

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 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. Peter Parish at 8:00 am

April thru June



Jesus said to her,
"I am the resurrection and
the life. He who believes in me
will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and
believes in me will never die.

John 11:25-26

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

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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: April 1st/2nd	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm (Palm Sunday)	Nancy Koch +Cherye Rolnicki	Paul Koch Mateo Koch	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Kay King Gerry Weber Cherye Rolnicki	Dawn Weber
7:30 am	Lee Petersen +Rick Zupan	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Donna Bemowski Pam Spaid Mike Spaid	Diane Haffenbredl
10:30am	Angel Gebeau +Chelsea Peeters	Mary Kitowski Dick Glinski	Mathias Gebeau Lucas McIntyre Aiden Peeters	Eve Krueger Cheryl Kehl Matt Bablitch	Matt Bablitch

St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT March 19, 2023: Envelopes & Offertory: \$ 7,662.36 Year to Date: \$ 304,456.59			Inspired by the Spirit Campaign Status as of 3/14/2023 for St. Peter Parish Amount Received: \$151,080.46 % of GOAL Received: 29.92% Number of Donors: 111		
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CONTACT INFORMATION	
St. Peter's Pastor: Rev. Arul Joseph Visuvasam 715-344-6115 or v_aruljoseph@hotmail.com Associate Pastor: Rev. Todd Mlsna 715-252-8157 or tmlsna@diolclergy.org Deacon Ray Heitzinger: Lay Ministry Coordinator, Director of Religious Educ. (DRE) rheitzinger@outlook.com 715-630-1275	Administrative Assistant: Mishelle O'Shasky 715-344-6115 stpeters@pacellicatholicalschools.com Parish Secretary: Nancy Koch 715-344-6115 Bulletin-secretary@pacellicatholicalschools.com RCIA Coordinator: 715-344-6115 Music Committee: Della Schoenecker 614-507-1345 / dellaschoenecker@yahoo.com Maintenance: Jeff Patton 715-347-3400

PARISH COMMITTEES	
Pastoral Council: Fr. Joseph 715-344-6115 Deacon Ray 715-630-1275 Gladys Glodoski 715-344-2811 Ryan Jeidy 715-252-0158 Shelly Korger 715-347-5288 Mary Makuski 715-344-3359 Fay Schultz 715-344-7839 Gerry Weber 715-344-8220 Rick Zupan 715-544-4321 Mackenzie Kyle 715-252-3550 Kay King 715-498-3728	Finance Council: Fr. Joseph 715-344-6115 Matt Bablitch 715-401-0775 Ben Gebeau 715-340-1172 Jim Gies 715-344-0736 Debra Jakusz 715-341-5834 Trina Larson 715-572-3967 Joe Niescier 715-344-3455 Gerry Weber 715-344-8220 Bldg. & Grounds: Ben Gebeau 715-340-1172 Eucharistic Adoration Co-Coordinators: Marianne Koch 715-341-6732 Renee Vollert 715-344-9119
DAA Coordinator (Diocesan Annual Appeal) : Matt Bablitch 715-401-0775 Family Life: Gladys Glodoski 715-344-2811	Justice & Peace: Shelly Korger 715-347-5288 Picnic Contacts: Kay King 715-498-3728 Gerry Weber 715-344-8220 Rosary Society / Linda Strosin 715-344-7647 Sacred Worship Mary Makuski 715-344-3359 Secular Franciscan Order / Bob Crane 715-204-9663 Holy Name Society Ben Gebeau 715-340-1172

Dear St. Peter and St. Casimir Family:

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption." These words from the responsorial psalm reminds us of the gifts God wants to offer to us. In a Particular Way, God wants to offer to us the gift of his mercy and redemption. Through the forgiveness of our sins we are redeemed and set free from our enslavement to sin which distances us from God and from each other.



Today we have reached the fifth Sunday of Lent. For these past five weeks we have been preparing through penance and works of charity for the celebration of the resurrection. Our first reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel tells us: "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them." Through penance and works of charity we have been preparing ourselves for the great celebration of the resurrection. Our Lord strengthens us on a journey of faith through the gift of the spirit. Lent has helped us to become people of the spirit rather than people of the flesh. Our second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans tells us: "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit if only the spirit of God dwells in you." On the day of our confirmation, we were sealed with that gift of the Holy Spirit. It is up to us now to continue to live as people of the spirit.

Our Lenten discipline is intended to help remove the flesh from us. By removing the desires of the flesh from our lives we then can allow the spirit to take over our lives totally and completely. I pray that everyone is having a holy and blessed Lent thus far. If for some reason, we have fallen off our Lenten discipline it is not too late to start again. If we need to let's make today this new beginning, so that we can remain a person of the spirit rather than a person of the flesh. With the spirit alive and well in each of us we will want to do everything we can to please the God who gives us life. God promises us eternal life with him forever. All we need to do is remain faithful. To remain faithful and please God we need to remove the desires of the flesh from our lives. We can remove things of the flesh by remaining faithful to the commandments as well as the teachings of the church. Every day we are given the opportunity to witness to our faith through our fidelity to God's will. May God help us to be that faithful witness by living worthily the vocation we have received. The vocation we have all received is to be a faithful disciple of Christ. My prayer for all of you today is that nothing will get in the way of you being that faithful disciple of the Lord, so that on the day he calls us to himself we might all share in the glory of the resurrection that our Lord wants to share with us all. May God bless you and keep you sealed in the spirit which will help us to do what is pleasing to God.



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, March 27 : Mass at St. Joseph's @ 8am

TUESDAY, March 28

8:00 am † George Kvatek
† Chet Dombrowski

WEDNESDAY, March 29

8:00 am † Leonard & Henrietta Gilmeister
† Dr. Mike Klasinski

THURSDAY, March 30

8:00 am † Dennis Schultz
Special Intention: For healing for James Groshek

FRIDAY, March 31

8:00 am † Gaylord Lepper
† Philip Gollon

SATURDAY, April 1: Palm Sunday anticipatory Mass

4:00 PM † Deceased Family of Kaniel & Anna Krayecki
† Elaine Singer

SUNDAY, April 2: PALM SUNDAY

7:30 am † Peter & Grace Liebe
† Joseph & Cecilia Brish

10:30 am † Rev. Leon Powell
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.



**Join the Middle School Students for:
LIVING STATIONS
MONDAY, APRIL 3rd at
1:45pm School Gym**



Be part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith—Join The Lay Formation Institute

Registration is now open for the next 2year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2023. Draw closer to Christ & deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See Complete information & application form at: diolc.org/lay-formation.

Discuss with your Pastor & contact the Office for Ministries & Social Concerns at: ministries@diolc.org or call 608-791-0161.

A Message from Stevens Point Area Catholic Cemetery Association:

Beginning on April 17th, the grounds crew will be removing any decorations left from the previous decorating period. You must remove any decorations that you want to save BEFORE April 17th. The cemetery association is not responsible for decorations that are removed & discarded. All shepherd hooks & rod holders etc. area not permitted in the cemeteries until May 15th. Call 715-341-3236 to schedule appointment for lot purchases.



A Minute with Jesus

Spend time in Jesus' Presence & you will come to know that You have been with Him The desire to strengthen our faith requires some action on our part. It helps to go to the Church & spend time, with the mindset that Jesus is there. Take your problems & speak with Jesus.

Even if you leave without anything seemingly having happened, you will gradually come to know Jesus *is* indeed there. **Let's pray this right now & every day this week: Lord, help me to spend a few minutes and talk with You in Church.**

This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God" in **John 20: 19-20.**



Call your Mother... PRAY the ROSARY!

April 2nd, 2023
ROSE 26

Mary Drefcinski

Rosary Society Meeting:
April 25th: Rose 1 Fay Schultz
Rose 2 Mary Makuski



Divine Mercy Sunday SACRED HEART Polonia/ April 16th

Everyone is welcome to Sacred Heart Parish on Sun., April 16th as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday!

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's, our

Lord called for a special Feast Day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30th, 2000. See bulletin boards in the church for more detailed scheduling information.



Can *YOU* give a HELPING HAND?

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY!!!

We are in need of volunteers to help with a deep clean of the church on

Saturday, April 1st

8:30am Cleaning Starts with a lunch around 11:30.

Many hands working together will make light work :)

There will be cleaning supplies and some equipment available. Cleaning inside and outside....as weather allows.

If you are willing & able....please join us!

healing.



Do you know someone who is carrying the grief & sorrow of past abortions? PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY offers a compassionate heart & confidential help.

Call: 608-860-6698 or projectrachel@diolc.org



Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 10:30 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse, WI.

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation & Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. Please consider attending on your own....or perhaps make a day of it by traveling with a group.

The Stevens Point Deanery is sponsoring a Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage to LaCrosse on April 4th. This is a chance for the parishioners of our deanery to travel together to attend the Chrism Mass, tour Viterbo University, and visit the Maria Angelorus Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

St. Joseph Parish of Stevens Point is hosting this pilgrimage. Cost: \$25.00.

Please see the flyers about this trip, at the bulletin boards or go to:

PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage

Or call: 715-341-1617 ext. 101 for additional info and/or to register.

THANK YOU to everyone involved with helping out for the Pancake Breakfast & Basket Raffle last Sunday! EVERYBUNNY LOVED IT!

The breakfast food was delicious and the Basket Raffle added extra joy to the occasion with the excitement of winning beautiful baskets! Great job, Buildings & Grounds Committee and Family Life Committee for sponsoring this awesome occasion!

Volunteer servers, table bussers, potato peelers, dish washers, YOU ROCK! Thanks so much for your dedication of service to the Parish.



HELP IS AVAILABLE:

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.

Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States. It is the fourth-leading cause of death for adolescents ages 15-19 globally. Males have a suicide rate 4 times higher than females. In Wisconsin, suicide is the second most common cause of death after car accidents for youth. Thirteen percent of youth reported seriously considering suicide.

Remember the 988 lifeline number. Help is available.

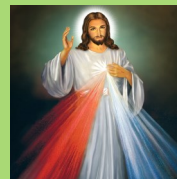


Next weekend, April 1st/2nd is the First full weekend of the month.

OPERATION BOOTSTRAP Non-perishable Food Collection

Place any donated items in the box at the Faustina Room stairwell. ♥

ST. ANTHONY spiritualitycenter



DISCOVERING A GOD RICH IN MERCY IN A WORLD THAT KNOWS NO MERCY: April 14-16, 2023

Friday Check-In: 3:00pm

Orientation: 5:45pm Supper: 6:00pm

Departure: Sunday after Noon meal

The Sunday after Easter is called "Divine Mercy Sunday." The prayer, "Lord have mercy" is often on our lips. But what is Mercy? Apart from times of prayer, when was the last time mercy was on your lips or, even more, in your actions? When our world constantly cries out for justice, Who cares about mercy? Where is mercy?

We'll explore all these areas during our retreat, opening up for ourselves this marvelous gift of God and what it means for us & demands of us in our tension-filled 21st century.

Investment: \$225

Presented by: Fr. Dan Crosby OFM Cap.

GRIEVERS INVISIBLE: APRIL 21-22, 2023

Friday Check-In: 3:00pm Orientation: 5:45pm Supper 6pm

Departure: Saturday at 4:00pm

Have you ever felt lost & stuck in a sad place after suffering thru the loss of a beloved partner, family member or friend? After the whirlwind of planning for and having the funeral or memorial service, society seems to forget that you continue to struggle with your new situation. It doesn't "see" you anymore; you feel invisible. In this retreat, we will come together to create a community of support & encouragement and *be seen*. We will be adapting the 12 steps from the Recovery Program & discover how they can be a "plan" to help us who are mired in our grief move forward & be visible once again. Presenter: Robert Wiessinger

Investment: \$125

To Register: www.sarcenter.com or call

715-443-2236

Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Secretary: Rebecca Jones

Email: secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org

Phone Number: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support 03/19/2023



Adult Env: \$ 1,606 / Offertory: \$ 164

DAA: \$261 / Easter Flowers: \$ 70

Happy Birthday:

Debbie Wolfe (Mar. 28)

Alan Hintz (Mar. 29)

Kole Levandowski (Mar. 30)

Joyce Hojnacki (Mar. 31)

Patricia Gollon (Mar. 31)



Upcoming Events

-St Bronislava Holy Name: All you can eat Pancake Breakfast, Sunday March 26th Serving 8:30-12

-St Joseph Parish: Community Seder Meal Monday April 3rd, 5:30pm—RVSP by March 31st to 715-341-2790, wisdom@wctc.net

-Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage—Tuesday April 4th—\$25/per person— Register @ www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage

-St Joseph's Parish Eggstravaganza-April 8th 12:30 pm

-Sacred Heart Parish Polonia, Divine Mercy Celebration. April 16th 8am Mass / 9am Adoration

For additional details on these events and more see the appropriate flyers posted on the bulletin board.



Mass Intention for April, 2 2023

† **Casimir Nowicki**

† **Jim & Marcy Laska**

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

April 2, 2023

Commentator: Sally

Lector: Pat

Servers: Joey & Jacob

Eucharistic Minister: Bernie King

Ushers: Keith Gollon & Tim Engle



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.

Prayerful thought for the week: Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all.

Galations 6:9-10

Show compassion and love to those less fortunate by purchasing a meal for someone who is hungry, offering a smile and a hug for someone who is sad or downtrodden, or making a phone call to a lonely friend or loved one.





Upcoming EVENTS !

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE
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GUIDELINES
FOR REPORTING INSTANCES
OF CHILD ABUSE
www.dioceseoflacrosse.com



Tenebrae Prayer Service at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Wisconsin Rapids

Please join us for a sung, candlelight prayer service that will feature the choirs and musicians of Ss. Peter and Paul Church of Wisconsin Rapids and Sacred Heart Church of Polonia. This event, inspired by the traditional Holy Week offices of Tenebrae, will take place **on Holy Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1150 2nd St. N, Wisconsin Rapids.**

The Wausau Lyric Choir will have its 50th anniversary concert at the Creske Auditorium at Mosinee High School on **Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** Works to be performed include contemporary religious works, gospel music and other songs from the choir's 50 year repertoire. The concert is free, but free will donations will be accepted.

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!

March 31st: St. Adalbert's, Rosholt, hosts a FISH FRY 4:00-7:30PM. Take out orders, call 715-677-4518. Fish or Shrimp 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!