



## A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION OF

## ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH SUMMER, 2021

### *From the Desk of Father Rick Stoffel*

Dear Parishioners,

I'm writing just to stay in touch and connected during this blessed great Easter season of 50 days! I was overjoyed to be able to share the Lord's Holy Resurrection with so many of you, more in-person coming to Mass and many remaining faithful as "virtual church" through social media live-streaming and weekly Sunday radio Mass on Hartford Radio WTKM @ 7AM, sponsored by Romie's BP in Allenton, the Knights of Columbus Councils in Allenton, Slinger, Hartford, & St. Lawrence as well as our cluster parishes. While it's been well over a year since we were initially affected by the upheaval of the corona-virus pandemic and some concerns as well restrictions remain, we are getting through this together with determination touched by hope and optimism. Some things signifying a return to some normalcy worth sharing:

The Archdiocesan Matrix guiding our Catholic Comeback has made some recent and significant changes: choirs will again be allowed, hymnals and worship aids permitted, individuals may take Holy Communion to family members with an appropriate pyx, altar servers may return, the gifts may be brought up again during Mass, etc. Although at this writing we remain a bit limited as to church capacity due to expected/recommended social distancing, we are promised a review of Archdiocesan matrix guidelines after Memorial Day weekend, so we hope that participation in vaccinations that lead to "herd immunity" will allow the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and us to more fully open up to all who hunger and thirst to get back to Mass "in-person" because, after all, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion each Sunday is the heart of what we do and why we so celebrate the Gift of Sunday, our little weekly reminder of the power of Easter for our living day in and day out! More to come ...

We've been able to return to a form of procession forward to receive the Eucharistic Presence of Christ at Holy Communion. My thanks to Fr. Jonathon in particular and our Prayer/Worship Committee for designing what we now do in such a way that everyone is able to enjoy peace of mind and maintain social distancing.

Our extremely well-prepared Drive-Up meals (Fish Fries & Chicken Dinners) have been popular, well-received and successful in place of traditional fundraisers – thank you for your support of these tasty efforts!

We continue to make significant facility improvements to enhance our ministries: we will be in the near future be upgrading school lighting circuits/fixtures, installing new sets of playground equipment within re-landscaped space, replace the failing blower and make some repairs to our historic, lovely church organ (made right here in Slinger at then Schaefer Organ Company), and make further improvements to Clare Hall (new water softener) and the rectory (replacing worn flooring and doing some interior repainting).

We are working more closely and intentionally together with our cluster parishes in the area of religious formation for our children and youth as disciples of Jesus: beginning **this fall** our three parishes will have a common curriculum, common fees and a beginning of shared leadership to ensure lively as well as engagingly Catholic experiences for participating families in each parish. A special summer religious formation experience called "Totus Tuus" through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will signal the nature of our increasingly dynamic, energetic programming.

I **thank you** for your generous church support that makes this all possible. We're keeping up with bills, salaries, operating costs. Your faithful giving makes us both fiscally stable as well as allowing us to be a progressive parish! Know that you're in my prayers; I look forward to seeing more and more of us back in church again; my prayer would be that eventually no one would be missing from Sunday Mass, every week as full as Easter or Christmas; wouldn't that be something lovely not only to dream but be part of!

Most Appreciatively Yours, *Very Rev. Richard J. Stoffel, Shared Pastor*

## From The Desk Father Jonathon Schmeckel

In a recent homily, I said that **prayer** is the most important way that we “abide with Jesus” and spend time with Jesus between the Sundays when we receive Him in the Eucharist at Mass. I proposed what’s called the **daily Examen** as one way to speak to Jesus at the end of every day for 10-15 minutes. In this little article I’d like to flesh out in more detail how to do this. Essentially the Examen is a precious way to spend the last few minutes of our days reflecting on the times and places when God was with us, or where we felt that we had drifted further away from Him.

There are five basic “steps” to praying the Examen:

First, **ask God to help you see** things in your day as they really were. To ask God to show you the moments where He was with you or when you were far away from Him.

Second, **thank God for the good things** of the day. These good things could be big or small. It might be: a nice dessert at dinner, positive medical results, a good conversation with a friend, a test going well, or something working out at work. Thank God for *all* of the things big and small that happened throughout the day.

Third, **review your day**. Think back and recall as much of your day as possible. Good decisions, bad decisions, mistakes, surprises, unexpected blessings. Ask God to show you where He was in the midst of all of these things. This might lead you to thank God for even more things that you hadn’t realized.

Fourth, **recognize your faults**. As you review your day, also consider the times when you did not love God or the people in your life. Perhaps, you were short tempered with your spouse, or impatient at work, or swore, or committed a serious mortal sin of some variety. After thinking of these things, ask God for his forgiveness and mercy. If you have committed a serious sin, make a decision to go to Confession as soon as possible.

Finally, **prepare for the next day**. Tell God all of the difficulties, joys, and hopes that you have for the next day. Tests, difficult assignments, or doctor’s appointments. Tell God about all of these things and ask for His help and assistance.

If we do this every night, our conversation with Jesus will become easier and easier. Talking to Jesus will be just as good and sweet as talking to a good friend! If you begin to pray in this way, I’d love to hear how it goes for you and would love to chat about it – if it goes well or badly. Let me know!



On an unrelated note, every Thursday during the summer we will have **fiery Thursdays**. Every Thursday night from 7:30 – 9PM there will be a bonfire in the Clare Hall parking lot. It’s an easy way to help build community and meet other parishioners. This is for all ages and families – young and old, single, families, everybody! Fire, music, & s’mores are provided, but you should bring a chair, food, drinks, and your friends, neighbors and families! Night Prayer (which lasts 5 minutes) at 9PM.

### Rita’s Table

#### Monthly Meal Delivery Program

**What it is:** A dinner (1 meal for each family member) delivered at no cost to you. Meals are made at St. Peter Catholic Church in Slinger and delivered to your home between 4:30-5PM or you can do carry-out.

**Sign up is required ..call or text Jennifer at 262-353-1227**

**For more information call Jennifer (number above) or Lisa at 262-644-8818**

**-Days & times are in the bulletin and on the parish calendar-**



Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish online by using your debit, credit card, checking, or savings accounts. To sign-up simply go to [www.stpeterslinger.org](http://www.stpeterslinger.org), click on the small blue button to the right “Donate Now”. It will take you to the we-share program website. Select the collection of your choice and set up your donation or payment.

**That’s it.....Thank you!!**

# St. Peter Catholic School Accepting Registration for 3K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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Call for a tour today!  
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[cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org)



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



## Mercy Mats Project



Every Wednesday from 10AM - Noon at  
St Peter Church Hall  
Everyone can help with this Tri-Parish  
Service Project; whether you are 4 or 104  
years old, there is a task for you.

1. Collect and flatten clean plastic bags
2. Cut the bags into strips creating loops
3. Tie the loops into long strings creating plastic yarn "plarn"
4. Crochet the plarn into a 3' X 6' sleeping mat
5. Deliver the Mats to a homeless shelter

Join us on Wednesdays to learn the process, stay and enjoy fellowship while you work or take it home and return it when completed. Mercy Mats provide a cushioned barrier from the cold, wet ground and from the bugs - bugs don't like plastic - allowing blankets and sleeping bags to stay clean and dry. AND it keeps plastic bags out of the landfills and oceans. Thank you for your support of this Merciful Service Project.



## Journey Through Scripture: Genesis to Jesus

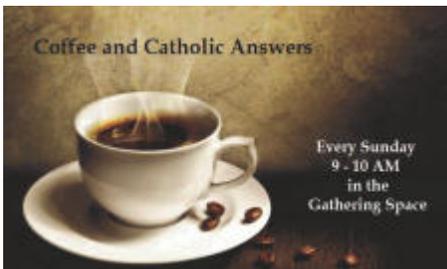
A Beginner's Bible Study course  
Written by  
Dr. Scott Hahn & the St. Paul Center  
for Biblical Theology

Make sense of the Old Testament!

... Examine major themes and covenants of the Old Testament and how they are fulfilled in the New.

... Learn what covenants are and how they affect you.

Thursdays, July 29 - Sept 9  
6:30PM | Church Hall | Cost: \$10  
Watch the Bulletin for more details



## Coffee and Catholic Answers

A special thanks to all of those who lead the engaging conversations this past year for Coffee and Catholic Answers. We will return September 12, 2021.

As we prepare for fall, let us know if you have anything special you'd like to learn about or discuss. Contact the Formation Office with your ideas.



### Registration for Faith Formation for 2021-2022 *Program options include:*

- **Sunday School:** PreK-5th Grade
- **Family Program:** 6th-11th Grade youth and parent(s) meet at same time as Sunday School
- **Middle School:** Wednesday nights
- **High School:** Monday nights
- **Summer Program:** 6th - 11th Grade meet last two weeks of August

Register by June 1st and save \$50 or register by August 1 and save \$25. Contact the Formation Office for more details and registration forms. 262-644-8083 x2211 or RESecretary@stpeterslinger.org.



## DYNAMIC SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES!

Please pray for our youth as they engage in the following activities this summer:

- Totus Tuus
- Middle School Mission Camp
- High School Spiritual Adventure



**St. Peter Blood Drive**  
**Tuesdays from 1-6PM**  
**Church Hall**  
**June 22, August 24,**  
**October 19 & December 28**

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

Contact Lisa Schmitt at [lisa.schmitt@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:lisa.schmitt@stpeterslinger.org)  
 Or 262-644-8818

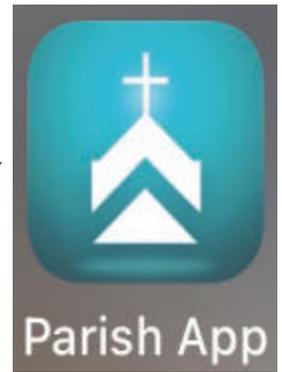


## Remembering Our Homebound Members

In this time of sheltered life, please remember our **homebound**. If you know anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would enjoy a visit, share in prayer and receive holy communion contact Lisa at the above email or number. We can also call and/or send cards if getting together is a worry.

## Did you know St Peter Parish has a Parish App?

St. Peter Parish has a Parish App for your smartphone. The app will allow you to have basic parish information at your fingertips and allow you to easily link to our website. The App will also allow you to receive 'push notifications' for various groups and happenings within St. Peter.



Visit <https://www.stpeterslinger.org/app-info> for more information on what you can do in the app and download instructions.

### NEWS FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus—Council 12588 is 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.



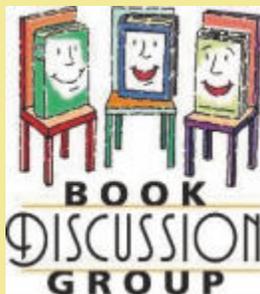
We serve as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ through our charitable programs and activities. Many hours of volunteering and dollars are given to support these organizations... Pro Life, Special Olympics, Food Pantry, Helping Hands, Rita's Table and Needy Families just to name a few. We are asking you to join our wonderful men's team here at St Peter's parish.

Capuchin food drive will be held August 21/22 and 28/29 at all the churches, please join the Knights and each parish in supporting this event.

Helping Hands program is looking for people who are in need of assistance. Don't be afraid to ask your Brother Knights for Help.

**Our Human Concerns committee** has been very active this past year and would like you to be part of our helping hands of our church. Come and join us in the future. See you in September when we start again.

### Monday Noon Book Group



Join us on Mondays at Noon in Church Hall room 130 as we discuss various books related to our Catholic Faith. Watch the bulletin to find out what our next book will be.

### GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

The grief journey is a life experience that no one escapes. Each person's loss 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.

At times, grief support resources are scarce. St. Peter's is able to provide individuals in our parish community with a person experienced in Grief Support. Cheryl Touchett who is a retired marriage and family therapist with 17 years experience working with people who are going through difficult times is here to help. To learn more, please contact Cheryl, Grief Support Minister at 262-377-7282, Cheryl touchett@gmail.com or Lisa Schmitt, Minister of Aging at 262-644-8083 or [lisa.schmitt@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:lisa.schmitt@stpeterslinger.org).

### IS MONEY TIGHT? GetAQuestCard.org

What is FoodShare and the Quest Card? FoodShare benefits help buy nutritious food by depositing money on a QUEST card (a debit like card) once per month.

Applying is fast, easy and confidential! Call the toll-free FoodShare Helpline 1-877-366-3635 with any questions or to set up a confidential appointment.

You may qualify if your household's gross monthly income is less than...1 person/\$2,128, 2/\$2,874, 3/\$3,620, 4/\$4,368, each additional member add \$748.

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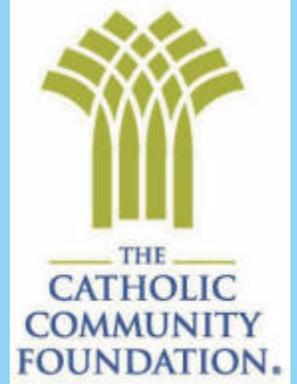
***The Catholic Community Foundation** works with individuals and families who want to make a lasting gift to support causes they care about on an annual basis. We also help parishes, schools and Catholic organizations manage their endowment fund assets.*

*We're celebrating our 20th anniversary by giving your parish the opportunity to win one of five special \$20,000 awards!*

*Submit an idea to your parish for something outside your normal budget or current programs.  
What's on your parish "wish list"?*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/School \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to grant this wish: \_\_\_\_\_



*You can return this form by dropping into the offertory basket at Church or mail to the Parish Office:  
St. Peter Catholic Church 208 E. Washington St., Slinger, WI 53086*