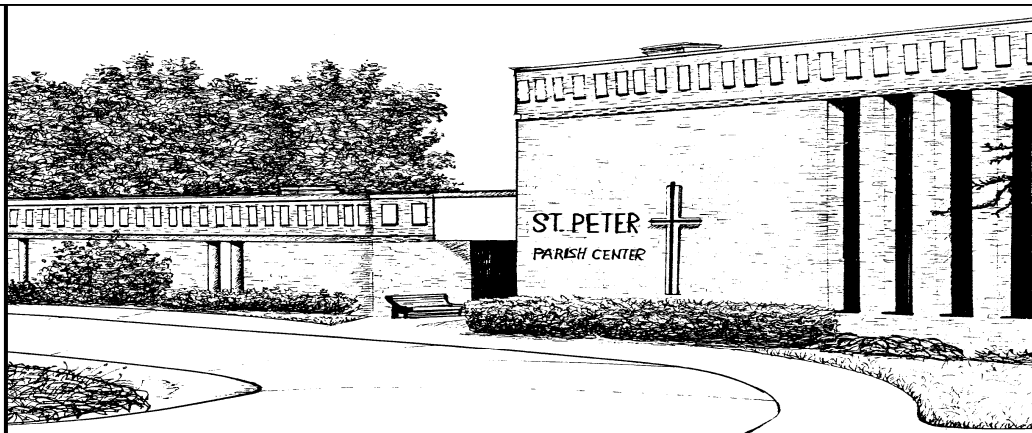


In The News

Saint Peter
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Madison, Wisconsin



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Lenten Blessings,

We are all aware of creating a healthier environment through our greening efforts. We are all aware of nurturing our physical health through exercise programs.

This year, our St. Peter's staff invites all of our parish members to participate in "Walk the Lenten Path" in nurturing our Spiritual lives to assure that our Lenten Path is a green one for a healthier and holier spiritual life. We encourage you to join us with weekly direction as we walk our Lenten green path together.

One aid might be to use the Lenten booklet we are providing this year, "Daily Reflections for Lent." It is great to prepare for our daily walk with a spiritual shot in the arm provided by this daily reflection. May God be with you on your journey with us.

For deeper green, why not plan on joining us for other Lenten paths including our Ash Wednesday services and for an east side communal reconciliation service. Ours at St. Peter's is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Let's plan to enjoy our Sunday worship together and maybe an occasional daily Mass.

Fr. Roger and St. Peter's Staff

RCIA Rite of Acceptance

On the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the St. Peter's RCIA Catechumens and Candidates, assembling publicly together for the first time, celebrated the Rite of Acceptance.

During this Rite, they declared, in a statement of Faith, their reasons and intention to join the Catholic Church. The Church, represented by our parish community, and carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts their intentions.

Almighty God showers his graces on the catechumens and candidates as this Rite marks their reception and first consecration by the Church. ❖

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 "Prayer" by popular spiritual author, Joyce Rupp. Through individual reading, reflection, and a little journaling, participants will explore their relationship with God and different ways to pray.

The group will be limited to 10 women. They will meet in the Gathering Room (for an hour or so) on five consecutive Wednesdays during Lent at 3:00 p.m. to share their journey with the book. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, March 3. Cost for the book is \$10.

If you are interested in this special opportunity to journey closer to God, please call Judy at 241-4818 to reserve your spot in the group. ❖

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

A beautiful tradition at our parish is the **celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** during the Lenten season. It is a time when our community comes together to offer prayers for those who are sick and in need of God's healing. Those who have **life-limiting or serious illness, as well as those with less serious illnesses**, are encouraged to attend this beautiful Mass with family members.

This special celebration will be held on **Saturday, March 13th at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon provided by the parish to follow**. Please watch for sign up sheets in back of church in later February (or call the parish office at 249-6652) so that we know how many will be attending.

Transportation to/from church can also be provided if needed. Please call **Pat Breunig at 249-9557 or Sylvia Kimberley at 244-2890** to arrange for a ride.

All parish members are invited to attend this Mass in love and prayerful support. ❖



Walk the Lenten Path

Just as Jesus journeyed through the desert for 40 days to become closer to His Father by fasting, prayer and resisting temptation, our own Lenten path should lead us to a closer relationship with Jesus. As Catholics, we are called to almsgiving, prayer and fasting during Lent. How we live out that call is different for each of us so St. Peter's will offer a variety of opportunities to help you make your personal Lenten journey a meaningful one.

In Our World

As we continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, you will have an ongoing opportunity to donate to the relief efforts in Haiti. Religious Education classes will hold a coin drive throughout Lent. Envelopes will be available every week for parishioners who wish to contribute to the Catholic Relief Services Haitian Relief Fund. The envelopes can be dropped in the collection baskets.

In Our Community

In addition to our monthly collection for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry, you are invited to bring in your donations *weekly* throughout Lent. We will also collect personal hygiene items and diapers. Donation containers will be available in the lobby.

In Our Parish

We invite you to take a deeper look at how you can serve our parish. During Lent we will highlight ministries in the Church that are in need of volunteers. Please give prayerful thought to how you can share your gifts and talents with our Church.

The Lenten schedule in this newsletter is full of opportunities for prayer, spiritual growth and fellowship.

Everyone is invited to our intergenerational movie night on Friday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m. We will be showing **UP**, an animated movie about Carl, a 78 year old man who makes a promise to his wife that he is determined to keep. He sets out on a journey of his own, during which Carl soon discovers that he is not alone. Eight year old Russell becomes his accidental travel companion.

During their adventures they learn a great deal about each other and about what is most important in life along the way.

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is our time for spiritual purification for the celebration of Easter. "Give alms...pray to your Father...fast without a gloomy face..." Matthew 6:1-18. Our Lenten path should be done with a joyful approach – positive, responsible, open and loving – so we can realize the full joy of Easter.

On Ash Wednesday, as this holy season begins, we receive ashes which come from the burnt palms distributed on the previous Palm Sunday. Ashes are a solemn call to penance – a symbol of affliction – worthlessness, sorrow, grief and penance. We receive ashes with the words "remember man you are dust and to dust you shall return."

To help us with the fasting aspect of Lent, the Church gives us two regulations – fast and abstinence.

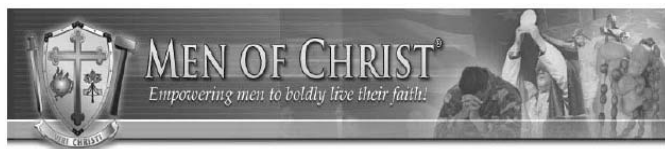
Fast – those who have reached 18 years of age until their 59th birthday are to eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if needed for strength according to ones own needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence – those who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat. The days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.



LENT

On the joyful side of the Lenten – Easter Seasons, the Church requires that we receive the Holy Eucharist – the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus – during the Easter Time, which runs from the first Sunday of Lent (February 21) until Trinity Sunday (May 30). We should also strive to better realize our dependence on God and not ourselves. We can do this by self-denial, good deeds, prayer and reflection, Mass, Stations of the Cross, Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, scripture reading and other Catholic study. ❖



Curt Jacobsen is selling tickets to the Men of Christ Conference. He will be selling them at St. Peter's after Masses for the next couple of weeks.

The conference will be held on Saturday, February 20 at the Milwaukee Theater. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include transportation and meals.

The main celebrant for the conference will be the newly appointed Archbishop Jerome ListECKI of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the keynote speaker will be Christopher West. If you have any questions, please call Curt Jacobsen at 243-1842 or visit www.MenofChrist.net ❖

Women's Retreat

EMCA (East Madison Catholic Adults) will sponsor a Women's Retreat at St. Peter's on Friday, March 12. Author, Marge Fenelon, will be the guest speaker for this morning of reflection "*When's GOD Gonna Show Up?*" Marge is one part each, humor, inspiration, originality, insightfulness, and solid Catholic teaching; two parts each, wife and mother; sprinkle generously with spice and wit. Stir vigorously; serve with warmth and sincerity and enjoy. "*Marge would be the first to confess that she's no saint - which, by the way, only confirms my hunch that she's on the path to holiness! - but she enchants us all with homey, perceptive meditations on the mystery, mercy, presence, and power of God in our day-to-day lives.*" -from the Foreword by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan

Retreat will conclude with lunch. Flyer and registrations are available in the back of Church or at www.stpetersofmadison.org ❖



Lenten Schedule: Mass and Special Prayer Service

Holy Week

Ash Wednesday, February 17

7:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Taize Prayer Service

Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 28

5:15 p.m. Saturday Evening (March 27)

7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. (March 28)

Spanish Mass 1:00 p.m. (March 28)

The Prayer of Tenebrae

Monday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2

1:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 3

RCIA Vigil Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.
7:30 p.m. Mass w/reception to follow

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Spanish Mass 1:00 p.m.

Other Important Parish Events

Mardi Gras Dinner

Saturday, February 13

Following 5:15 p.m. Mass

Religious Education

Monday, February 15

Grades 6-8 Palm Burning

Ceremony, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 7

Grades 9-12 Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 8

Grades 6-8 Reconciliation, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10

Grades 3-5 Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m.

Intergenerational Movie Night "Up"

Friday, February 19

Games 6:00/Movie 6:30 p.m.

Women's Book Discussion Group

Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

EMCA Women's Retreat

Friday morning, March 12

including lunch

Sacrament of the Sick Anointing Mass

Saturday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus

Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, February 20

Following 5:15 p.m. Mass

Steak Dinner – Saturday, March 20

Following 5:15 p.m. Mass

Church Fellowship –

Saturday, March 27,

following 5:15 p.m. Mass

and Palm Sunday, March 28

Following 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Mass

Ladies Guild

Bake Sale –

Saturday, March 27,

following 5:15 p.m. Mass

and Palm Sunday, March 28

Following 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Mass

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

February 23, March 2, 9 and 16

Living Stations

Sunday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Presented by our Religious Education

High school students

Monday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Presented by our Religious Education

Middle school students

East Side Communal

Reconciliation Services

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Thursday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.

St. Bernard's

Sunday, March 21, 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter's

Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.

St. Dennis

Thursday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.

Individual Reconciliation

at St. Peter's

Tuesday, March 30,

after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 31,

after the 7:00 a.m. Mass

St. Peter's Mardi Gras Dinner to Benefit the High School Mission Trip Saturday, February 13



Come celebrate Mardi Gras beginning with the 5:15 p.m. Mass. You don't have to go to the "Big Easy" to celebrate Mardi Gras. Following Mass, St. Peter's high school and mission trip students will provide jambalaya, French bread, salad and dessert. Hot dogs will also be available. You will 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 Nashville, Tennessee in June. The meal is FREE, but free will donations will be happily accepted. ❖

Bus Trip to See Dead Sea Scrolls at Milwaukee Public Museum Thursday, March 25

We have reserved entrance to the exhibit. Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures brings together archaeological objects and manuscripts to tell a story 2,000 years in the making. Witness actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts to learn how transmission of these early writings has shaped the beliefs of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.



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