ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 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

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: May 6th/7th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Cherye Rolnicki	Kay King Steve King	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Don Rolnicki Kay King Cherye Rolnicki	Barbara Butkus
7:30 am	Lee Petersen	Bob Bernas Bob Govett	Andrew & Matthew Schonecker	Mary Makuski Pam Spaid Mike Spaid	Mike Spaid
10:30am	Eve Krueger	Dick Glinski Mary Kitowski Jeff Czudec	Aiden Peeters Mathias Gebeau Gloria Gebeau	Matt Bablitch Cheryl Kehl Joe Demerath	Wendy Demerath

St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

April 23, 2023:

Envelopes & Offertory: **$ 6,886.00**

Year to Date: **$ 348,166.59**

SCRIP sales profit for the month of March:
$228.95
Stop in the Faustina Room after Mass to Purchase SCRIP
For Groceries, Fueling & Entertaining

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Maintenance: Jeff Patton
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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
Renae Luedtke	715-630-1020

DAA Coordinator (Diocesan Annual Appeal) :
Matt Bablitch 715-401-0775

Family Life: Gladys Glodoski 715-344-2811

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 Niescior	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

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

Mystery of suffering

From birth to death, pain is a common experience in life, whether it is physical, psychological or spiritual. None of us is an expert in handling our pain, because we find ourselves suffering for reasons, we never expected. Holy Father Pope St. John Paul II writes: "Human suffering evokes compassion; it also evokes respect, and in its own way it intimidates. For in suffering is contained the greatness of specific mystery. This special respect for every form of human suffering must be set at the beginning … by the deepest need of the heart and also by the deep imperative of faith" (see his Apostolic Letter *On Christian Meaning of Suffering*, no.4).

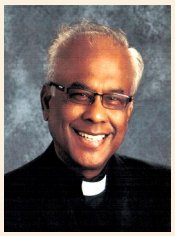
The Pope continues to state that within each form of suffering, there arises an inevitable question "Why is this suffering"? It is a question about the cause, the reason and the purpose of suffering. When this question is put to God, there arise frustrations and conflicts in our relationship with God, even sometimes to the extent of denying God (see the Apostolic Letter no.9).

The Book of Job in the Bible gives us a detailed explanation of how this question has found the most vivid expression. Job loses his possessions, his sons and daughters and finally he himself is afflicted by a grave sickness. In this horrible situation, three of his old friends come to his house and each one tries to convince Job that he must have done something seriously wrong and so he has been struck with great suffering. According to the friends of Job, suffering strikes a person as a punishment for a crime. In their view, God repays good with good and evil with evil.

Even though Job's friends are convinced that the suffering is justified for the evil committed by Job, Job challenges that he has not deserved such punishment, because he has done only the good in his life. In the end, God reproves Job's friends for their accusations and recognizes that Job is not guilty. Being declared innocent, his suffering is to be seen as a mystery, which a human person is unable to penetrate completely by his/her own intelligence (see Pope John Paul II Apostolic Letter, … no.11).

Suffering helps us to understand how well-balanced and matured a person is to cope with the difficult situations. Jesus Christ submitted himself to suffering, in order to teach us that love can overcome every kind of suffering. As Christians we accept pain and suffering with the hope of future joy. Beyond our limit, we rely on the help of God that he will in answer to our prayer. Suffering is an occasion for us to show our spiritual maturity. This is how the Saints proved their greatness.

God bless you
Fr. Arul Joseph V.



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, May 1
8:00 am † Len Pliska
Special Intention: Guidance "For Children & Grandchildren to Go to Jesus"

TUESDAY, May 2
8:00 am † Rev. Leon Powell
† Lorraine Glodowski

WEDNESDAY, May 3
8:00 am † Ted & Lousie Zurawski
† Frank & Dorothy Kvatek

THURSDAY, May 4
8:00 am † Peter & Stella Zelinski
† Kenneth Thompson

FRIDAY, May 5
8:00 am † Leonard & Henrietta Gilmeister
† Thomas Lewandowski

SATURDAY, May 6
4:00 PM † Clifford Falkowski
† Phyllis Kostuchowski

SUNDAY, May 7
7:30 am † Edward & Mary Nitka
† Ben Somers Jr.

"May Crowning at 10:30 Mass"
10:30 am † Martha & Joseph Golla
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

Pray for Vocations

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday beginning after the morning Mass and continuing until 8am on Thursday. Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 3pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 5th is FIRST FRIDAY Adoration: 8:30am until 5:00pm.

Congratulations and prayers for our First Holy Communicants!
May God Bless you and your families!

Front Row: Left : Ben Schara, Maximilian Heindl, Kylie Czaikowski, Simone Heindl, Eryn Peeters, Liberty Friedenfels, Elijah Polarek and Forrest Luedtke

Back Row: Deacon Ray Heitzinger and Fr. Arul Joseph

PARENTS: PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN

The culture is bombarding your children & young people with lies about their identity.
The stark reality is that the "gender revolution" is being streamed into your children's daily lives, offering a seductive vision that is deeply disturbing & untrue. The work of ***Person and Identity Project*** is an excellent service to parents navigating urgent issues around "gender identity" & "gender transition."
The information on their website is objective & up-to-date. Go to:

personandidentity.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

ST. PETER PARISH PICNIC SIGN-UP BOARD

Located in the vestibule near the choir loft stairwell.

Please volunteer to Set Up, Take Down, help out With the Chicken Dinner, Work in the Snack Stand or at the Monte Carlo Games
Etc.

Check out the lists and see how you can help out on June 10th or 11th or both days!

"HELP YOUR PARISH....and HAVE FUN TOO!"

A Minute With Jesus

"Why does Jesus give Us Living Bread?"

Jesus loves us more than anyone, and He wants to dwell within us. Through Baptism, we become children of God. As part of His Family, Jesus wants to guide us on the right path-to live a life with joy & peace. He knows we need His help& this is how He strengthens us to follow Him, giving us the spiritual food that we need to have the power in order to follow His Way.

Let's pray this right now & every day this week: In your own words thank God for the gift of your Baptism in which you became a child of God and are privileged to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This week, read how Peter addressed the great crowd of people, encouraging them to repent and be baptized in Acts 2; 14a, 36-41.

A Memorial Gift of Remembrance

Please keep our Parish in mind when preparing your Will.

Attention, to those of you who purchase SCRIP gift cards for Kohl's Department store:

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Going forward, you can no longer use a PCS SCRIP gift card as a form of payment towards your Kohl's Charge Card account balance.

All previously purchased gift cards & eGift cards purchased from Kohl's stores & on Kohls.com may still be used, but the new SCRIP gift cards cannot be applied to your charge account balance.

SILENT AUCTION is SEEKING CRAFTERS!

Are you an avid crafter who would like to donate your masterpieces for a great cause???

Please contact Sandy Kuklinski at: 715-341-1069

Are you out buzzing around...running errands ?

Perhaps consider a shopping errand to include something which you could donate to our

St. Peter's SILENT AUCTION!

We welcome any NEW or NEARLY NEW items for the Silent Auction. So many people ENJOY walking through and bidding for special items which have caught their eye!

Everything for bidding on will be displayed and held in the school gymnasium of June 10th 11th—Picnic Weekend! We are excited to begin and perhaps have an even better array than last year's!

Items which you would like to donate may be dropped off at the Parish Office or...contact Sandy Kuklinski for assistance: 715-341-1069.

Let's have 2023 "BEE" our best auction yet!

St. Peter Parish Picnic will include a Bake Sale in the Faustina Room sponsored by the Family Life Committee

Donations of baked goods are needed. Any baked items will be appreciated! Donations may be dropped off at the Faustina Rm. On Saturday, June 10th. The sale begins at 2pm. All proceeds will go to the Picnic Fund.

Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Secretary: Rebecca Jones
Email: secretary@stcstp.diolcparish.org
Phone Number: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support **4/23/2023**

Adult Envelopes: $ 985

Offertory: $ 114

Happy Birthday:

Steven Shudrek (4/30)
Rebecca Levandowski (4/30)
Paul Lewandowski (5/2)
Marvin Kuzynski (5/3)
Dave Suchon (5/4)
Lorraine Danczyk (5/5)

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Current Giving Status

Goal: **$131,375.00**
YTD Given: **$42,291.69**

Thank you and please remember to honor your pledges as we preserver towards our goal.

May Crowning

On Sunday May 14th before the 9:00AM mass please join us as we give thanks and honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary who so graciously and willingly accepted the Lord's will for Her to bear a son (our Savior) and call him Jesus, a name above all other names.

Mass Intention for May, 7 2023

† Margaret & Paul Firkus

† Ted Stoltz

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Commentator: Sally

Lector: Bonnie

Servers: Joey & Jacob

Eucharistic Minister: Jerry

Ushers: Paul & Frank Kubowski

Saint Casimir continues to search for a custodian to do general maintenance/upkeep of the parish and grounds. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass along this information. Contact Father Joseph Arul at 715-344-6115 if interested.

Saving Thought for the Week

The Lord is our deliverer. Trust in Him absolutely. Know that He will do the very best for you. Be ready and willing for His will to be done. Know that with Him all things are possible. Cling joyfully to the truth. Say many times "all things are possible with the Master, the Lord, my Friend". This truth accepted and firmly believed in, is the ladder up which a soul can climb from the lowest of pits to the sublimest.

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP!!

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, May 7th, 2023 8:30 til Noon at St. Bronislava Church in Plover. Proceeds from the breakfast go towards the Parish, School & Youth needs.

St. Maximilian Kolbe hosts a **FREE WILL RUMMAGE SALE** on Friday May 5th and Saturday May 6th, 8am-4pm. 8611 State Highway 54, Almond, WI.

Pancake Breakfast at St. James, Amherst: Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 7th 8am-12 noon for a pancake breakfast at 453 S. Main St. Amherst. Pancakes, waffles (with fruit toppings), maple and berry syrups, sausage, coffee, milk, and juice. Adults $10, children 5-12 $5, under 5 FREE, family maximum of $40. Sponsored by St. James/ St. Mary Family Life Committee.

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For all weekend Masses on May 6th / 7th, we will be hosting a Cross Catholic Outreach priest. This ministry will share with you stories of how parishes and missions throughout the developing world are finding ways to help transform lives. Cross Catholic Outreach is integral in this effort.

We are certain that our St. Peter's and St. Casimir's parishioners of all ages will be blessed and inspired in their faith as they are exhorted to draw near to those who suffer, remembering that to feed and clothe the poor is to feed and clothe Our Lord Himself.

With Loving and Open Hearts, let us warmly welcome Fr. Richard Kunzman next weekend. THANK YOU!