

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 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:

Holy Spirit Parish at 8:15 am

July –September

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

MON-THURSDAY:

8:30am - 3:00pm

Friday: by appt. only

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.

Just imagine, God plants a tiny
grain of sand into an oyster to create
a beautiful, natural pearl and places it in
a vast ocean to be found like a precious
treasure. This is the same
God that decided to
create you and place you
in this world like a precious
treasure too. You are
a rare and special

Gift...

BetteKelley©



*Barefoot Thoughts and Rambling Inspirations
Reflections of a Barefoot Dreamer*

JUST IMAGINE THAT

Next weekend, August 5th/6th

FOOD COLLECTION

for

Operation Bootstrap

Please bring to the donation bin in the Faustina Rm
any non-perishable grocery items which may be of help to families in
need. Thanks !



Please note our NEW Office Hours:
St. Peter Parish Office: M-Th 8:30-3:00
Friday: by appt. only

Date: August 5/6th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Kay King	Mateo Koch Paul Koch	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Kay King Paul Koch Gerry Weber	Dawn Weber
7:30 am	Sheree Nagel	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Alexis Nagel Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Mary Makuski Pam Spaid Mike Spaid	Mike Spaid
10:30am	Angel Gebeau	Carl Knuese Joe & Jack Demerath	Chase Baron Gloria & Matthias Gebeau	Cheryl Kehl Matt Bablitch Eve Krueger	Danielle Baron

St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

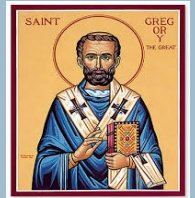
July 23, 2023

Envelopes & Offertory: \$ **4,972.00**

Year to Date: \$ **28,596.02**

"The proof of love is in the works.
Where love exists, it works great
things. But when it ceases to act, it
ceases to exist."

~St. Pope Gregory the Great



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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

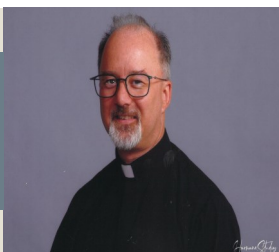
Reconciliation: Tuesday-Friday @ 7:15 - 7:45am
Saturday @ 3:00 - 3:45pm

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.

Fr. John's Weekly Message...



Mass Intentions for the Week

Wrapping up July we had some great saints to learn from. On July 26th we celebrated the feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim. Pope Francis has used this date to honor grandparents as this is the feast of Jesus' grandparents. Perhaps we often don't think about Jesus having grandparents, an extended family but He did. That is part of the Incarnation, that He truly entered into family life and perhaps was spoiled by them as grandparents are wont. On July 29th is the feast day of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus; good friends of Jesus. Again we think of the Apostles hanging out with Jesus all the time in the Gospels. Nonetheless He had good friends and as the Gospels relate to us, He would stop in and spend time with them. Family and Friendship, experiences we can all relate to. Looking ahead on August 4th is the feast of St. John Vianney. What a great day to pray for vocations to the priesthood especially from our parishes.

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we will be looking more deeply at the Mass with the help of Denis McNamara's article "In the Form of a Sacrificial Meal" (Catechetical Review April 2023).

"For the average Catholic, even one who speaks piously of the Mass as the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Calvary, the link between Christ's dramatic death on the Cross can seem remote from the sacred liturgy's formal ritual. The notion of the Mass as a sacred meal comes from its roots in the Last Supper, and the Eucharistic Prayer conspicuously repeats the very words of Christ at the Passover meal of the Upper Room. But historically, the Mass is also called a sacrifice. Even the Second Vatican Council's constitution on the liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, calls the Mass a sacrifice nine times and urges the laity to join themselves to the sacrifice offered by the priest. Yet, sacrifice of the ancient type is utterly unfamiliar to the modern world. Though its mechanisms are on vivid display in the Mass and its priestly and sacrificial logic is present, the sacrificial aspects of the Eucharist can seem only opaquely present rather than radiantly and faithfully perceived." (page 9)

So in the coming weeks professor McNamara's articles will help us reflect more deeply what we are doing each week that we gather for Mass. Or daily for those who are able to do that with their schedule. With life so fast paced we are often just trying to fit in what we can. So the idea of stepping back and pondering anything seems impossible. But growing in gratitude requires us to realize what we have. Eucharist is often translated "thanksgiving". Again we give thanks because we have received something. For us to fully realize what we are given at Mass and to offer heartfelt thanksgiving requires us to see deeply what Jesus has and is doing for us through the celebration of the Mass.

Perhaps in the coming weeks try to arrive early and allow yourself that time to enter prayer purposefully and intentionally. During the week before, why not google

MONDAY, July –September

Monday Mass rotation at Holy Spirit @ 8:15am

TUESDAY, August 1

8:00 am † Ronald & Stephen Nissen & Michelle Firkus
For Healing & Reconciliation for Leah Korger

WEDNESDAY, August 2

8:00 am † Eugene & Jane Zdroik
For Suffering Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, August 3

8:00 am † Grace Pliska
† Philip Gollon

FRIDAY, August 4

8:00 am † Evelyn Rekowski
† Robert J. Check

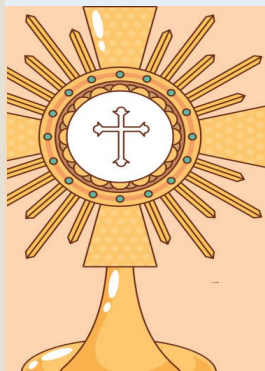
SATURDAY, August 5

4:00 pm † Len Pliska
† Mary Armagost

SUNDAY, August 6

7:30 am † Bernice Garski
† Kenneth Thompson

10:30 am In Thanksgiving on the celebration of
Larry & Phyllis Studinski's 50th Wedding Anniversary
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Wednesday beginning
After the 8am Mass until
Before Thursday morning Mass.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy is
Prayed at 3:00pm.

*Cast all your worries upon Him
because He cares for you.*

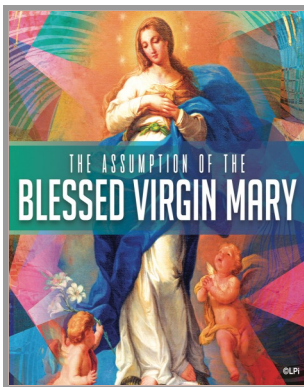
1Peter 5:7

Friday, August 4th is First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

the readings so you can hear them in a way that sinks into the heart.

The Saints have given us a great model to follow, so let's ask Sts. Anne, Joachim, Martha, Mary, Lazarus, and John Vianney to intercede on our behalf so as to more fruitfully enter the Sacrifice of the Mass.

~Fr. John Potaczek



Tuesday, August 15th,
the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, is a
Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass at St. Peter Church:
8:00 am and 5:15 pm

Lay Ministers: If you are
able to help serve, please
sign up in the Sacristy. ♥

I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,



you will bear much fruit; apart from
me you can do nothing.

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John 15:5

A Minute with Jesus during this Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist is called Holy Communion.

When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we receive Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. As we receive Jesus' Body & Blood into our soul, strengthening us to be faithful by following Him and loving and serving Him through serving others, particularly those in need.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, thank you for the incredible treasure of Holy Communion in which You allow us to be united with You in the closest possible bond of friendship & love.

This week, read how Jesus encourages us to
"remain" in Him in

John 15: 4-5

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION: THANK YOU to all
who have given to the "Back to School" collection.
A reminder: last wkend for collection is Aug. 12/13.



**SAVE the
DATE !!!**

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!
The Eucharist at the Heart of the Scriptures

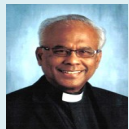
The Diocese of La Crosse will hold a
Virtual conference on
Monday, August 21st, 2023
5:30-7:30pm.

Mark Hart, known as the "Bible Geek"
will help us understand
Jesus' Presence in the Eucharist
using Scripture passages.

We will gather in Kolbe Hall for this event.

Snacks & Drinks will b provided.

Put this on your calendar and see you then!



Hello, St. Peter and St. Casimir Parishioners,

Greetings and good wishes to you all from Fr. Joseph. You may be wondering what is going on with me and how I am doing after having left Stevens Point. Hence, I am sending you this message below, just to let you know about my situation.

I reached my home-city, Madurai, Tamilnadu State in India, on the 12th of July & entered into my house, almost completed but not furnished. My nieces brought me food on that day and I managed the first day. That night I had to sleep on a temporary cot. The following day, my sister and my brother-in-law helped me for shopping and we bought cots, mattresses, cook-wares and other appliances for my house. Thank God, I have good helping hands and they are very helpful to me. Every day the service engineer from each company comes to set up the appliances.

I have converted one of the rooms in my house as a chapel for my personal prayer and the celebration of the Holy Mass. However, I miss St. Peter's Church very much, which was my most favorite place every morning to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. It is where I was getting the main source of message to preach during daily Mass and during the Sunday Mass. Even here every morning, when I pray, I remember you all. Certainly, I will not forget you, my former Parishioners in my prayer. If, God willing, we will meet in next July. Till then, let us remain united in prayer.

With God's blessings,

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Rose 11
SOPHIE KUBISIAK
August 6th



"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is,
That we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
~Sister Lucia of Fatima

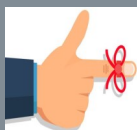
All Parishioners,
Please see the bulletin insert which highlights
St. Peter Parish's hosting of
the world-famous Fatima Statue visiting us on
August 23.
A true privilege & blessing for our parish!

Youth Ministry SUMMER Sweepstakes

As part of our combined youth ministry program this sweepstakes enables us to offer youth ministry events such as Steubenville Youth Conferences, Adventure Camp, Mission Trips, and Seminary Visits. This weekend, thirteen students from our Religious Education program are attending a Steubenville Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

The winners of this sweepstakes will be drawn at the *Evening Under the Stars* event on Saturday, August 26 at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen, where you are welcome to join us for a homemade Spaghetti Dinner, and movie under the stars. We hope to see you there!

Mislaidd your tickets or need more? Stop by any parish office for more!



**Remember to register for 2023/24
Religious Ed Classes NOW!
Student Enrollment info and forms
are available at our
Parish website: stpeter.us**

LET'S BEAUTIFY OUR PARISH GROUNDS!!

St. Peter Parish is in need of help with the up-keep of our Parish Grounds. We are asking families and/or individuals who are interested in keeping our parish grounds looking as beautiful as the inside of our Church.

If this concerns you, and if you are able & willing to help, please call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number so that we can reach out to you with pertinent information.

Your "help" will entail weeding, light trimming and general cleanup of a small area you would be in charge of.

**Can YOU pitch in ?
715-344-6115**



let all that you do
be done in
Love
1 corinthians 16:14

As Summer begins to point closer to Fall we need to update our Liturgical Ministry Schedule.

ALL READERS, USHERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS....

Please email the Parish Secretary, Nancy Koch at:
bulletin-secretary@pacellicatholicalschools.com
with any dates which we need to avoid for you in setting up the new schedule by August 15th.

We could always use additional volunteers! If you would like to join in and begin serving...this is wonderful and we would greatly appreciate it. Simply notify the office or Deacon Ray and we can steer you to familiarizing yourself thru brief training and begin to slowly bring you on to the next schedule.

Examine your calendar and get back to Nancy with the necessary info. Thanks!

Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday July 30, 2023

Secretary: Lori Gollon

Bookkeeper: Rebecca Jones

Email: secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org

Phone Number: 715-344-9582

St. Casimir Parish Support: July 23, 2023



Offertory: \$150

Adult Envelopes: \$981

Happy Birthday

Jonah Dombrowski (Aug. 1)

Tony Pukrop (Aug. 8)



The Transfiguration of the Lord

The feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus is celebrated on August 6, even if this day is a Sunday, as it is in 2023.



Consider reading these Gospel passage (Matthew 17: 1-9) and praying this prayer in contemplation of this feast day.

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of Your only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Celebrating Children

This week we put back the Celebrating Children sheets to help guide parents and children with how to go through the Mass. Please take advantage of this resource and continue being active participants in the Mass.

Mass Intention for August 6, 2023

† **Leonard and Theresa King**

† **Casimer Nowicki**



St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule Sunday, August 6, 2023

Commentator: Sally Bukowski

Lector: Stefanie Folck

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Wolfe

Ushers: Patty Flanigan and Bernie Stoltz

Rosary Intention for Sunday, July 23, 2023

- For the sick of the parish.
- For laity of our Parish that by our dead and example others will be inclined to know worship and accept God's will for peace and prosperity for all mankind.
- For today's youth that they will honor their mothers and fathers with respect, loyalty and above all with unconditional love during good times and bad.



Thought for the Week

Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's camp!" (Genesis 32: 1-2)



Faith Step: Imagine Jesus hosting you. What does He do that makes you feel most welcome? Can you bring that sense of welcome into your day?

LOOKING FOR FUN? Check out these events for helping support area-wide parishes !



St. Philip's in Rudolph hosts its 102nd CHURCH PICNIC on Sunday, August 6th

Mass at 10am in Church all activities on the grounds. 12-4pm Old Time Brass w/ covered dance floor, Children's games and BINGO at 11am. Basket/Cash Raffles, food and FUN!

St. Wenceslaus Parish, Milladore, hosts a "Back to School RUMMAGE SALE, August 18, 19 & 20th.

8am to 4pm each day. Located in the school, Directly behind the Church. Infant, toddler, youth, and adult clothing with house decorations and much more!

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church PICNIC on Saturday, August 19th , 11am -7pm / MASS: 7:00PM

Food, Beverages, Raffles, Bingo, Country Store, Classic Cars on Display, Music by The Drovers

Sacred Heart Parish PICNIC, Polonia, Sunday, August 20th - 10:00am Mass w/Polish Hymns led by the Sacred Heart Choir, 10:30-1:30 Chicken & Ham Dinner in air conditioned Dining Room, carry outs available. Raffles, Bingo, Cherry Tree & more. Music from 12 to 7PM/ alternating EZ Tones & Cynor Classics.

Evening Under the Stars @ St. Stephen Parish, Sat. Aug. 26th at 7PM : Free Family Fun!

Enjoy a homemade Spaghetti Dinner & movie under the Stars.

Just have fun!