunity for a Lenten journey and beautiful source of support. Our group will be limited to 10 women.

To register, call Judy at 241-4818. ❖

