

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### MAY 21, 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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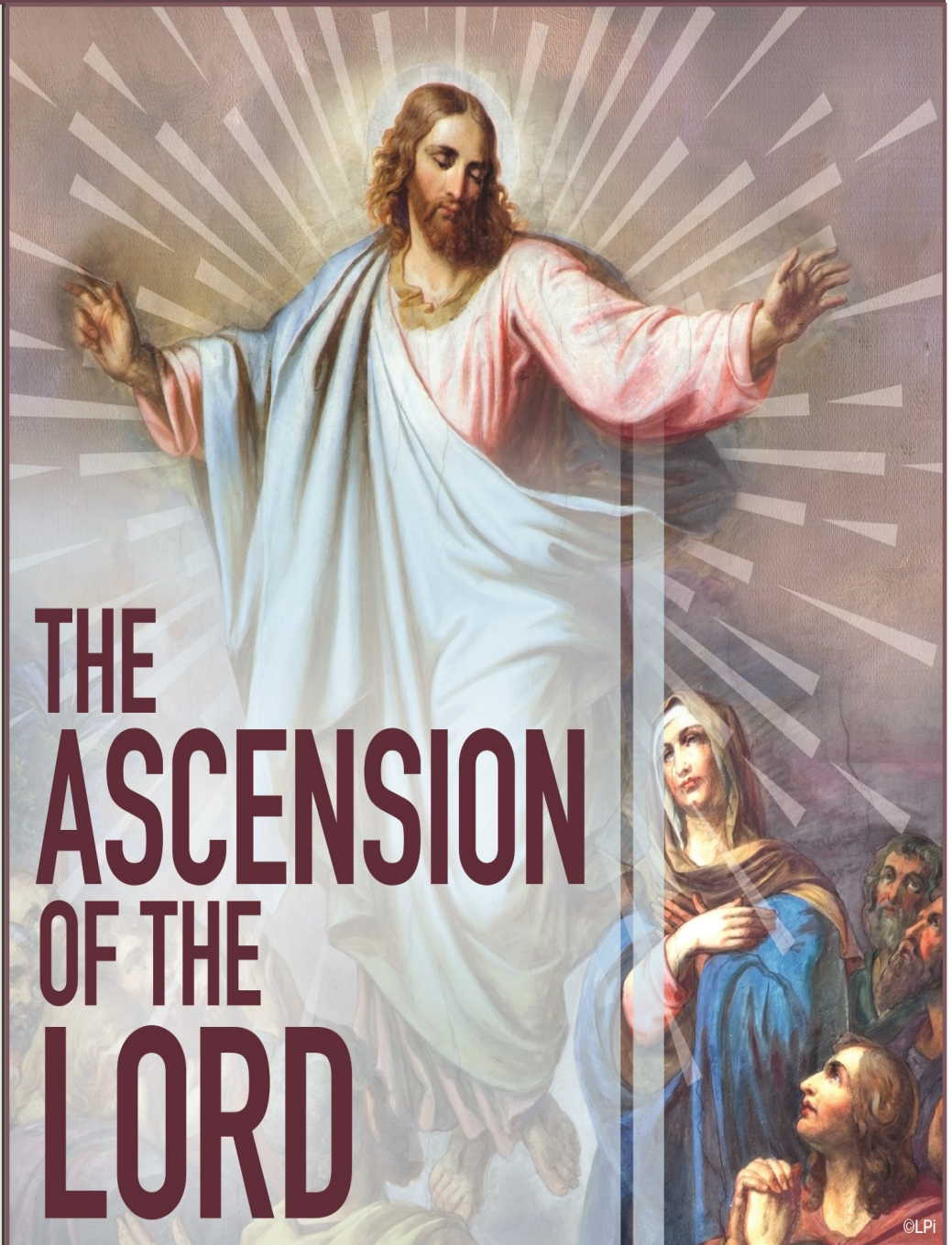
'Saint Peter Catholic  
Church'

#### **24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

1st **FRIDAY** of the month

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



Please remember to **SAVE THE DATE!** June 24/25th  
We will be hosting a Farewell/Retirement Reception in honor  
of Fr. Joseph who has been our Pastor for 12 years.  
Watch the bulletin for details. This will be your chance to wish  
Father Joseph "Godspeed" before his departure.

<b>Date:</b> <b>May</b> <b>27/28th</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>SCRIP Sellers</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	Nancy Koch	Mateo Koch Paul Koch	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Mateo Koch Cherye Rolnicki Don Rolnicki	Bob Jakusz
<b>7:30 am</b>	Donna Bemowski	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Mary Makuski Mike Spaid Pam Spaid	Mike Spaid
<b>10:30am</b>	Chelsea Peeters	Dick Glinski Mary Kitowski Jeff Czudec	Lucas McIntyre Gloria & Mathias Gebeau	Cheryl Kehl Matt Bablitch Gladys Glodoski	Matt Bablitch

### St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

May 14, 2023:  
Envelopes & Offertory: \$ **5,296.00**  
Year to Date: \$ **370,752.72**  
**SCRIP profit for April: \$242.59**



**"Bee" sure to pray  
for a beautiful &  
successful Picnic!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### St. Peter's Pastor:

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### Associate Pastor:

**Rev. Todd Mlsna**

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### Deacon Ray Heitzinger:

**Lay Ministry Coordinator,  
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### Administrative Assistant: **Mishelle O'Shasky**

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stpeters@pacellicatholicchools.com

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

715-344-6115

Bulletin-secretary@pacellicatholicchools.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.



## Uncertainty and Fear of the Unknown

You have likely heard by now of the upcoming retirement of Fr. Joseph. We're all sad to see him leave, but certainly are excited that he will have some time to enjoy himself in retirement. If you haven't had the chance yet, take the time to wish him well and pray for him. He has done a wonderful job of leading us in worship, tackling the debt at St. Peter's, making improvements in the church buildings, and maintaining the parishes. He has welcomed new members into the Church through Baptism and the sacraments of initiation for adults. He has given First Communion to many of our youth and assisted the Bishop with confirming our young adults. He has married some and buried some. The work of the parish priest is one of joy and sadness; joy in seeing people grow in their faith and be inspired to serve and sadness, seeing some die, leaving us poorer without them. He will be remembered fondly by us for his strong faith and steadfast leadership.

There is always a sense of uncertainty when we face changes such as this. What will our new priest, Fr. John Potaczek, be like? Will he change anything? Most of us do not like change, so this uncertainty causes unrest. Some of us may remember Fr. John from his time at St. Stephen's in the past. For others, we will come to know him in just a few weeks. Let's also pray for Fr. John, that he will be the priest to lead us even closer to the Lord. That really is the role of a priest; to offer sacrifice (the Mass) and to help each of us to have an encounter with God.

We can identify with the Apostles on this Solemnity of the Ascension, who also faced a big change when Jesus ascended to Heaven. They were uncertain what was next. They had not received the Holy Spirit yet and likely felt lost without Jesus at their side. Yet Jesus told them He would be with them always, until the end of the age. Perhaps that comforting statement calmed their fears during the time between the Ascension and Pentecost.

So let's use the gifts we've been given, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, to help us during our time of uncertainty. And let us realize that we're in great shape; we have a priest coming, we have a strong parish family here at St. Casimir's and St. Peter's with strong leaders, our finances are in good shape and we are a people of hope. And most important we have a strong faith. Please remember Fr. Joseph and Fr. John in your prayers and may God bless you!

Deacon Ray



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, May 22

8:00 am † George Kvatek  
† Mary Lassa

### TUESDAY, May 23

8:00 am † Walter & Agnes Slowinski  
† Mary Ann & Rand Rusin

### WEDNESDAY, May 24

8:00 am † Philip Gollon  
† Mary Drefcinski

### THURSDAY, May 25

8:00 am † Kenneth James & Samara Marie Zelinski  
Special Intention: For healing in those who suffer mental illness

### FRIDAY, May 26

8:00 am † Dolores Landowski-Pepowski  
† Marjorie Hughes

### SATURDAY, May 27

4:00 PM † Stanley King  
For Bea & Ed Rutta in Thanksgiving of blessings received as they celebrate their 61st Wedding Anniversary

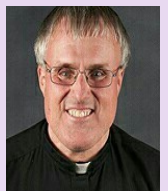
### SUNDAY, May 28

7:30 am For "Blessings for Edward Grasamkee" & for the repose of the souls of: †Amelia Grasamkee and †Joseph Stuczynski, Jr.

10:30 am † Alfred Lewandowski  
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

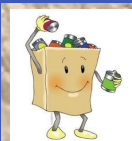
### A note from Fr. Todd Mlsna:

Beginning with the month of June thru August, I will hold confessions on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month at Holy Spirit Parish from 6:00-7:00pm.



### Sunday, June 4th

ROSE 2:  
Mary  
Makuski



**REMINDER:**  
**JUNE 3rd/4th is Food Collection**  
**For OPERATION BOOTSTRAP.**

# BASKET RAFFLE SUNDAY, JUNE 11th

Lee Petersen, event chair for the Basket Raffle, is looking for monetary donations OR themed baskets already assembled. Some theme ideas for "hot-seller" baskets: Summer, Handy-Man, Lottery, Holiday, Beach, Kids Fun, Baking, Gift Cards, Cash, Games, "Let's Celebrate"



Need ideas??? or....if you have any questions, please give Lee a call: 715-345-1734. Baskets may be dropped off at the Parish Office 8:30-3pm or Fridays 8:30-11:30.

**Let's make this our BEST YEAR!**

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

**Donations of baked goods are NEEDED! A wide variety will be sure to sell well!**

All donated baked goods



can be dropped off at the Faustina Rm on Saturday, June 10th. The sale begins at 2pm. All proceeds will go to the Picnic Fund. Let's make it happen, dear baker folks!

## REMEMBER & HONOR



The Cemetery Association will sponsor a Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th @ 9AM. The location: at the altar in Guardian Angel Cemetery. The Rev. Ed Shuttleworth will be the celebrant. People are reminded to bring chairs to sit on.

**In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Bronislava Parish, Plover at 9:00am.** Parishioners interested in purchasing burial lots, please call 715-341-3236 to schedule an appt.

Are you celebrating a Graduation in your family? St. Peter Parish would like to invite any high-school or college graduates from the Parish for recognition and a special blessing at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, June 4th. Please call the office for further details.

**2023**



A most heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who generously offered Prayers & Financial Support for the Recent "Family in Need" Collection.

Your kindness in supporting the family who asked to remain anonymous surrounding their significant and urgent need, is very, very much appreciated! May God Bless and Reward You!

♥ ST. PETER PARISH is AMAZING!!!! ♥

### A Minute With Jesus

#### Receiving the Eucharist—Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth

The Mass is a re-presentation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time & space, at Mass, we offer the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving JESUS HIMSELF, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful.

Let's pray this right now & every day this week: **Jesus, please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in Holy Communion.** This week read the words of Jesus about *remaining in Him and He in us* in John 6: 54-58.



# *St. Peter's Annual Picnic*

June 10th and 11th 2023

**708 1st St. Stevens Point, WI**

**Saturday, June 10th, 2023 - Grounds open at 3:30 PM**

**3:30 PM -  
Bean Bag Tournament Registration**

**Bake Sale at Church before and after 4 PM Mass**

**4 PM -  
Bean Bag Tournament  
Music - DJ CARPO Productions  
Food Stand**

**Snack Stand  
Beverage Stand  
Silent Auction (4 PM - 9 PM) - School Gym  
Games for All Ages**

**9 PM - GROUNDS CLOSE**

**Sunday, June 11th, 2023 - Grounds open at 11 AM**

**10 AM - Bake Sale in Faustina Room at Church prior to and after 10:30 AM Mass.**

**10:30 AM - Polka Mass - Old Tyme Brass and the Choraleers**

**11 AM - 1 PM - Chicken Dinner \*\*Church Basement - Seating available\*\***

**11 AM - Picnic Grounds**

**Music - Happy Notes & Old Tyme Brass  
Silent Auction - School Gym - Bidding ends at 4 PM**

**Beverage, Food and Snack Stands  
Basket Raffle  
Games for All Ages  
Cake Raffle**

**5 PM - Major Ticket Raffle, GROUNDS CLOSE**



# Saint Casimir Parish

## 152 years of Faith and Family Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21st, 2023

Secretary: Rebecca Jones

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Phone Number: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support 5/14/2023



Adult Envelopes: \$ 1519

Offertory: \$ 146

### Happy Birthday

Norbert Strojny (5/21)  
Elaine Blaskowski (5/21)  
Dennis Flanigan (5/21)  
John Laskowski (5/21)  
Donna Woyak (5/26)  
Dale Krebsbach (5/27)  
Lauren Wierzba (5/27)



### Meeting Notice

St Casimir's Parish Council will meet on Thursday May 25th at 6:30PM in the church basement.

### Thank You

Another year of generous contributions. A total of \$149 was collected last Sunday to support the Portage County Right to Life Organization. A sincere thank you to everyone who donated funds, purchased a rose or participated in any measure to this worthy and beneficial endeavor. May God's blessings be granted to all.

### Thought for the week; The Voiceless Cry

Jesus, hear us, and let our cry come onto Thee.  
That voiceless cry, that comes from anguished hearts,  
is heard above all the music of Heaven.

It is not the arguments of theologians that solve the problems of a questioning heart, but the cry of the heart to the Lord, the certainty that He has heard and will answer all our prayers and petitions.



Mass Intention for May 28th, 2023



† Deceased Members of Strojny  
and Wayerski Families

† Leonard & Theresa King

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

Sunday, May 28th, 2023

Commentator: Debbie

Lector: Ken

Servers: Joey & Jacob

Eucharistic Minister: Bernie King

Ushers: Patti Flanigan & Bernie Stoltz

Rosary Intentions:

For: The sick of our parish community;

For: A successful planting and growth of crops to  
feed all nations;

For: All leaders foreign and domestic to work to-  
gether to resolve conflict and recognize all men are  
created equal in the eyes of God.

### May Crowning

A most gracious and sincere thank you to Father Todd Mlsna for leading our congregation in solemn prayer and praise to the Blessed Virgin Mary this past Mother's Day. And, to those individuals who shared their time and talents toward the beautiful décor, with faithful and loving music adoration, and the generous donation of flowers, again, we say thank you. May our Blessed Mother hold these gifts of talents, prayer, and praise forever in her heart.

Join us for **St Peter's Annual Picnic** in Stevens Point

June 10th —Grounds open at 3:30-9

June 11th—Grounds open at 11-5

708 1st St. Stevens Point, WI



## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP!!

### May 21st FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST !!

Amherst Fire Station  
4585 Fairgrounds Rd.,  
Amherst, WI

Featuring "UNCLE PANCAKE"  
known for his famous skill of  
"Flipping Pancakes to Your Plate"

Serving Pancakes & Sausage Links  
From 8:00AM to 12:00Noon

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### Have you stumbled upon a great idea for donating to the Silent Auction??

Do not hesitate to **contact Sandy Kuklinski** with  
your offerings. This is CRUNCH time for her to  
be planning the layout /display of items which  
folks can place their bids on. **715-341-1069**