

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 7, 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](http://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

#### 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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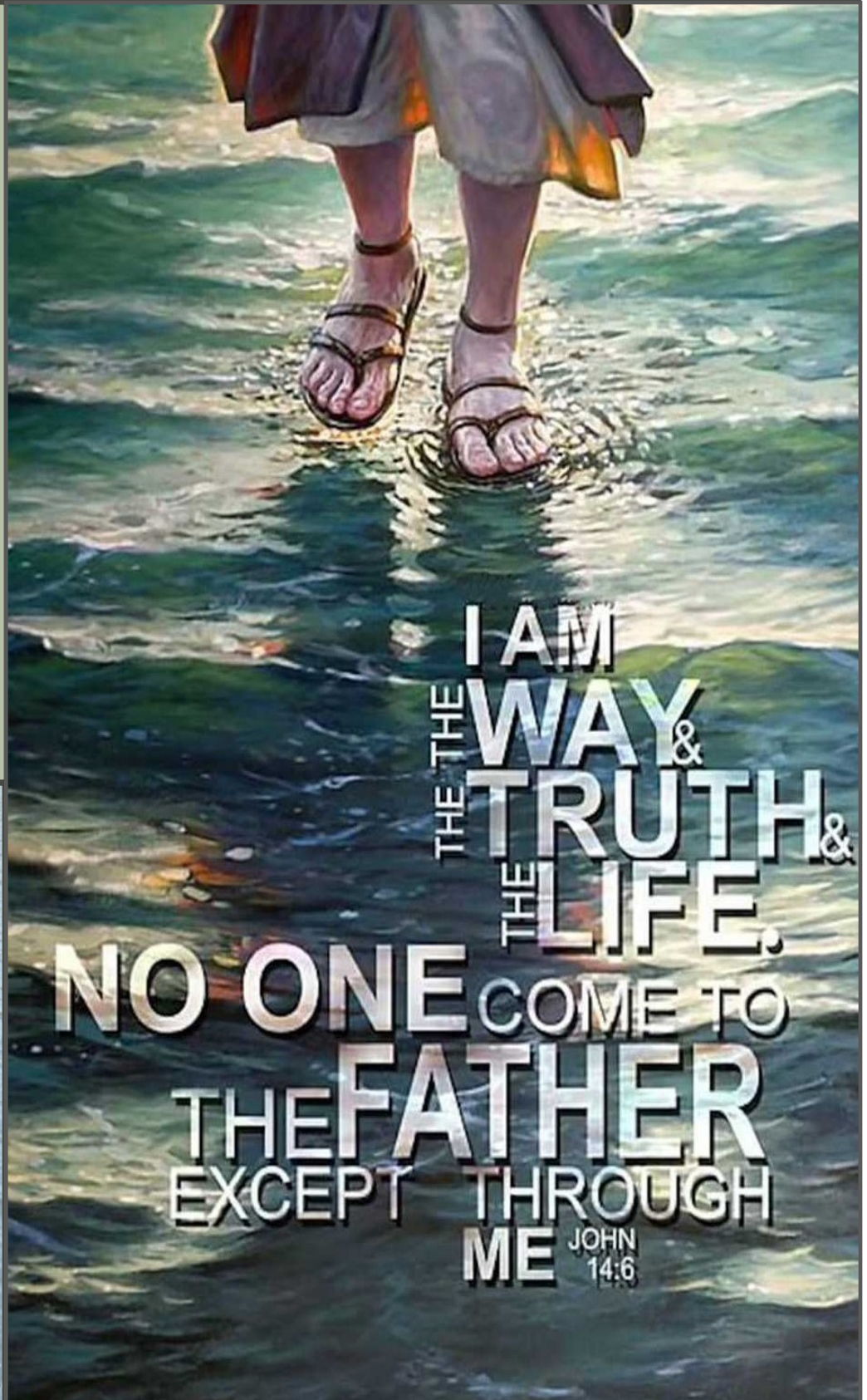
'Saint Peter Catholic  
Church'

#### 24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

1st FRIDAY of the month

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



<b>Date:</b> <b>May</b> <b>13/14th</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>SCRIP Sellers</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	Beverly Niescior	Kay & Steve King	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Deacon Ray Cindy Heitzinger Gerry Weber	Dawn Weber
<b>7:30 am</b>	Jennifer Peplinski	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Scott Peplinski Gladys Glodoski Donna Bemowski	Kris Firminhac
<b>10:30am</b>	Angel Gebeau	Carl Knuese Joe & Jack Demerath	Chase Baron Matthias & Gloria Gebeau	Eve Krueger Matt Bablitch Cheryl Kehl	Danielle Baron

### St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

April 30, 2023:

Envelopes & Offertory: \$ **6,024.13**

Year to Date: \$ **354,190.72**



**A reminder for next week, May 13/14th, is the second full weekend of the month. It is Milk Money Collection week for Operation Bootstrap.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### St. Peter's Pastor:

**Rev. Arul Joseph Visuvasam**

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### 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@pacellicatholicschools.com

### Parish Secretary: **Nancy Koch**

715-344-6115

Bulletin-secretary@pacellicatholicschools.com

### RCIA Coordinator: 715-344-6115

### Music Committee: **Della Schoenecker**

614-507-1345 / dellaschoenecker@yahoo.com

### Maintenance: **Jeff Patton**

715-347-3400

## 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.



## Gospel of Suffering

We face suffering due to various reasons: old age, separation from someone or something we love, sickness, death of our dear ones, not being able to achieve what we desire, contacting someone or something we dislike etc. The Bible teaches that suffering is one of the consequences of human sin against God (see 1Corinthians 15:21; Romans 5:12).

In the Apostolic Letter of Pope St. John Paul II *"On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering"*, he states: "The witness of the Cross and Resurrection of Christ have handed on to the Church and to mankind a specific Gospel of suffering. The Redeemer himself wrote this Gospel, above all by his own suffering accepted in love, so that man "should not perish but have eternal life". This suffering, together with the living word of his teaching, became a rich source for all those who shared in Jesus' sufferings ... down the centuries" (No.25).

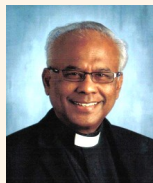
In the second Letter of St. Paul to his disciple Timothy, he exhorts: "Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God..." (2 Timothy 1:8). When we suffer, God is right beside us; nothing can separate us from His love. Further, St. Paul asks that we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (see Romans 5:3-5).

How can we walk with God through difficult days?

- 1) First of all, we must believe that God will turn our sorrow into great joy
- 2) We must bring our pain to God than to run away from him
- 3) Instead of filling our life with worries, we must fill our life with comforting Word of God or His message.

Difficult times in life may harden our hearts and may cause us to go away from God. Hence, it is hard for us to believe that joy is possible during such situations. Nevertheless, the Psalm 23 brings us the hope of joy: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). Let us believe what the Psalmist says that even if we face trials and tribulations during hard times, the Lord will never abandon us.

God bless you  
Fr. Arul Joseph V.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, May 8

8:00 am † Clifford King  
† Chet Dombrowski

### TUESDAY, May 9

8:00 am † Michael Meshak  
† Edward & Verna Wanta

### WEDNESDAY, May 10

8:00 am † George Kvatek  
Special Intention: In Thanksgiving for the Blessings Received  
From God by Jean Stroik

### THURSDAY, May 11

8:00 am † Grace Pliska  
† Sharon Eberhard

### FRIDAY, May 12

8:00 am † Veronica Zimbauer  
† Roxane Kizewski

### SATURDAY, May 13

4:00 PM † Jane Zdroik  
† Tom, Ed & Polly Rolnicki

### SUNDAY, May 14

7:30 am † Leon Hintz  
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

10:30 am † Evelyn Slowinski  
† Frank & Mildred Szymanski



## Pray for Vocations

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

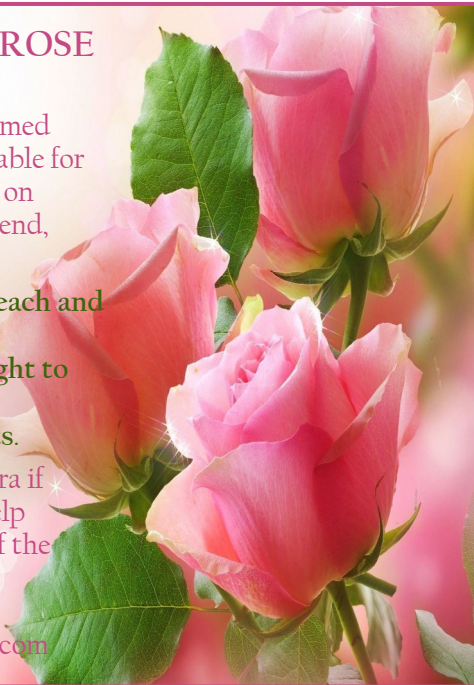
## Mother's Day ROSE SALE

Beautiful, long-stemmed ROSES will be available for purchase after Mass on Mother's Day Weekend, May 13th/14th.

The ROSES are \$2 each and are provided by Portage County Right to Life to fund their educational projects.

Contact Jackie Schara if you would like to help sell roses after one of the Masses.

715-340-0247 or [jackieschara@gmail.com](mailto:jackieschara@gmail.com)



## Teaching the Way of Love: [twl4parents.com/](http://twl4parents.com/)



This website is FULL of Encouragement & Tips for Parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children. Check it out!



### 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](http://personandidentity.com)

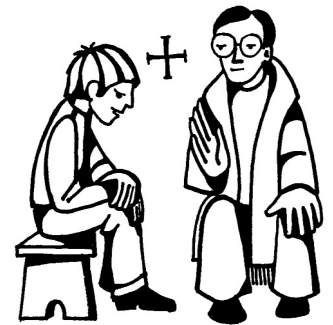


## A Minute With Jesus

### Confession-a preparation for receiving the Eucharist

The best way to prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is by going to Confession (also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation) We want to receive Him with a clean heart. If it is not possible to go to Confession before receiving Jesus, make a sincere Act of Contrition in your heart, and as always pray with sincerity the prayer at Mass, "I confess to Almighty God..." A sin that is mortal-serious or grave-requires Sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not sure about this, speak with a priest.

Let's pray this right now & every day this week: **Jesus, please give me the grace to be truly sorry for my sins.** This week read how God calls us out of darkness into His own wonderful light in 1Peter 2: 9-10.



**A successful Picnic is  
ABSOLUTELY  
a GROUP EFFORT !!!**

## 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!"**





**As Spring and Planting Season arrives, remember to support those who grow our food & fulfill God's command to "till the earth & keep it." Pray for favorable weather during planting season.**

#### **PRAYER TO ST. ISADORE**

Good Saint, we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain for us, we pray, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread & Wine, are brought & offered to God by the Priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread & wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value & beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can. Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do, & offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good St. Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in Heaven. Amen.



**Do you know someone who is carrying the Grief & Sorrow of past abortions?**

**Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call: 608-860-6698 or email: [projectrachel@diolc.org](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org)**

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

# **KOHL'S**

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.



**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!**  
REGISTER BEFORE  
**MAY 15th, 2023**

**2023 –2024 Religious Education Program has begun its Registration process. Registration forms have been sent to all families currently participating in the program.**

**You can also download or fill out a form at: [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/rel-ed](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/rel-ed). Return your registration form by May 15th to receive the early bird discount!**



**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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Secretary: Rebecca Jones

Email: [secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org](mailto:secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org)

Phone Number: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support 4/30/2023



Adult Envelopes: \$ 1185

Offertory: \$ 131

### Happy Birthday

Bernard R. Levandowski (5/10)

Patricia Gliniecki (5/13)

The annual **Mother's Day Rose Sale** will again be held next Sunday May 14th after the 9AM Mass. This event is to support the Portage County Right to Life Organization. A \$2 donation will be collected for each rose sold. The purpose of this sale is to help the most vulnerable among us. Thanking you in advance, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### 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.

**Attention Eucharistic Ministers, servers, ushers, lectors and commentators.** The schedule for June, July and August will be completed soon. Let Bonnie know if you are unable to serve any summer dates by May 17th.

Mass Intention for May 14th, 2023



† Ray, Jim, & Ernie Skupniewicz

† Glory Losinski

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 14th, 2023

Commentator: Debbie

Lector: Kenn

Servers: Joey & Jacob

Eucharistic Minister: Marissa

Ushers: Burants

**Rosary Intention:** We pray for the success of Cross Catholic Outreach in their endeavors to transform lives, feed the hungry, love the orphan and empower the powerless.

**Thought for the Week:** The truth can be a scary place to go. It can be ugly and inconvenient. But strangely enough it always brings freedom. This is a promise from the One who is truth. Who died to set us free. Pray this prayer, filling in the blank as you feel led. "Jesus, show me the truth about \_\_\_\_\_, even if it hurts so that I can be free."



### Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Richard Kunzman from Cross Catholic Outreach, who will be officiating today's mass. 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.



## 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.

**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.

### **DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE**

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OF CHILD ABUSE**  
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The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).