

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 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:

Holy Spirit Parish at 8:15 am

July –September

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday 8:30 - 11:30am

LIVE-STREAMED MASS:

Sunday at 10:30am

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.**

THEN JESUS SAID,

"COME TO ME,

all of you who are weary

& CARRY HEAVY BURDENS,

**AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST."**

MATTHEW 11:28



For the summer months thru Labor Day, the
Live-Streamed Masses will be
at 10:30am each Sunday.

Date: July 15/16th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Rick Zupan	Kay King Steve King	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Deacon Ray Kay King Gerry Weber	Larry & Karen Proulx
7:30 am	Della Schoenecker	Bob Govett Bob Bernas	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Deacon Ray Mary Makuski Pam Spaid	Carol Bernas
10:30am	Cindy Heitzinger	Carl Knuese Jack & Joe Demerath	Lucas McIntyre Mathias & Gloria Gebeau	Deacon Ray Matt Bablitch Eve Krueger	Wendy Demerath

St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
is unavailable at time of publication.
Information will be included in
July 16th edition.

God Bless You!
Have a GREAT
Week!



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Maintenance: Jeff Patton
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

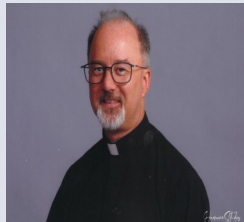
Baptism: New parents are required to take part in a preparation program, if possible, before the child's birth. Please contact the Parish Office (715-344-6115) for more registration information.

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.



Having celebrated the 4th of July, that national holiday is a good reason to pause and consider what freedom is meant to be used for in the mind of the church. From the Catholic encyclopedia (Nelson publisher 1987 page 228) we are reminded



"there are three aspects of freedom of beings, all having negative and positive concepts: (1) the 'freedom from' something, as opposed to enslavement; (2) moral freedom, the freedom of the will, or not being forced to act in a certain way; (3) the transcendental freedom that is the fundamental propriety of man."In the Christian view of freedom, freedom lacking a religious dimension, freedom that does not have grace and make use of it, is fallen freedom. Man must be free if he is to rise again in glory, to take up God's offer obtained through Christ and continuously proffered by the Church, for we are healed through Christ and are called to be the "children of God."

That sounds different from what the world says freedom is. The world or society both have a very limited sense of freedom. It is reduced to only making decisions. That sense of freedom remains on the level of a consumer and emotions that can so rapidly change. That type of freedom puts the individual at the center. True freedom is choosing the Good. What is true and even necessary especially when it is not something we like. Parents know that time and again. Spouses often put the other first. Our military personnel have done that over the years.

Of course that is not easy and so the need for grace. Grace also to truly see what is in front of us. To really understand what it is that we are deciding on for whose benefit. That we are freely striving to be children of God. That the glory of God is part of why we are deciding.

Of course many decisions we make are not earth shattering yet to intentionally make them is acting in true freedom. Often we are on autopilot and act out of routine. Being free calls us to enter every situation fully aware of what and why we are doing it. We are shaped by the decisions we make. They all add up over time. They can shape our character and who we become.

God has given us this great gift of freedom so to act as He acts. As a nation the fight for political freedom began in 1776, 247 years ago. Whether politically or morally, there is always a fight to use freedom well, for God's greater glory as human beings. To grasp more fully what this gift means in our lives calls for reflection and prayer. Are there areas that we are not free? That addictions and patterns of behavior have taken our human freedom away? Am I bringing God's grace into the decisions that I am making? Praying about decisions seems simple enough but why wait until that is the last option; start with prayer before any decision.

This past 4th of July I freely agreed with Bishop Callahan and came to St. Peter and St. Casimir parishes. There can be many different pieces that go



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, July –September

Monday Mass rotation at Holy Spirit @ 8:15am

TUESDAY, July 11

8:00 am † Leona Schultz
† Henry Korger

WEDNESDAY, July 12

8:00 am † Marie Strong
† Lynette Altenburg

THURSDAY, July 13

8:00 am † Roxane Kizewski
† Shirley Kalpinski

FRIDAY, July 14

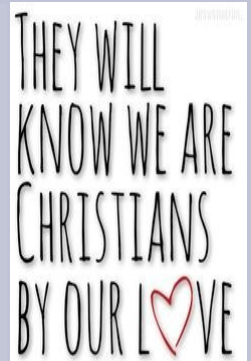
8:00 am † Alice Mancheski
† Mary Lassa

SATURDAY, July 15

4:00 pm † John Butkus
† Dr. Jim Miller

SUNDAY, July 16

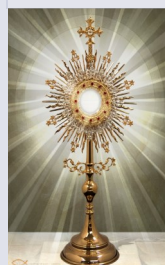
7:30 am † George Kvatek
† Joseph Stuczynski, Sr.
10:30 am † Frank & Mildred Szymanski
For the Families of St. Peter and St. Casimir Parishes



into our freedom and it is not always easy or without cost. Yet God freely loves us and freely forgives us. In those areas may we be as free as God to do the same.

St. Peter and St. Casimir, Pray for us.

Fr. John Potaczek



Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday beginning after 8am Mass until before Thursday morning Mass.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed at 3pm.
Want to become a regular adorers? Call to find a time you are needed:
715-341-6732 Marianne Koch

A Traveler's Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, please send a protective circle of your angels around this (van, car, boat, airplane) with St. Michael the Archangel in charge.

†St. Michael in front of us, †St. Michael behind us, †St. Michael above us, †St. Michael below us, †St. Michael to the left of us, †St. Michael to the right of us. Keep anything that would harm us physically, spiritually, mentally or emotionally away from us so that we may reach our final destination to glorify your name. Amen.



School Supplies Needed

St. Peter Parish is collecting donated school supply items for United Way's "Project Fresh Start."

Most needed items: durable backpacks- 17in or larger, permanent markers, dry erase markers, glue bottles, colored pencils, 3x5 index cards,

Rulers, adult scissors, pencil pouches, water color paint sets, wide & college ruled single subject notebooks and 2 pocket folders: green, blue, yellow, red, orange and purple

Donations may be brought in to the boxes in the narthex and Faustina Room stairwell area which are labeled:

Project Fresh Start School Supplies.

THANK Y♥U



A Minute with Jesus.... During Eucharistic Revival



The Eucharist is called the Breaking of Bread

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave thanks, then blessed and broke the bread and gave it to the Apostles. Jesus repeated this action on the day of His Resurrection as He shared a meal with the disciples in Emmaus. The disciples had left Jerusalem, believing that Jesus was dead. As Jesus walked with disciples to Emmaus, they did not recognize Him. It was in the "breaking of the bread" that He opened their eyes to recognize Him as the risen Lord. This transfigured Bread and Wine-the Eucharist-is the Gift of Himself to them, and now to us.

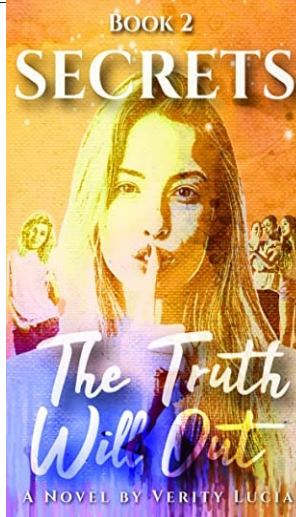
Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, please grant me the grace to recognize You in the holy Eucharist-please reveal this reality to my heart!

This week, read the passage of the disciples recognizing Jesus in "the breaking of the bread" in Luke 24: 13-35.



Give the gift of FAITH to the TEEN or Young Adult in your life! It's Faith through Fiction!

Today's teens live in a world where the pro-life movement seems to be reduced to polarizing sound bites & social media arguments. In **Secrets: The Truth Will Out**, author Verity Lucia invites teen readers into a story that adds a different perspective. This page-turner novel weaves an important message into its intriguing story, using a touch of fantasy within the overall suspense.





Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Open House for Father Joseph's retirement a special evening. That includes everyone who donated food/beverage items; all the volunteers who worked diligently to make everything go smoothly; all who attended & those who couldn't attend, but will keep Fr. in their prayers. A special "thank you" to Tracy Spoerl for all the planning & coordinating. Fr. Joseph will be missed, but he has promised to return periodically for a visit. Please keep him in your prayers. †

July 23-29 is Natural Family Planning Awareness Wk.

"The benefits of NFP—self-knowledge, marital satisfaction, spiritual growth for both husband and wife—these make NFP unique." (Lee Ann Doerflinger) Explore: Natural Family Planning: An Unexpected Grace" Respect Life Program, USCCB. To Learn More: diolc.org/nfp or contact: Christy Kitzhaber at ckitzhaber@diolc.org



The Cup of Our Life: Aug. 25-26th

Presented by:
Sr. Celine Goessl, SCSC



Ordinary life, ordinary cup, an extraordinary God blessing us. Do you feel ordinary? That is not how God sees you. God wants you to see yourself as loved & wondrous as God does. Easy? No. But possible with prayerful practice. Using the image of an ordinary cup, we will enter into reflection of our own personal spirituality & growth, specifically with:

C—Christ

U—Us

P—People with whom we live.

Each meditation session will begin with a reflection & include scripture, small group sharing and then large group sharing and a closing prayer. The 4 sessions are: The Cup of Our Life, The Cluttered or Empty Cup, The Broken Cup and the Blessing Cup.

Check in begins at 3pm on Friday, followed by Orientation at 5:45 and Supper at 6pm. The Retreat concludes Saturday at 4pm. Investment: \$125

ST. ANTHONY
spiritualitycenter



Benedictines of Mary Queen of Apostles

A motor coach pilgrimage is planned:

July 31st—August 1st

to the Benedictines of

Mary Queen of the Apostles Convent
Gower, Missouri

Participants in the pilgrimage will be able to pray at the tomb of

SISTER WILHELMINA,

who is thought to be incorrupt.

Fr. Joe Redfern

will serve as chaplain.

Overnight accommodations will be in Kansas City.

For more info,
Email Patrick Slattery:

pjslattery9@protonmail.com

or call:

608-452-4605



Praying Together as a Family

An important component of Summer is taking time to pray together each day. Check out the downloadable prayer card for each grade level.

This simple process helps prayer to become more personal.

Visit:

diolc.org/prayer

or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code.



Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family

14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday July 9, 2023

Secretary: Lori Gollon

Bookkeeper: Rebecca Jones

Email: secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org

Phone Number: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support **7/2/2023**



Adult Envelopes: \$ —

Offertory: \$ —

Due to holiday, July 2nd collections will be in next week's bulletin.

Happy Birthday

Frank Jurgella 7/10

Patrick Klismith 7/12

Owen Lepinski 7/13

Russell Losinski 7/14

Henry Rozak 7/14

Tyler Stevenson 7/14

Anthony Danczyk 7/15

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

WELCOME!

The parishioners of St. Casimir Parish extend their sincere welcome to Father John Potaczek as our new Reverend/Pastor which became effective July 4, 2023. Father Potaczek comes to us from St. Patrick's Parish in Mauston, WI.

Prior assignment in his tenure included serving as Pastor to St. Stephen's Parish in Stevens Point and many other leadership roles. Father Potaczek we welcome you, we pray with you as you enter another phase of God's plan to lead us in thanksgiving and praise in commitment to our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ.

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$131,375.00

Pledged: \$107,141.00

Total Received as of 6/30/2023: **\$43,226.03**

Mass Intention for July 16, 2023



† **Rose Barbers**

† **Louise Gard**

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Commentator: Bonnie

Lector: Pat

Servers: Elroy

Eucharistic Minister: Pat

Ushers: Kurt & Caden Strojny

Rosary Intention

- For the sick of our parish
- For Father John Potaczek in his new role as Pastor to St Casimir Parish
- For the prayers and intentions of our fellow parishioners

Thought for the Week

O God, you are my God: I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you: my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. - **Psalm 63:1**

Tap water is unfit for consumption in many countries. When traveling overseas we either run tap water through a filter or purchase bottled water. We can run into serious problems when clean drinking water isn't readily available. Desperation for water and a better understanding of its vital role for survival helps us appreciate our need for Jesus, the "Living Water". Without the salvation Jesus offers and His ongoing presence in our lives, we'd be spiritually parched or worse. Jesus not only brings life ... He is life. Clearly we cannot live without Him.

Drink a glass of water slowly, appreciating its role in your survival. Thank Jesus for providing us with His "Living Water".



Check out these Upcoming Events !

Enjoy live music, food trucks, raffles and games at **SPIRITFEST** on July 23rd, **11:30 -5:30** Polka Mass at 10:30am
Fun for the whole family at Holy Spirit Parish, Stevens Pt.

St. Joseph Parish hosts a **RUMMAGE SALE** on **Thursday, August 3rd, 12 to 5pm, Sat. Aug. 5 9am to noon. Bag Sale after 4:00pm Mass.**

Go to the Family Center at St. Joseph Church.

Please use the Jefferson St. entrance. Good deals on a variety of items. Don't miss it!

St. Paul Parish, Plainfield, Annual Festival on Sunday, Aug 6th. Mass at 10am , Chicken Dinner at 11:00am until sold out, Food Tent, Bingo, Raffles, Live DJ with Musical Surprises, Kids Games, Basket Raffle, Country Market

Hosting an "event" at your home or campsite?
Don't forget to buy SCRIP for stocking up on snacks and refreshments!



SOME CHANGES TO OUR PARISH SCRIP SALES:

We are now
offering **TWO** forms of purchasing **SCRIP** cards:

"QUICK SCRIP" - buy what we have on hand in the **SCRIP** box and walk away with the **SCRIP** cards you purchased.

"LONG SCRIP" (pre-order) - Select from the long **PCS** inventory to order cards which you will pick up one week later.

Thank you for any & all of your support of the **SCRIP** program. Continuing to purchase **SCRIP designated to credit St. Peter's Parish**, **COLLECTIVELY** helps make a dent in our monthly dollars owed to **PCS**.