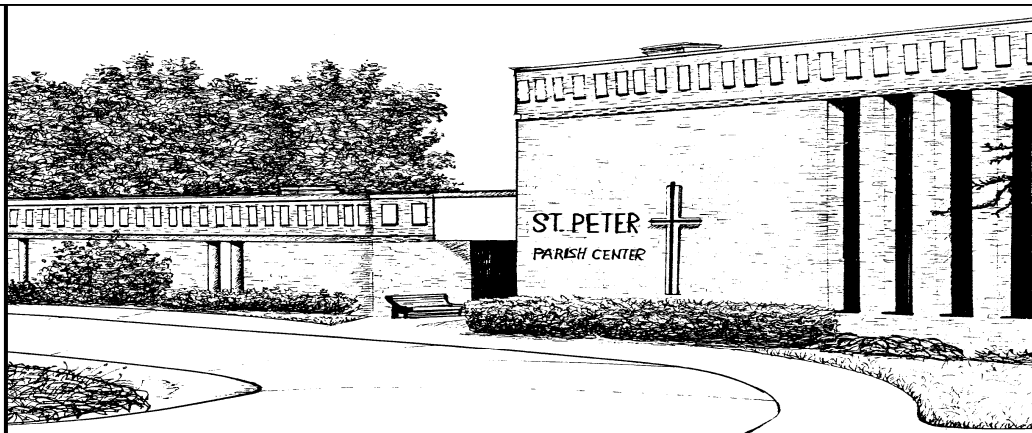


# In The News

Saint Peter  
Catholic Church  
Madison, Wisconsin



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## Dedication of The Statue of Juan Diego

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to cover the cost of the beautiful pink stone statue of Juan Diego in our corner park. It is a statue of a kneeling Juan as he unfolds his cloak to show the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Castilian roses. Father Manuel Mendez blessed and dedicated the statue before the 1:00 pm Mass on Sunday, August 16. Over 100 parishioners attended. After the Mass, a pot luck luncheon was held in the center.



Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the Mother of God to Saint Juan Diego, a Chicemeca Indian, on December 9, 10 and 12, 1531. Our Lady came to offer faith, hope and consolation to the oppressed natives of Mexico and to reconcile them with their Spanish rulers

On December 9, 1531, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego who was a recently converted Catholic. She asked him to go to the Bishop and request him to build a church for her on the barren hill of Tepeyac that is now part of Mexico City. Our Lady wanted to show her merciful love to all of her children. The prudent Bishop asked Juan to ask the Lady for a sign. Juan did so and Our Lady promised to give him the sign.

On December 12, Our Lady again appeared to Juan on Tepeyac Hill and told him to pick the out of season Castilian roses which miraculously appeared there and bring

them to the Bishop as a sign for him to believe her request. Juan gathered the roses into his cloak and brought them to the Bishop.

Juan opened his cloak to show them and, to their astonishment, the Image of Our Lady appeared on it. The Bishop then built the church as Our Lady had requested and nine million natives were converted and baptized to the faith within the next nine years.

Father Gary Wankerl, of DeForest, painted the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe which hangs in the back of our church. ❖

## Fall Grief Series ... a special opportunity for support

The **Moving Through Grief** series will again be offered at our parish this fall on **Thursday evenings, September 17 & 24, October 1 & 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** A **reunion session** with a **holiday grief focus** is also scheduled for **Thursday, November 12.**

These **well-received sessions provide a beautiful opportunity for caring support for those grieving the death of a loved one.** Facilitated by **St. Peter's bereavement ministry team** in our Gathering Room, the weekly evening meetings include information about grief, prayer, presentations by facilitators, small group sharing, suggestions for coping/healing, and grief resources. Enrollment is limited. **To register or for more information, please call Judy Stolper at 241-4818.**

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**Parish members are always invited to provide light refreshments for this series. If you would like to extend hospitality for one of the evenings, please give Judy a call. Your support in this special way is appreciated.**



See page 3 for more photos!

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a PROCESS. It is for all of us to examine our own relationship with God and it is for people who:

- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized in another Christian faith
- Baptized Catholics who are desirous of completing the Sacraments of Initiation – First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

The Rite calls for the participation of the entire parish community for not only example and prayers, but most important, for the invitation to, as Jesus said to the apostles, COME AND SEE.

Who do you know that you could invite (maybe yourself) to join this process at St. Peter? Extend the invitation and call either Fr. Roger (249-6651) or Jack Dillon (846-9390 or 334-0657). The period of Inquiry is already underway.

As a member of St. Peter Church have you ever given thought to giving something back to our parish community? One gratifying way is to be a SPONSOR in our RCIA process, being a part of a very important ministry.



A sponsor will accompany a catechumen/candidate on their Journey of Faith to become a full member of our Catholic Christian family. You represent the entire community as you help introduce the catechumen/candidate to the Catholic way of life through informal conversation, personal calls and visits, shared activities including the RCIA sessions and prayers. To learn more about this vital aspect of the RCIA process, please call Jack at the numbers listed above. ❖

## Plan for the St. Peter's Card Marathon 2009-2010

**We are revising the plans for the new season of the card parties.**



Would you like to play on the first Wednesday of the months of September, October, November and December in the Parish Hall starting at 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm?

A donation of \$1.00 would be taken at the door, and no food would be served. All the funds would be used for prizes and expenses. This is a party to replace the former Card Marathon games and would provide some daytime games on a pre-scheduled date so you can plan ahead in advance.

The Bridge Marathon will continue with Jean Jones as chairperson on a separate basis. The Ladies Euchre group with Mary Quinlan and the Sheephead group with Don Gostomski will schedule as they have in the past. They are accepting new members immediately.

Both the Euchre group and Five-Hundred chairpersons have retired after many, many years. This is the reason that we are trying another format for these games. All members of St. Peter's and their friends are welcome. If this plan is successful, we may plan another session in February, March, April and May, 2010. You are not required to play every session and you choose the game at the door when you arrive. Couples and singles are welcome. We hope to see you on September 2nd. For any other information, please call Helen Jones at 249-8850. ❖



## Bridge Marathon

If you plan to play bridge and neglected to indicate that at our May party, if you are interested in joining one of our groups, or if you know someone who would like to play in a marathon, call me.

We have two groups - the couples (Bluebirds) and the singles (Cardinals). We plan nine games during the year. Because of players' travels and our recent winters, this year you may play the first eight games whenever it is convenient for the four players. The last game (the 9th) must be played at the party in May at the Parish Hall.

I will begin to schedule players in August, so call immediately. Jean Jones 241-1775. ❖

## Afternoon Sheephead

A group of us will be playing Sheephead the third Wednesday of every month - Please join us!

Where: *Warner Park*  
When: *1pm starting time*  
1st Game will be:  
*September 16th*



There is plenty of parking close to the door and a nice facility where they are happy to have us play. Hope to see you there for some fun and companionship!

Al and Judy Jaloviar 244-4167 ❖

## St. Peter Parish Bazaar

Our parish bazaar will be held on the weekend of October 24 and 25. This year St. Peter's Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus will combine their efforts towards a fun and successful parish bazaar. We will have the large cash raffle as usual along with a bake sale, cookies by the pound, book nook, jewelry, a parish craft booth, good food in the dining room, and many outside crafters. The Knights of Columbus will be selling a large variety of candies and nuts along with the Entertainment Book and the Bucky Book. We will have an exciting inside car race presented by the Knights of Columbus. New this year we will also have many theme baskets containing new items valued at \$75 to \$100 each in a special basket raffle. Watch the parish bulletins and the October newsletter for more information. ❖



## Whole Community Event Urges All Generations to *LIGHTEN UP!* With Doug Brummel

“Lighten Up!” ... A Celebration of Faith and Family!” is coming to our parish! Nationally-known Catholic Inspirational comedian, singer, storyteller, teacher, and author Doug Brummel and his ‘cast of characters’ will lead our parish community on a unique faith journey on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with a start time of 6:47. (Yes, you read it right ... 6:47pm.) Many people of our parish are sharing their time and talents in preparing for a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

In these busy times with everyone doing their own thing, it is a real gift to have this celebration in which all generations come together to celebrate the gift of faith and family!

Everyone is welcome! So call your neighbors and friends! Please also make a special invitation to anyone you know who has been away from the Church and invite them to join us in this unique opportunity.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Lighten Up! Admission is free. A free-will offering will be available. Check out [www.dougbrummel.com](http://www.dougbrummel.com). ❖



## Volunteering Opportunities For High School Students and Adults

Would you like to volunteer to work at UW Football Games with Per Mar Security? In return, Per Mar Security pays St. Peter's Youth Group for the hours you volunteer. Check out the game schedule and call or e-mail Peg Miller at 249-6652 Ext. 21 or [pdickey3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pdickey3@sbcglobal.net).



We need to know at least a week before the game that you are going to work, so we can get your paperwork to Per Mar.

### UW Football Schedule for 2009

- Sept. 5 at 6:00 pm – Northern Illinois (Hall of Fame Day)
- Sept. 12 at 11:00 am – Fresno State
- Sept. 19 at 11:00 AM – Wofford (Band Day)
- Sept. 26 (TBA) – Michigan State
- Oct. 17 at 11:00 am – Iowa (Homecoming)
- Oct. 31 (TBA) – Purdue (Badger Blast)
- Nov. 14 (TBA) – Michigan (Parents Day/W Club Day)

## Juan Diego Dedication Pot Luck



## Bus Trip To Chicago

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

COST: \$29.00



**There is no place like Chicago's Miracle Mile at Christmas  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**

Please join us on this most enjoyable bus trip to Chicago to see the lights, colors and store windows of Chicago during the beautiful holiday season. Flyers will be available shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Peg Miller at the Parish Office at 249-6652. ❖

