

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

Welcome to the
Catholic Parishes of
St. Peter & St. Casimir

Parish Office
715-344-6115 at
800 Fourth Ave.
Stevens Point

Website:

stpeter.us

Facebook:

Saint Peter Catholic Church

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 8:00am Tues-Fri

4:00pm Saturday @ St. Peter

7:30am Sunday @ St. Peter

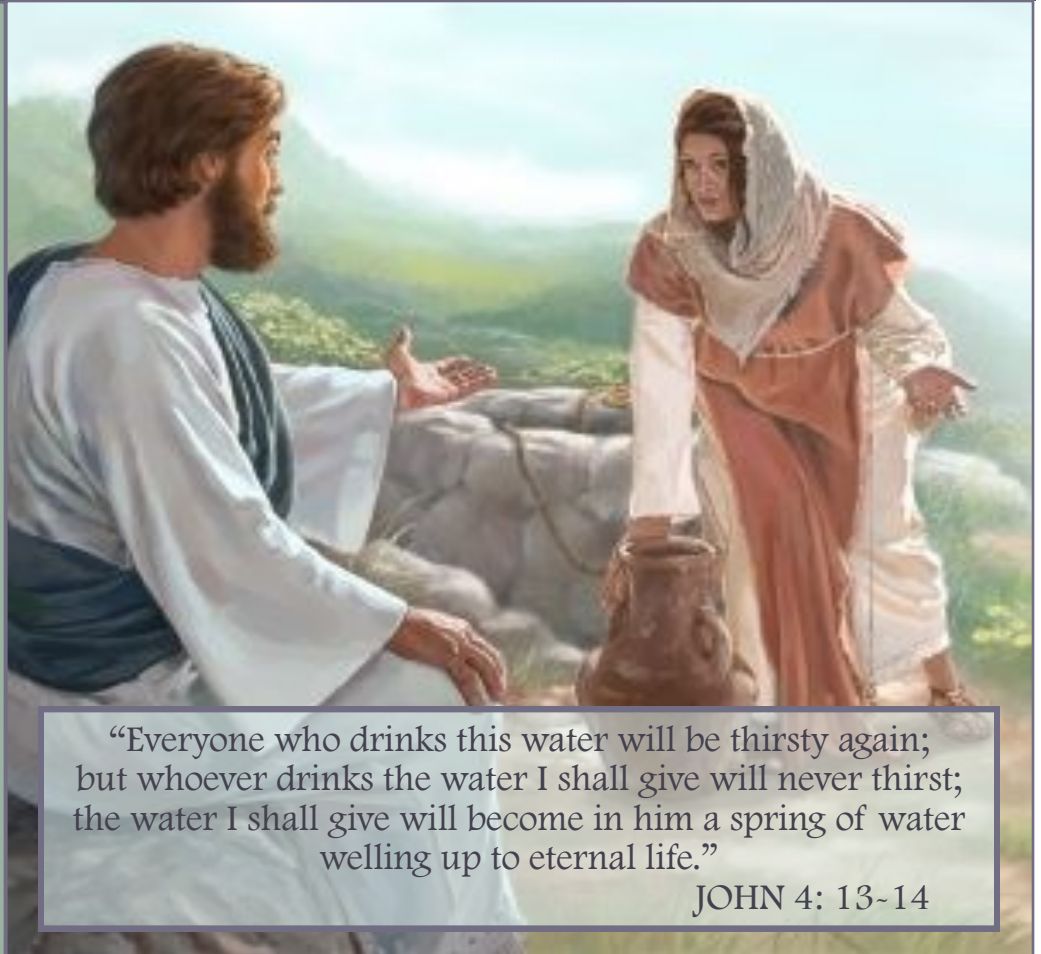
@ St. Casimir 9:00 am Sunday

10:30am Sunday @ St. Peter

MONDAY MASS ROTATION:

St. Joseph Parish at 8:00 am

January-March



“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4: 13-14

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Reconciliation: Tuesday-Friday @ 7:15 - 7:45am
Saturday @ 3:00 - 3:45pm

Baptism: New parents are required to take part in a preparation program, if possible, before the child's birth. Please contact the Parish Office (715-344-6115) for more registration information.

Marriage: Couples requesting the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor at the time of Formal engagement or at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding. It is required that you participate in a two-fold marriage preparation program. Please call the Parish Office (715-344-6115) to schedule a meeting with the Pastor.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick, ill for an extended period of time or are about to undergo surgery may receive Anointing & Holy Communion. Call the Parish Office (715-344-6115) to make the necessary arrangements.

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

MON-THURSDAY: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Friday 8:30 - 11:30am

LIVE-STREAMED MASS:

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Website: stpeter.us

Facebook:

‘Saint Peter Catholic Church’

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays from 8:30am -8:00am on Thursday

1st FRIDAY of the month

Adoration from 8:30am until 5:00pm.

Date: March 18/19th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Gary Glodoski	Kay King Steve King	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Deacon Ray Kay King Gary Glodoski	Barbara Butkus
7:30 am	Rick Zupan	Mike Katzmark Fred Vieth	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Deacon Ray Jim Gies Yvonne Gies	Kristine Firminhac
10:30am	Cindy Heitzinger	Dick Glinski Mary Kitowski	Mathias Gebeau Chase Baron Aiden Peeters	Deacon Ray Cheryl Kehl Cindy Heitzinger	Danielle Baron

St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

March 5th, 2023:
 Envelopes & Offertory: **\$ 12,092.31**
 Year to Date: **\$ 290,084.23**
 ACH: **\$ 1,000.00**

Lord, make me an instrument
 of thy peace. Where there is
 hatred, let me sow love.

Francis of Assisi

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715-204-9663

Holy Name Society

Ben Gebeau 715-340-1172

Sacrament of Confession God's fountain of mercy

During the weekday homily on July 7, 2017, Pope Francis spoke about the love and mercy of God, the Father in these words: "Give me your sins, your weaknesses, I will heal you and you will go forward". During the Lenten Season, we are expected to prepare our heart by cleansing ourselves of our sins through the Sacrament of Confession. Hence, I am glad to share the salient points of the Sacrament of confession.

Jesus instructs through the story of the prodigal son, how much His heavenly Father loves us (cf. LK 15:11-32). The younger son, in the story, realizes within himself the loss of his father's love and longs for his home: "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger!" (LK 15:17). This story ends highlighting the truth that when we go to our God and Father with a contrite and humble heart, He is ready to offer us his forgiveness, no matter how serious our sins may have been. The following action of the Father bears testimony to the forgiving nature of Our Heavenly Father: "But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and embrace him and kissed him" (LK 15:20).

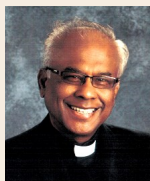
The love of our Heavenly Father is such that the moment we are repentant and go to ask for his forgiveness, He is pleased to accept us with the gentle and serene voice: "I absolve you from your sins". Hence, it does not make any sense to postpone or to remain unwilling to go and ask for His forgiveness. Let us, during this Lenten Season, respond to the urge of the Holy Spirit to purify our heart and soul, which is the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

In order that we may be forgiven, what is required on our part is the perfect contrition. Contrition is the sorrow we experience for the sins, we have committed. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that perfect contrition arises from a sincere love for God and it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to Sacramental Confession as soon as possible (cf. CCC no.1452).

On any occasion, when we don't have the possibility to go for confession, Pope Francis exhorts like this: "If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He is your Father. Tell Him the truth... Ask for His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition and promise Him, afterwards you will go to confession (Pope Francis, Homily, March 20, 2020).

May this Lenten Season transform our life. Let us prepare to celebrate worthily, the Easter and have a share in the glory of Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless you
Fr. Arul Joseph V.



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, March 13: Mass at St. Joseph's @ 8am

TUESDAY, March 14

8:00 am † Philip Gollon
† David J. & Mary Ann Hoffman & Deceased Family

WEDNESDAY, March 15

8:00 am † Emil & Marion Bemowski
† Vic Schultz

THURSDAY, March 16

8:00 am † Grace Pliska
† Roxanne Kizewski

FRIDAY, March 17

8:00 am † Zachary & Joshua Deyo
Special Intention: In Thanksgiving for the blessings received from God by Helen & Steve Bogaczyk

SATURDAY, March 18

4:00 PM † Robert & Dorothy Meyer
† Ronald & Stephen Nissen & Michelle Firkus

SUNDAY, March 19

7:30 am † Barbara & Joseph Stachowiak
† Dave Katzmark

10:30 am † Charlotte & Raymond Gollon & Gary Vollert
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes



Eucharistic Adoration

St. Peter's is blessed to have
24-hour Eucharistic
Adoration each
Wednesday
following 8 am Mass until
Thursday before the 8 am
Mass.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy is
prayed
at 3:00 pm on each
Wednesday.

Ours were the sufferings He bore; Ours the torments He endured.

Being in the Presence of Our Lord is the perfect way
to meditate on the sufferings he endured for our sins.
Visit with Him in Eucharistic Adoration.



We welcome new members who have recently joined our St. Peter Parish Family! We are thrilled that your faith journey has led you here. May the Holy Spirit inspire you to involve yourself & make connections with fellow parishioners. We are very happy you are part of our family of faith.

*Florence Palmer
Sheree and Jared Nagel & Family
Kari and Andrew Hoff & Family
Peter Werner
Adam & Sarah Hinker & Family
Mandy Mathews*

A Minute with Jesus

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

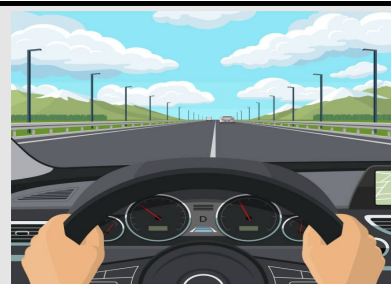
We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our “yes—I choose to believe”) involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in **asking Jesus for deeper understanding regarding his true Presence in the Eucharist.**



Let's pray this right now & every day this week: Lord Jesus, “I believe; please help my unbelief.”

This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in **Mark 9:20-27.**

Fr. Todd is in need of more long-distance drivers. This would involve one hour or further from Stevens Point. Could take the whole day.



If you can help, please call Fr. Todd at (715) 252-8157 or email at: tmsna@diolclergy.org. Thanks for your help!



**Become informed BEFORE you vote!
Your vote MATTERS!**

HOLY WEEK, ABORTION & the WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT RACE

The PBS Wisconsin headline on Feb. 22 got right to the point: “National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race.” It was referring to the election that will take place on Tuesday, April 4. It is ironic that this debate—about whether WI law should continue to protect the lives of the unborn children, as it currently does—will culminate in a State Supreme Court Election that falls between the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25), when Jesus became Incarnate in the womb of Mary, and Good Friday (April 7), when he was put to death on the Cross.

Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. Our challenge is to inform ourselves. And then, as we cast our vote on April 4—Tuesday of Holy Week—let us cherish the fact that Jesus Himself took on flesh as a tiny, vulnerable child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross on Calvary, He might rescue us from darkness and sin.



Our Pancake Breakfast and Basket Raffle is right around the corner!

If you wish to donate a basket, it should be dropped off at the Parish Office by **THURSDAY, MARCH 16th.**

Also, please contact Sandy Kuklinski that you are donating and delivering it to the office so that Sandy can do a detailed write-up for displaying with your donation at the Raffle table. Sandy: 715-341-1069

THANK YOU



Please join us the weekend of March 18/19th to hear Fr. Gary Norman speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin American and the Caribbean.

Fr. Norman will share personal witness about FOOD for the POOR's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Fr. Norman was ordained in 1994 for the Diocese of Yakima. He has also served in the Pacific NW & Alaska.

Fr. Gary is a retired priest and preaches full time for Food for the Poor.

With open hearts, let us welcome Fr. Gary!!

LENTEN Confession Times



At Franciscans Downtown:

With Fr. Placid Stroik OFM

Tuesday, March 14, 2023—2:00-3:00pm

Tuesday, March 21, 2023—2:00-3:00pm

At Holy Spirit Church: St. Peter Parish combines with Holy Spirit Parish for a Lenten Communal Penance Service held Thurs., March 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Individual confessions are heard by a number of priests from the area after a Lenten Reflection and Examination of Conscience.

St. Joseph Parish:

Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 PM

St. Mary's TORUN:

Thursday, March 30th at 6:00-7:00 PM

St. Bronislava Parish: Tues., March 28th@ 6:30 PM



Have You Drifted Away from the Church??

Are you angry with the Church or God? Please give us a chance to listen to and address your concerns.

Join us for our informal weekly sessions beginning Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 PM @ St. Joseph Parish Conference Rm. The 6 week series is sponsored by St. Joseph and St. Stephen's Parishes. The meetings are facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics who may share many of your feelings.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, call; Sally Mews: 715-254-0935 or email at:

ssmews@msn.com

"Lord, help me to remember
I am doing Your work."



Decree from the Bishop of La Crosse

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of La Crosse as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in La Crosse this first day of March in the Year of Our Lord 2023.

~The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan

Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

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Saint Casimir Parish Support 03/05/2023



Adult Envelopes: \$1876

Offertory: \$89

Happy Birthday:

Magdalen Burant (Mar. 12)

Timothy Engle (Mar. 12)

Elroy Ziolkowski (Mar. 13)

Genevieve Bialas (Mar. 14)

Gerald Losinski (Mar. 16)

Bonnie Ziolkowski (Mar. 17)



Saint Casimir continues to search for a custodian to do general maintenance/upkeep of the parish and grounds.



Please contact Father Joseph Arul at 715-344-6115 if inter-



Stations of the Cross

Stations will be said every Sunday during Lent starting at 8:30am. Please join us in this Lenten Tradition as we journey through this time of reflection and preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Thank You!

It is with a grateful heart that we thank Phillip Janowski for donating his time and materials to install new light fixtures in the church.



Mass Intention for March 19, 2023

† Larry & Catherine Wojtalewicz

† Gerry Stuczynski

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

March 19, 2023

Commentator: Pat Gollon

Lector: Kenn Firkus

Servers: Joey & Jacob Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Gollon

Ushers: Bernie Stoltz & Patti Flanigan

Happy St. Patrick's Day—March 17th

St. Patrick was born in Britain as Maewyn Succat. At age 16 (around A.D. 400), he was kidnapped from his home on the west and carried off to Ireland to become a slave who worked as a shepherd. After 6 years, he escaped: upon returning home, he received his call (in a dream) to preach the gospel. He spent the next 15 years or so years in a monastery, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and eventually, Patrick. Although some Christians lived in Ireland at the time, it was Patrick who spread Christianity throughout the land and brought an organized church into existence.



Check out what's brewin' in the Area!

MARCH 19th: St. Pete's Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST and BASKET RAFFLE serving 8:00am-Noon in Kolbe Hall. Adults: \$10, 6-12yrs \$6.00, 5yrs and under are FREE. Sweet breads, coffee, OJ and milk....and PLENTY of opportunity to win a beautiful themed basket at the BASKET RAFFLE! Come join in the fun!

March 18th: St. Wenceslaus, Milladore, hosts a DRIVE THRU SOUP SUPPER. Serving 2-4PM. \$8 per quart with dinner rolls. Soup options are: Chicken Noodle, Potato & Sausage, Beef Barley & Creamy Broccoli.

March 17, 24 & 31st: St. Adalbert's, Rosholt, hosts a FISH FRY 4:00-7:30PM. Take out orders, call 715-677-4518. Fish or Shrim or Combo-\$14.00, Children's Fish or Shrimp-\$10. Includes choice of potato, coleslaw and bread. Coffee & Milk included in the Dining Room. Domestic & Craft Beers available. Large and weekly Raffle too!



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St. Patrick's Day Festival –Bingo & Basket Raffle is being sponsored by the CCD youth of ST. JOACHIM CHURCH, Pittsville, on Sunday, **March 19th**. 11-2pm Meal is spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. 16yrs and up: \$8.00, 5-15yrs: \$4, 4yrs and under: FREE. All you care to eat. Take outs are available. Bingo starts at 12:30pm and kids games and basket raffle are available all afternoon. Need not be present to win on Raffle Basket.) Drawing at 2pm.

MARCH 26th: St. Michael Parish (Junction City) Grilled Pork Chop Dinner DRIVE THRU serving from 10:30am-1pm. Double Chop meal for \$12 includes: Baked potato, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Bread & Dessert. Welcome to come for Mass at 9am and then get in line. Cash Raffle Calendars will be available for purchase too!