

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

# SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CONGREGATION

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*At the time of printing all activities, dates and times are current. However during this uncertain time of COVID-19 things can change daily, hourly and even by the minute. Please check St. Peter's website at [www.stpeterslinger.org](http://www.stpeterslinger.org) for the most accurate information.*



Dear St. Peter Parishioners,

We hope this newsletter continues to find you safe and well, especially as our County, State and Nation are all experiencing an increase in reported cases of coronavirus, resulting in quarantines, hospitalizations and, most sadly, deaths in certain circumstances. We reiterate our commitment to do everything it takes to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus and urge everyone to wear face masks, especially when attending Mass, to abide by the recommendations of our local health department regarding social distancing, adhere to personal practices of good hygiene, use of hand sanitizer, etc. St. Peter Parish continues to follow our Archbishop's Directives that call for strict adherence and vigilance with cleansing and sanitizing protocols in our facilities. We also urge you to pray for those keeping us safe during these unusually challenging times, for those researching a vaccine and a cure for coronavirus, for those who are homebound due to underlying medical conditions or being at-risk due to age, for our in-person staff, teachers and volunteers who are trying to keep things as normal as possible for us, our children, our youth and those with special ministerial needs, for those who find the restrictions stressful and isolation particularly difficult; this health crisis has extended itself far longer than first imagined. Although a number of parishioners and families have "self-quarantined" for contacts traceable elsewhere, to date, we've not had any cases of coronavirus determined to be directly traceable to church attendance; I'm sure that your cooperation and God's grace have much to do with this; thanks for your efforts, endurance and understanding. Despite the fact that people are afraid of things, of being together in certain places and even of each other, we know that God in and through Christ Jesus casts out the power of fear; while we know it is important to act in a responsible manner when it comes to our health, we must also not allow our fears to completely disconnect us from many relationships and things vital to our happiness and salvation, especially Mass and the Sacraments! Whether it be in-person, live-stream or recorded, we look forward to you joining us at Mass, yearning for a day when we can all be together again!

That said, one of our clergy recently tested positive for coronavirus and was quarantined; the other of us was also tested and went into required self-isolation; neither of us were able to perform public ministry until an "all clear" from health care and department personnel. These experiences of enforced "stay-cations" while we are conscious of the needs of our flocks for good shepherding left us feeling helpless and useless as we know the grace of Christ's Sacraments are your strength and ours. We deeply appreciated your prayers, good wishes & personal offers of help and know that you understood our temporary helplessness; that you stood by us in our moments of weakness makes us all the more determined to stand up for and by you! Again, that said, we can only underline to everyone that, despite getting tired of limitations and restrictions on our daily lives, we have a responsibility to take this pandemic SERIOUSLY and cooperate with everything asked of us by those responsible for protecting us, willingly, in a spirit of unity as that's how we'll get through all this – together!

*Affectionately, Very Rev. Richard Stoffel*



I am writing this contribution for the newsletter in early November. Early enough that we still don't know precisely who has won the presidential election. But, what we do know is that we continue to prepare for the coming of Jesus celebrated again at Christmas in the same way we do every year.

**The Three Comings of the Lord.** Saint Bernard of Clairvaux was a French, Cistercian Abbot of the 1100s who (among several others) wrote about the different 'comings' of our Lord. He writes about three different ways that Jesus comes to us. The three ways: 1) at his birth in the manger at Bethlehem; 2) his "intermediate coming" – in which Christians recognize Jesus coming in their own hearts and lives; and 3) his final coming in glory and majesty at the end of days. In the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we celebrate all three of these. For our day-to-day lives, though, I suggest the second "intermediate coming" is the most important.

What does Saint Bernard mean when he talks about this in-between coming of Jesus into our lives? He means that He continues to reveal Himself. While it is not always in some as obvious as the birth of a baby and the singing of choirs of angels, He still speaks to each of us in a clear and distinct way. He speaks to us through his Word (in the Scriptures, in the Sacraments, in the perennial teachings of his Church). Saint Bernard asks, "Where is God's word to be kept?" He answers, "Obviously in the heart, as the prophets, says: *I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.*"

This Advent and Christmas, God is calling us to hear and heed his voice in our hearts. If we do so, we will know Him as obviously as the shepherds knew Jesus when they saw Him and heard the angels sing His praises. We should make time this season for silence. We should read and study the Bible together as a family. We should spend time learning the lives of the Saints and the teachings of the Church. We should turn to the Sacraments (the Holy Mass & Reconciliation) – which invite us to share in the very life of God Himself. Then, we will know the peace which He promises.

I pray that you and your families have a very Blessed Christmas this year! I pray that the New Year be filled many blessings and joys – even if we occasionally encounter the Cross in the coming year in some way (which is almost a certainty). I hope that you remain healthy and holy – ready to greet the Lord in your life and in your heart.

*God bless you always, Father Jonathon*



**MASSES ON DECEMBER 24, 2020, CHRISTMAS EVE**

2PM, 4PM, 6PM, & 8PM @ St. Peter in Slinger;  
4:30PM & 7PM @ St. Lawrence in Hartford;  
4PM & 9PM @ Resurrection in Allenton

**MASSES ON DECEMBER 25, 2020, CHRISTMAS DAY**

7AM, 9AM & 11AM @ St. Peter in Slinger;  
8AM & 10AM @ St. Lawrence in Hartford;  
8:30AM & 10:30AM @ Resurrection in Allenton

**MASS ON DECEMBER 31, 2020, NEW YEAR'S EVE**

4PM @ St. Peter in Slinger; 4PM @ St. Lawrence in Hartford; 5:30PM @ Resurrection in Allenton

**MASS ON JANUARY 01, 2021, NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8AM @ St. Peter in Slinger, 8AM @ St. Lawrence in Hartford; 9:30AM @ Resurrection in Allenton

All of the above, of course, God-willing; we encourage you, especially for Christmas, please not all try to crowd into the earliest Masses; with several extra Masses and staggered times we hope to accommodate all who wish!

***In this time of COVID-19 and for the health and wellbeing of all individuals we ask that while attending Mass you PLEASE... 1) Maintain a safe distance of 6 feet apart (families may sit together in one pew), and 2) Wear a face covering while in Church (they are available in Church).***

***For the most updated information please go to: [www.stpeterslinger.org](http://www.stpeterslinger.org)***



## **CONSIDER ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION**



**WITH JESUS**

**WE LEARN, LOVE,  
AND SERVE GOD  
AND OTHERS.**

*Enrolling 3K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade for 2021 – 2022 school year  
Offering Exceptional Catholic Education since 1881*

If you want your child's education to reflect your faith, morals and values, we encourage you to consider St. Peter Catholic School. Your choice will send the message that you value an education that is grounded in challenging your child's mind, developing his or her character and living as Jesus taught us. This message is woven into every aspect of the school day – from the curriculum to spiritual formation to extracurricular activities.

### ***WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING:***

- ◆ *Caring teachers in a secure and loving environment*
- ◆ *High academics and study skills*
- ◆ *Four options for the 3K and 4K programs*
- ◆ *Childcare before/after school and summer childcare*
- ◆ *Classroom visits and instruction by Fr. Rick Stoffel and Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel*
- ◆ *Smart Boards, iPads and Chrome Books*
- ◆ *Spanish, Art, Music, Library, PE, Health and Technology*
- ◆ *Mass attendance and participation*
- ◆ *Extracurricular activities and educational field trips*
- ◆ *Bussing (4K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)*
- ◆ *Tuition Scholarships*

If you would like more information about our school, shadow a classroom or tour, please contact Cheryl Jaeger, Principal/Marketing Director (262) 644-8083x3100 or [cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org).

For more information, check out our website: [www.spcsslinger.org](http://www.spcsslinger.org).

*May God bless you and your families as you consider this important decision for your child!*





**THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE/FAITH STUDY**  
**Thursdays, January 14 – March 25, 2020**  
**6:30-8:30PM in Church Conference Room 130**



Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told  
with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

**Monday Book Study**

Every Monday from Noon to 1PM  
Church Hall Room 130

We read and discuss books about various aspects of Catholic Faith and Life.



***A SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR THE  
UPCOMING GOSPEL***

Hosted by Cheri Schraufnagel and Jeanna Desmond.  
Every Thursday at 9AM—St Peter Church, Room 130  
All COVID19 protocols will be observed  
Bring your Bible, a heart open the Word of God and a  
desire to share your experience in Christ.

Watch the bulletin for more information on these opportunities, or contact Kim at [resecretary@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:resecretary@stpeterslinger.org) or 262-644-8083 x2211

**College Care Packages were APPRECIATED!**

We mailed out 40 Care Packages to St Peter college students.  
Thank you to all who donated to this great cause!

Our college students greatly appreciate the support and reminder that God is ever-present in their lives.

We will send care packages again in the spring. Since many addresses change at semester, please resubmit your college student's address to [resecretary@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:resecretary@stpeterslinger.org).



## KNIGHTS OF COLULMBUS NEWS



*Knights of Columbus along with the Human Concerns Committee supported the Seed of Hope Pregnancy Center with Operation Baby Bottle again this year. The Pregnancy center helps young girls and their families. We asked for your help by filling the baby bottle....and you did! We sent them a check for over \$2,000. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.***

Besides helping the Pregnancy Center this year, we felt the need to help outside our community as well. This Christmas Season we are praying and hoping that we can help the homeless and people in need by collecting items for "Hygiene Bags"... Needed are items such as soap, shaving cream/razors, toothpaste/toothbrush, hand/body lotion and much much more. We'll collect December through January 10th. Please watch future bulletins and postings on our website for more information.



*Drive-Thru Cinnamon Roll Sales Are Back! 4-Packs for \$5.00 After Weekend Masses on:*

*Tentative dates: December 12/13, 2020 January 16/17 & February 20/21, 2021*

Do you need a home delivery? It's a possibility! Please call (414) 640-5329 to see if arrangements can be made for a Sunday drive-by.

**"WE CHANGE AND SAVE LIVES"** through our actions. The Tootsie Roll sale, Life-savers for Life Drives, Serving at Mass and Devotions are just a few ways to show **THE KNIGHTS ARE THERE**. Our Council at St. Peter is dedicated to helping where and when we are needed. We're guided by our principals of: **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY AND PATRIOTISM.**

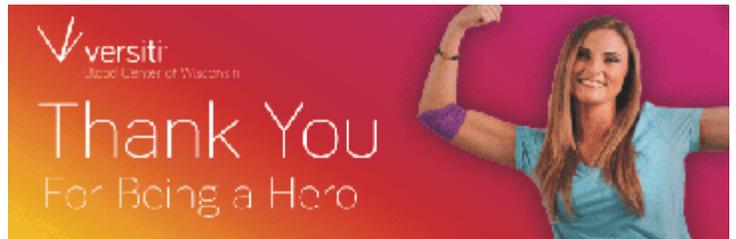
**COME & CHECK US OUT**



### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER

Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us.

Mary, Model of Christian love, we know we cannot heal every ill or solve every problem. But with God's grace, we intend to do what we can. May we be true witnesses to the world that love for one another really matters. May our daily actions proclaim how fully our lives are modeled after yours, Mother of Perpetual Help. AMEN.



### ST. PETER BLOOD DRIVE:

*Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 & Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 2-6PM in the Church Hall*

**Your gift of blood will give someone the gift of life this Christmas. Schedule an appointment at [www.bcw.edu/slinger](http://www.bcw.edu/slinger) or call 877-232-4376 to donate.**

**-By appointment only-**



### FROM THE BACK PEW Paul Roger COVID19 IN 2020

We all heard about the new "normal" because of this Covid 19 pandemic. We have been told in the beginning that there would be ups and downs and surges and static numbers. As I write this down now after the Presidential election we seem to be in a bit of a surge. One of our priests and I have tested positive but are experiencing mild symptoms. We know others are not so fortunate. We even had to have Communion Services because no priest was available for Sunday Mass. We heard our neighbors to the south, St. Boniface Church, had to shut down their church and school.

It seems just when my 87 year old mother was looking forward to hugging her grandchildren again, we need to isolate once again to protect her and others who are most vulnerable. Our local church historian, Rev. Steven Avella reminded us last April that 1918 Influenza pandemic was a very deadly and forced the Church temporarily stop worship and Catholic education in schools. (*Catholic Herald*, 4/9/20) Back in 1918, people did not travel like they do today, yet the flu continued to spread. Since we now travel further and more frequently, I suspect this Covid 19 will continue to spread. We each need to respect and protect each other as health care professionals say with masks and social distancing and frequent hand washing or sanitizing.

Keeping balance we are told is crucial for the spiritual life – prayer, meditation, work, nutrition and rest are key elements of our Catholic life. We all do the best we can. If we are unable to attend Mass (like my mother) we can view it live streamed from our Church or watch on one of the local TV stations.

I am reminded that one of the reasons special devotions to our Blessed Virgin Mary became popular during this is because it resonated in the lives of the people.

**ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH GUIDE**  
(please keep for future reference as we will no longer publish a yearly guidebook/directory)



**ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SLINGER, WI 53086**  
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**DIRECTIONS:** One-half block South (on State Hwy 175)  
Intersections of Hwy 144 and 175 in Slinger

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY: 5:00PM and 8:00PM**  
**SUNDAY: 7:30AM and 10:30AM**  
**WEEKDAYS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 8:00AM**  
**HOLY DAYS: Please consult the bulletin, website**

**PARISH STAFF - 262-644-8083**

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**CUSTODIAN(S):** Pam Cain & Greg Holmes  
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**Parish Mission Statement**

We, the members of St. Peter's Parish, Slinger, Wisconsin, as a true Christian Community, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, resolve to make our parish a center of spiritual growth and renewal. We dedicate ourselves to the call of the Mission of the Church by providing Catholic education, formation and moral guidance, based on Gospel, for all the people of our community.

We accept the challenge to live a Christian life! We celebrate our relationship with God through Liturgy, Sacraments and prayer. As a faith-filled community, we promise to be caring and supportive of our brothers and sisters in Christ, who may be hurting spiritually, physically, emotionally or financially.

To foster a just and peaceful society, each member, with his or her talents, time and treasure, will contribute to the good and growth of our entire Parish. May the Holy Spirit bless our efforts to form a faithful, trusting and loving community!

**Parish Membership Guidelines**

Membership in a parish is by virtue of baptism or a profession of the Roman Catholic faith. The parish can be the one nearest one's residence or of personal choice. Every adult Roman Catholic, 18 years and older, must register in a parish in order to receive the services it offers to members. Having received a Sacrament here, having attended a parish school/religious education program, or having family who belong does not confer membership privileges.

Each member of the Church has rights that flow from membership: to worship God, to receive the spiritual goods of the Church, mainly the Sacraments, the Word, to receive service from the official ministries of the Church, to participate in parish elections, life and mission, to Christian Burial, and to redress if these rights seem violated.

Each member of the Church has responsibilities that flow from membership: to be regularly present for Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, to be frequent recipients of the Sacraments, and to participate in parish life through offering personal time and talent to parish programs as well as financial gifts toward church support.

Mass on the Lord's Day is the source and summit of our unity in Christ. Scripture says that the early church felt none should excuse themselves lightly from weekly worship. We give good example as well as strengthen the faith of others by honoring God in Christ and receiving Holy Communion together regularly. Our church will prosper if we are generous and sacrifice to support it. Time and talent are rich offerings to the well-being of a parish; regular gifts of financial resources are vital; personal circumstances determine what one's contributions should be. Please see or call the priests or pastoral associate to register. Newcomer packets are available near church doors, forms to register as a parish member are on our website; personal welcome tours are cheerfully offered!

**Sacramental Arrangements/Preparation**

**Adult Convert/Baptism/Confirmation Classes**

All interested in becoming Catholic (non-baptized, originally baptized Christians of other faiths) as well as baptized Catholics

interested in completing religious formation for entering or returning to full and active participation in the sacramental life of the Church are welcomed through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), a series of small-group adult faith sharing meetings readying participants for full reception and welcome into the Catholic Church are available at request. Make arrangements with: *Fr. Rick*, 262-644-8083 x2106; *Fr. Jonathon*, 262-644-8083 x2205; *Deacon Bob Derks*, 414-313-4267; *Paul Rogers*, 262-627-0636; *LaRoy Pesta*, 262-457-2168.

### **Infant Baptisms**

Registered parishioner parents of first-born children participate in Baptismal Preparation; these can be at home or in person. Please call our priests or deacon. Arrangements for baptismal celebrations are made after preparation. Arrangements for the baptism of additional children in a family are made by calling the priests, or deacon. Baptisms are celebrated most Sundays of a month outside of Mass. *Coordinator(s): Fr. Rick Stoffel*, 262-644-8083 x2106; *Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel*, 262-644-8083 x2205; *Deacon Bob Derks*, 414-313-4267.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The ordinary weekly time for confessions is Tuesday 11AM, Wednesday 6PM, Thursday 11AM & 6PM and Saturday's following 8AM Mass. The Reconciliation Chapel provides the opportunity for either anonymous or the "face-to-face" celebration of the Sacrament. Additional times/dates are provided before both Christmas and Easter along with Communal Penance Services (Rite II) sponsored in collaboration with our neighbor parishes. Confessions are also heard by appointment. The reception of this Sacrament for the first time takes place in 2nd grade for children enrolled in both our religious education and elementary school programs. Parents are required to attend sessions to aid in their child's formation. *Coordinator(s): Fr. Rick Stoffel*, 262-644-8083 x2106; *Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel*, 262-644-8083 x2205; *Paul Rogers*, 262-627-0636.

### **First Holy Communion**

Reception of First Communion takes place in 2nd grade for children enrolled in both our religious education and elementary school programs. Students are prepared in their regular class sessions. Parents are required to attend sessions to aid in their child's formation. One full year of regular religious instruction is required of children before entering preparation for this Sacrament. *Coordinator(s): Fr. Rick Stoffel*, 262-644-8083 x2106; *Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel*, 262-644-8083 x2205; *Paul Rogers*, 262-627-0636.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Confirmation is one of the seven Sacraments of our Catholic Faith; and, along with the Eucharist, completes the Sacraments of Initiation begun at Baptism. In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the Sacrament of Confirmation is given during the junior year of high school. Teens that are at least 16 years old or in 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to participate in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Our program includes the catechetical elements of Community, Worship, Service, and Discernment guiding young people in the knowledge of their faith as they choose to be Disciples of Christ. *Coordinator(s): Fr. Rick Stoffel*, 262-644-8083 x2106; *Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel*, 262-644-8083 x2205; *Eileen Belongea*, 262-644-8083 x2207.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact the parish early, in fact, as soon as a decision to marry is made; a minimum of 6-8 months prior to the anticipated date for the wedding is needed in order to provide ample time for preparations required for marriage in the Catholic Church by all dioceses in the State of Wisconsin. In order to be married at St. Peter's Parish, either the bride or groom must be a registered, active member of the parish. Weddings may also take place in instances where the bride or groom no longer live in the parish yet desire to be married here; in these cases, written permission from the pastor of their present parish is expected. The Catholic Compendium for Marriage Preparation (In Perfect Union) has several steps: (1) After assessment, including determination of canonical freedom to marry and discussion of the Theology of Marriage, comes the administration of the FOCCUS, a tool for helping a couple assess and deepen their relationship, with assistance by trained volunteer couples; Instruction, involving a couple's attendance at an Archdiocesan Marriage Prep Conference Day or Retreat and meeting with the pastor/deacon, and, finally; (2) Liturgical, involving planning the wedding ceremony. Planning aids are available from the pastor/deacon. *Coordinator(s): Fr. Rick Stoffel*, 262-644-8083 x2106; *Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel*, 262-644-8083 x2205; *Deacon Bob Derks*, 414-313-4267.

### **Holy Orders / Religious Life**

We encourage parishioners interested and called to serve God in the Church as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother. Please contact the priests or deacon personally, or the Vocations Office for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Fr. Luke Strand at 1-414-747-6437. You can also check out the following sites: [www.vocationoffice@sfs.edu](mailto:www.vocationoffice@sfs.edu) or [www.thinkpriest.org](http://www.thinkpriest.org).

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Pastoral care of the sick and dying is a very important part of our parish ministry. The Anointing of the Sick can be received by any member whose health is marked by serious illness, surgery or aging; it is best received during the early stages of illness, wrongful to delay until a person is dying. It can be repeated whenever a sick person falls again into serious illness or a more serious crisis develops during the same illness. Those anticipating hospitalization are encouraged to be anointed and receive Holy Communion (a good confession too, if needed) prior to admission. Please call the priests. *Coordinator(s): Fr. Rick Stoffel*, 262-644-8083 x2106; *Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel*, 262-644-8083 x2205.

### **Communion to the Homebound**

The Priests, Minister of Aging and a large number of extraordinary ministers visit and bring Holy Communion to homebound parish members on a regular basis. Any parishioner may also request delegation from the priests and bring Holy Communion home for a sick family member or neighbor on a short or long-term basis. A pyx for communion and a short prayer service format are supplied on request from the church narthex. *Coordinator(s): Fr. Rick Stoffel*, 262-644-8083 x2106; *Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel*, 262-644-8083 x2205; *Lisa Schmitt*, 262-644-8818.

### **Christian Funerals**

When a loved one dies, contact the funeral home of your choice. The funeral director will contact our priests in order to arrange for a Mass or Service of Christian Burial as well as share needed information; a time for funeral services (visitation/vigil, Mass/Service, and burial) will then first be set. The priest will then meet with the family to prepare services with them (reflection on the life of the deceased, selection of readings, hymns, and family participation).

St. Peter's has two (2) parish owned/operated cemeteries for the reverent committal of the bodily remains of our loved ones that our faith envisions. Old St. Peter Cemetery is immediately behind school-entrance driveway alongside Clare Hall and has burials dating from 1861. New St. Peter Cemetery is at 4170 Highway 175 (about 1 mile north of church, slightly outside present village boundaries). Its' beautiful and fully developed 4.15 acres will meet future needs well. The first burial in this cemetery was in 1985. There are two sections open with gravesites designated for inhumation; there is an in-ground section for infant burials and for committal of cremated remains; there is an above ground columbarium available for cremation inurnments. Parish members may purchase sites pre-need or at-need; cost information available from the pastor or the sexton. All charges include permanent care. Non-parishioners may purchase sites; additional non-parishioner surcharge applies. All gravesites are to be paid for in full before they may be used (unless otherwise specified by the pastor). A booklet detailing cemetery costs, standards, regulations, and privileges is available upon request from the priests, sexton or parish offices. *Fr. Richard Stoffel, 262-644-8083 x2106; Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel, 262-644-8083 x2205; Operation Manager: Paul Rogers, 262-644-8083 x2209; Sexton: Anton Wiesner, 262-644-8083 x2203.*

### **Pastoral Council**

The Pastoral Council plans and oversees the parish mission, sets direction for the parish, and develops policies to promote these through consultation. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Please direct any questions or concerns to the *Pastoral Council Chair: Cheryl Piefer-Wachtel, 262-644-0961.*

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Prayer and Worship Committee**

We organize and schedule volunteers for the various ministries which assist at each Mass. This includes the ministries listed below. This committee is also involved in the music provided for services and worship aides, as well as seasonal decoration of the church and special feasts of the liturgical year. We typically meet the first Tuesday of each month. *Coordinator: Andy Smith, 262-644-8083 x2210.*

### **Ministries**

#### **Lectors**

Assist with the readings before the gospel, offertory petitions and weekly announcements. The lector leads the procession in and out of church. There is one lector for each Mass. *Coordinator(s): Parish Secretary (Weekend), 262-644-8083 x2105; Ann Hayden (Weekday), 262-644-5072.*

#### **Distributors of Communion**

Assist Father with the distribution of Holy Communion under both species. Distributors are scheduled for each weekend Mass. *Coordinator: Parish Secretary, 262-644-8083 x2105.*

#### **Ministers of the Altar, Servers**

Being a Minister of the Altar is one of great honor. Students from 3rd through 12th grade, as well as adults, are invited to become Mass Servers. Serving our Lord is an honor and privilege by assisting Father at Mass. *Coordinator: Joel Schodron, 262-224-5402.*

### **Ushers**

Ushers seat parishioners, answer questions, assist parishioners who need help, take up the collection, cheerfully greet parishioners, and hand out the weekly bulletins. Ushers increase positive interaction at Mass and help keep our parish growing. Each weekend team has a captain who advises, contacts people if any problems arise and changes in an usher schedule. *Coordinator: Robert Manning, 262-297-1777.*

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

We have Eucharistic Adoration weekly on Thursdays in remembrance of the day Jesus instituted the Sacrament. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is from 8:30AM until closing at 7:00PM. Visit our Lord anytime during the day, stay as long as you like. Perfect opportunity to spend some quality quiet prayer time with someone who really loves you. *Coordinator: Martha Sheridan, 262-644-8909 or marthasheridan3@gmail.com.*

### **Music Ministry**

#### **Contemporary Combo**

This Contemporary Combo is made up of instrumentalists, and is a smaller, more tightly focused group, whose music is more contemporary, made for soloists or small groups. They most often lead the 10:30AM worship service. Practice weekly on Sunday.

#### **Sacred Choir**

The Sacred Choir sings once a weekend, and focuses on fairly traditional music. Practice weekly on Wednesday.

#### **SING!**

The SING group sings up to three times a month, including leading music at the Sunday Night Adoration service once a month, and 5PM service on Saturdays. This group focuses on more contemporary music, made for a large group or to lead the congregation in song. Finally, this group is flexible, in that it may join up with Sacred Choir for important masses, or with the Contemporary Combo on occasion at 10:30AM Mass. Practice is weekly on Wednesday.

#### **Children's Christmas Choir and Hand Bells**

Our St. Peter Parish children's choir and hand bells are open to children in grades 3 and up. We begin practicing in November for the annual Children's Christmas Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Information is sent home to parents of children enrolled in St. Peter Catholic School & Religious Education Program.

*Music Ministry Coordinator: Andy Smith 262-644-8083 x2210 or: andy.smith@stpeterslinger.org*

#### **The Messengers**

The "Messengers" are a group of actors who share their faith by performing skits/plays. They lend their talents to St. Peter groups and committees for informing our community of events. They also enjoy helping raise funds through ministry for Parish groups. Just ask! New members are encouraged and always welcome. *Contact: Mike Desmond 262-704-0328.*

#### **Christian Formation Committee**

The Christian Formation Committee works to serve the religious formation needs of the children, youth, and adults of St. Peter's Parish. We meet every first Tuesday of the month in Clare Hall. Our goal is to have parent, catechist, and adult representation from all levels of Christian Formation (K-Adult). *Coordinator(s): Paul Rogers, 262-627-0636; Eileen Belongea, 262-644-8083 x2207.*

## Little Flowers & Blue Knight

Catholic groups for boys and girls ages 5 to 17 years old. The goal of these groups is to teach virtues through biographies, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and is based on the spirituality of St. Therese, the Little Flower of Lisieux. The programs consist of four years of virtue study consisting of nine virtues each. The program is flexible enough to use with a variety of age groups and families can join into the group at any time or age. We meet the third Thursday of each month. Our time together includes Benediction, virtue/Saint discussion, crafts, Priest or Deacon speakers for the boys, gym time, and a book club for the teen girls. The season ends with a Mother/Daughter Tea Party and a Father/Son Picnic. *Contact: Rose Wagner, 262-644-8159; Amy Miller, 262-628-2893.*

## Friends & Frappes

Friends & Frappes is for high school teens interested in intentionally following Christ in their life – Intentional Discipleship. We meet every Thursday Morning in the Gathering Space before school, from 6:30AM-7:10AM. We discuss faith and life as it relates to the high school experience. *Coordinator(s): Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel, 262-644-8083 x2205; Eileen Belongea, 262-664-8083 x2207.*

## Ministries

### Adult Formation

The goal of this ministry is to plan and organize activities that enhance the knowledge and spiritual growth in our Faith for adult parishioners. Current on-going activities include:

- Monday Noon Adult Book Study (12Noon –1 PM)
- Thursday Morning (9-10AM) Opening the Word Scripture Study
- Thursday Night Bible/Faith Study Program (6:30-8PM) (six – eight week study programs)
- Sunday Morning Coffee & Catholic Answers (9-10AM).

*Coordinator: Eileen Belongea, 262-644-8083 x2207.*

### Friends of Faith Group

We invite you to join us to savor the sweetness-enjoy friendship, share encouraging and lively discussion as we read and share enduring faith-based materials, and have refreshments. We meet the second Monday of each month immediately following the 8:00AM Mass. *Coordinator(s): Pat Jeschke, 262-297-1062; Sr. Janet Heder, 262-388-3738.*

### Washington County Jail Bible Study

Bringing the Good News and Catholic life to those in jail. *Coordinator: Paul Rogers, 262-627-0636.*

### Tri-Parish Lenten Mission

This special Lenten activity is coordinated with our neighboring parishes of St. Lawrence and Resurrection. Parishes host this on a rotating basis. We look for speakers who will inspire us on our spiritual journey and lead us into a deeper understanding of our faith and a more engaging practice of faith in our community. *Coordinator(s): Paul Rogers, 262-627-0636; Wayne Sovinski (Resurrection), 262-208-8069; John Cleary (St. Lawrence), 262-224-0715.*

## Religious Education Program

A resource for parish families with children in public schools and families who are homeschooling offering classroom and experiential instruction in the Catholic faith to children beginning age 3 through 18. We collaborate with our parish school in sacramental

preparation and celebrations as well as other religious and social events to encourage parish unity and identity. *Coordinator(s): Paul Rogers, 262-627-0636; Eileen Belongea, 262-644-8083 x2207; Kim Slizewski, 262-644-8083 x2211.*

### Preschool through 5th grade “Sunday School”:

Sunday mornings..... 9:00AM-10:00AM

### 6th through 8th grade:

Wednesday evenings.....7:00PM-8:30PM

### 9th through 11th grade:

Monday evenings.....7:00PM-8:30PM

### Family Program (6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday .....9:00AM-10:15AM

### Summer School Programs Available for Middle & High School

## Human Concerns Committee

In order to address the needs of others on the local, national and global scene, St. Peter’s Parish Human Concerns Committee uses: Justice Education, Direct Service, Advocacy and Empowerment. The following are a few ways this is carried out: Harvest House meal program in West Bend; coordinating and collecting for the food pantry, school supplies and baby showers for the poor; Operation Rice Bowl during Lent, & Catholic Charities; identifying worthy charities for support; and direction and support for the Health Care Ministry. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. *Coordinator: Ron Awe, 262-670-0465.*

### Minister of Aging – (Ministry to the Homebound)

This ministry provides God’s love and comfort to those who can no longer attend masses. We offer Holy Communion and Prayer to those at home, nursing homes, rehab or the hospital. We welcome any volunteers who would enjoy sharing their faith and time with our aging or sick. If you know someone who could benefit or would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry contact: *Lisa Schmitt, 262-644-8818.*

### Prayer Line

St. Peter’s Parish Prayer Line accepts requests for prayers needed by families during times of emergency or illness. Individuals are always encouraged to become members of the prayer line and pray for the needs of others. No meetings. Members are contacted by phone as requests for prayer occur. *Coordinator(s): Irene Wolf, 262-644-8082; Ann Hayden, 262-644-5072.*

### Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are handmade by volunteers and given to people in need of healing and comfort along with a card of healing and prayers from the Parish. *Coordinator: Lisa Schmitt, 262-644-8818.*

### Grief Support Ministry

The grief journey is a life experience that no one escapes. Each person’s lost is unique to that person. People seek emotional support for various reasons during their lives. An individual may be grieving the loss of a loved one, having difficult marital or family problems, grieving the loss of a relationship, separation or divorce. We provide individuals in our parish community with a person experienced in Grief Support. (Confidential/Appointment only). For more information contact: *Grief Support Minister: Cheryl Touchett, 262-377-7282; Minister of Aging: Lisa Schmitt, 262-644-8818.*

## **Bereavement Committee**

The Bereavement Committee attends visitation and assists at funeral Masses and Memorial Services of St. Peter Parish members to extend support to the family and to offer prayers of consolation. Bereavement gatherings are hosted by the group throughout the year for all coping with loss. *Coordinator(s): Lisa Schmitt, 262-644-8818; Ann Hayden, 262-644-5072; Martha Sheridan, 262-644-8909.*

## **Rita's Table**

Rita's Table is a community outreach mission serving a meal at no cost for those seeking fellowship, comfort and support. All are welcome. *Contact: Jennifer Schultz, 262-353-1227; Lisa Schmitt, 262-644-8818.*

## **Stewardship Committee**

The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to educate parishioners about the vitality of our parish. We promote the active participation of parish members through sharing their time, talent and treasure with others. We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month from August through May. New members always welcome. *Coordinator: Greg Holmes, 262-338-3527.*

## **Informational Technology**

This committee monitors technological items within the parish. The IT Committee will address technology concerns and issues with website, email, network, hardware, software, etc. The budgetary process will be taken into consideration with input from the committees of the parish for technological needs from their committees. *Contact Jon Fehring at [jon.fehring@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:jon.fehring@stpeterslinger.org) for more information.*

## **Parish Finance Council**

Our committee assists the Pastoral Council and Trustee's in making financial recommendations for the Parish. We prepare the annual budget, review expenses, monitor financial condition, help determine salaries and benefits for the parish staff and employees, and promote stewardship in cooperation with the Stewardship Committee. We meet the third Tuesday of each month. *Coordinator: Rick Gundrum, 262-689-2509.*

## **Buildings and Grounds**

This commission monitors the physical condition of parish property, its maintenance and upkeep, identifies and articulates the future facility needs of the parish and makes recommendations to the Finance Council. We meet the first Thursday of each month. *Coordinator: Ken Leeson, 262-644-8825.*

## **Endowment Board**

The Endowment Board consists of seven members that oversee the day to day activities of the St. Peter Congregation Endowment Fund. The board provides advice to the Parish Directors as to how contributions to the fund are received and managed. *Contact our priests for more information.*

## **Cemetery Board**

We properly maintain the cemeteries in a manner that provides dignity, serenity, and abiding beauty, so that those who visit may have the peace and comfort that they are entitled to. In order to accomplish these goals, the Cemetery Board provides and maintains rules and regulations. All questions and inquiries should be directed to our Sexton: *Anton Wiesner, 262-644-8083x2203; Robert Manning, 262-297-1777; Maurice Strupp, 262-644-5038; William Hamm, 262-644-5530.*

## **Activities**

### **Money Counters**

Eight teams, consisting of three persons each, who volunteer their time to count weekly envelopes and offertory collections. No formal meetings. *Contact: Rita Kuhaupt 262-644-8083 x2208.*

## **Adult Organizations**

### **Christian Women**

The St. Peter's Christian Women promote the formation of truly Christian families. We support many areas within our parish community including our School, Religious Education Program, the various music programs, and make purchases for the Church Sanctuary.

We hold an annual bakery/cookie sale, sometimes including a raffle, to raise funds for the various programs we help to support.

We invite **all** women of the parish to join and attend our two breakfast meetings per year (held after 7:30AM Mass usually in March and October). *Coordinator(s): Maureen Christman, 262-644-7432; Joann Schodron, 262-644-5400.*

### **Knights of Columbus - Council 12588**

The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to strengthening family life in accordance with the social teaching of the Church and, guided by our principles of CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY and PATRIOTISM, to serving as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ through charitable programs and activities. Last year the families of our council gave over 2,000 volunteer hours and thousands of dollars to a wide range of programs, activities, and charities, in the Washington County area. Some are Pro-Life, Special Olympics, Functional Life Skills, John Bosco, Food Pantry, Pregnancy Help Centers, Blood Drives, and Needy Families. Member meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. *Grand Knight: Terry Krall, 262-644-6422.*

### **Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary seeks to promote all aspects of the Catholic Faith and bring all souls into a deeper relationship to Jesus through Mary. The group organizes regular recitation and promotion of the rosary. Meetings are every Tuesday at 6:00PM in St. Clare Hall. *Coordinator: Ann Hayden, 262-644-5072.*

### **Sewing Group**

The St. Peter Sewing Group was formed to provide diapers and other sanitary items to those in need. Items we sew are sent to various groups and missions as they travel the world. Even if you don't sew, we still welcome you! There are other ways to help. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. *Coordinator: Heidi Duerst, 262-353-2952.*

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **Ex Officio Members:**

Fr. Richard Stoffel  
Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel  
David Grant, Trustee-Treasurer  
Sherry Schaefer, Trustee – Secretary

### **Elected At Large Members:**

Cheryl Wachtel, Chair (2015/2018)  
Dan Kern, Vice Chair (2018)  
Brian Dhein, Secretary (2018)  
Joel Schodron (2018/2019)  
Tom Gaguer (2019)

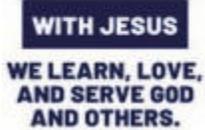
### **Staff Representatives:**

Cheryl Jaeger, Paul Rogers, Eileen Belongea



## ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

(Grades 3K – 5<sup>th</sup>) - 262-644-8083



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**SECRETARY:** Yvonne Stucke x3105  
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**CHILDCARE:** daycare@stpeterslinger.org

*“Not all of us can do great times. But we can do small things with great love.” - Mother Teresa*

### School Vision Statement

St. Peter Catholic School, as part of the St. Peter Parish and the Tri-Parish Community, including Resurrection and St. Lawrence Parish, is called to provide a quality academic education for lifelong learning rooted in the Catholic tradition and values as proclaimed by the Gospel.

### Educational Goals

The staff and students of St. Peter Catholic School will develop:

- a positive sense of self-physically, socially and emotionally.
- a life-long love of learning.
- a personal relationship with God through individual and community faith experiences.
- a positive, safe, secure/developmentally sound environment.
- a willingness to serve others by showing concern and care for all of creation.

### Education Philosophy

The staff and students of St. Peter Catholic School will:

- provide a Christian environment
- enhance educational opportunities
- empower students to become responsible, life-long learners

### Home and School Association

Home and School Association provides an opportunity for school parents to meet, to obtain information of interest and to exchange ideas. It is a way to keep parents informed and to plan for the school year's social and fundraising activities (These fundraisers help support the school and provide for additional needed items). There are five meetings during the school year (September, November, January, March, and May). *President: Abby Kern, 715-889-4281.*

### School Advisory Committee

The committee assists the principal with setting policies for the school and students, help plan for future goals of the school, and assure guidance to St. Peter Catholic School students and staff in a Christian environment. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month excluding July and August. *Chairman: Dennis Wolf, 262-644-0448.*

### Scouting Program

#### Cub Scouts of America Pack 3739

Boys from age 6 to 10 years old are invited to join our Pack. We have a family-oriented pack activity or meeting every month from September through May. Come help your son follow the Cub Scout motto, “Do Your Best”. *Cub Master: Andrew Blankenburg, 262-224-3523.*

### Girl Scouts

Highlights include annual cookie sale and winter weekend. Girls work together on crafts, service projects and go on various outings. Meeting time vary by level. *Troop Leader: Heidi Duerst, 262-353-2952.*

## Extra Ways to Support Your Parish and School

### SCRIP

SCRIP is a program used to raise funds for the school and parish by purchasing gift certificates to earn rebates for school tuition assistance, Tri - Parish (St. Peter, Resurrection and St. Lawrence), school tuition or check. *Coordinator(s): Jenny Zuern, 262-224-0653; Yvonne Stucke (Office), 262-644-8083 x3105.*

### Box Tops for Education

Save the “Box Tops for Education” labels that are found on many non-perishable and food items. Remove the label and place them in the wooden box at church or in school container on first floor. *Coordinator(s): Emily Gorecki, 414-975-5383; Yvonne Stucke (Office), 262-644-8083 x3105.*

### Aluminum Cans

Save your aluminum cans that can be turn into cash for our parish and school. Please keep the aluminum cans in a plastic bag. The cans can be placed in our can collection fence area behind the school building. *Contact: Jason Miller, 262-483-3991.*

### Target Credit Card

If you own a Target credit card you can support our parish school with your purchases. You can register online: [target.com/+coe](http://target.com/+coe) or call 1-800-316-6142.

### Amazon Smile Program - [www.AmazonSmile.com](http://www.AmazonSmile.com)

Place an order on Amazon by using the Amazon Smile Program. Please choose St. Peter Congregation for the group for the credit for our school.

### Thrivent Choice

St. Peter Catholic Church has been enrolled as a participating organization in Thrivent Choice. Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds. If you are an eligible Thrivent member, please direct your Choice Dollars to St. Peter Catholic Church, Slinger, WI. For more information, please visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted. *Agent: Ryan Becker 262-370-5196.*

### Catholic Financial Life

Education is a central value of Catholic Financial Life. In support of that value we offer our members a series of educational benefits. We also support spiritual growth and development of our members through faith-based benefits. Additional benefits are available to our members. Contact your local Advisor to learn more about Catholic Financial Life and all our member benefits. Visit [catholicfinanciallife.org](http://catholicfinanciallife.org) for more information or contact *Advisor: Joel Schodron (Parish Member) 414-278-6624 or 262-224-5402.*

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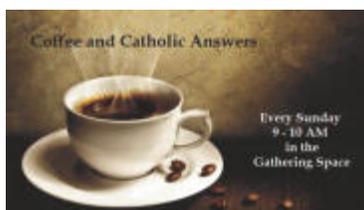
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# WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER



### **COFFEE AND CATHOLIC ANSWERS**

Whether you have questions about the Catholic faith or just want to grow in your faith, come join our lively group discussions as topics are discussed from the heart of the Catholic Tradition. Watch the bulletin for weekly topics or submit your own topic for discussion.

### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS— THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the **Christmas Poster contest for grades 1 through 6** again this year. The theme is *Keep Christ in Christmas - The True Meaning of Christmas*. Every year we receive more and more posters to judge; let's keep this trend going. Posters can be dropped off at SPCS or the Parish Office **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 17TH**. Posters can not be larger than 10 X 17 and will be judged by theme. Contact Ron Awe at 262-670-0465 with any questions. **GOOD LUCK!**



### **SANTA'S HELPERS NEEDED**

We once again would like to extend a Christmas wish to those that are homebound in our parish. We are asking for monetary donations to meet the special needs of our Homebound with a gift of love from the parish. Please put your donation into the offertory basket with "HOMBOUNDED" written on the envelope or drop off/mail to parish office. Questions contact Lisa Schmitt, Minister of Aging at 262-644-8818. Deadline December 5th. **THANK YOU!!!!**