

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 20, 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.



**The Lord does
not turn away
in the face of
our needs &,
if at times,
He seems
insensitive to
our requests
for help,
it is in order
to put to the
test and to
strengthen
our faith.
We must
continue to
cry out
like this
woman:
“Lord, help
me! Lord,
help me!”**

~Pope Francis

the Week Ahead...

Monday: Virtual presentation: “Jesus’ Presence in the Eucharist” w/
Mark Hart, the Bible Geek led by Deacon Ray
5:30PM in Kolbe Hall.

Wednesday: International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima visits
St. Peter Church along with 2nd Class Relics of St. Jacinta &
St. Francisco Marta, beginning at 2PM (during Eucharistic
Adoration) ongoing until after morning Mass on Thursday.
Donuts & Coffee in Kolbe Hall afterwards.
Sponsored by Rosary Society

Date: August 26/27th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Kay King	Mateo Koch Paul Koch	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Mateo Koch Gladys Glodoski Gary Glodoski	Barbara Butkus
7:30 am	Jennifer Peplinski	Bob Bernas Bob Govett	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Scott Peplinski Mike Spaid Pam Spaid	Carol Bernas
10:30am	Chelsea Peeters	Carl Knuese Jack & Joe Demerath	Lucas McIntyre Mathias & Gloria Gebeau	Eve Krueger Cheryl Kehl Matt Bablitch	Matt Bablitch

St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

August 13, 2023

Envelopes & Offertory: **\$8,767.00**

Year to Date: **\$52,265.97**

Milk \$

\$115.00



**Our Life,
Our Sweetness and
Our HOPE †**

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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.

Inspiration from Deacon Ray



Our Inclusive God

The readings today speak of welcoming those outside the Jewish faith. Isaiah speaks of foreigners being able to offer sacrifice and being welcome in God's house of prayer. Saint Paul speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles, or non-Jews. And Jesus entered into what was considered pagan territory, an area Jews avoided. God wants everyone to be in a relationship with Him! That is a comforting thought, yet we often are not as welcoming as we should be. We don't always embrace the idea that God loves everyone, even those we believe are our enemies.

Our society seems to be pushing an agenda of inclusivity, but this idea is certainly different from what God and His Church envision. We are bombarded with the message that everyone has a right to live whatever lifestyle they prefer, and there should be no other view that tries to correct unhealthy, sinful living. If someone offers an opinion that is morally opposed to some of these ways of living they are called names such as bigot, a hater, or worse. It seems the norm we have grown up with is now considered wrong. And if you voice your opinion you get beat down by angry voices who seem to believe anything goes, there is no sin or wrong behavior anymore. The Catholic viewpoint is often ridiculed when it comes to morality. Nobody wants to be attacked for voicing their opinion, even if it is based on the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church, so all too often we fail to make our opinion known. We are afraid of the kickback so we remain silent. It certainly does take courage to stand up for what is morally right in today's world!

Everyone is welcome here, regardless of the lifestyle they live. Everyone is included in God's love and welcome to worship Him here. However, there are rules, laws that we are called to abide by. Each of us is a sinner, we fail to abide by these God given laws. So when we seriously offend God with mortal sin we should continue to worship Him, but we should not partake of the Holy Eucharist until we have been cleansed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let's remember that God wants everyone to be in a relationship with Him, and then let's pray for everyone who has felt unworthy to come to worship Him or has somehow gotten the idea that they are not welcome here in the Catholic Church. Let's repent of our sins and ask God to forgive all of us and make us worthy to receive Him, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Let us



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAYS July –September

Monday Mass rotation at Holy Spirit @ 8:15am

TUESDAY, August 22

8:00 am For the Stepaniak Family
† Mildred Rybarczyk

WEDNESDAY, August 23

8:00 am For Living & Deceased Members of the
Groshek/Armatoski Families

THURSDAY, August 24

8:00 am † George Kvatek
† Henry Korger

FRIDAY, August 25

8:00 am † Tony Wanta
† David Katzmark

SATURDAY, August 26

4:00 pm † Mary Lassa & Ann Peterson
† Paul Koraleski

SUNDAY, August 27

7:30 am † Peter Garski
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes
10:30 am For an increase in love for Eucharistic Adoration
† Jack Eckberg

pray that we are all worthy of eternal life when it is our time to be judged by Him. And may God bless you!

~Deacon Ray



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

*Do not let your hearts be
troubled or afraid.*

~John 14 : 25

Please keep our Seminarians in your Prayers.

David Nowicki

(Theology IV at
Pontifical North
American College
In Rome).

David's home

Parish: St. Anthony de Padua, Athens



**Lord, we pray for all Seminarians. For those
whom You are calling to the priesthood, may they
never doubt your will as they boldly follow you.
May this new academic year provide fruitful
growth in understanding & wisdom of all truth.**

If you wish to send David encouraging
words: Pontifical North American College
Via del Gianicolo, 14,
Rome RM, Italy 00165



At Mass, We Want to Focus on God



**When we go to Mass, we want to think about God.
This is our set-aside time with Jesus, and we are to
speak with and listen to Him because the Mass is the
official public worship of God by the Church.
This is the way that God invites us to worship Him as
laid out in the Bible. Jesus wants us to sincerely focus
on Him and what is happening at the altar. When we
get distracted: don't get upset, but say a little prayer-
ever so simple-and turn your thoughts gentle and
peacefully back to the Mass.**

**Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is
happening at Mass every Sunday
(or Saturday evening).**

**This week, read how we are to give
thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95: 1-6.**

"The EUCHARIST at the Heart of the Scriptures"

Presented by the Dio-
cese of La Crosse as a
Virtual Conference on
**MONDAY, August 21st in
KOLBE HALL 5:30-
7:30pm**

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

Deacon Ray will lead this event in Kolbe Hall.
Snacks & Drinks will be provided. We look
forward to seeing you Monday night!



**EVERYONE
is invited to attend!**



**Please remember to notify the
Parish Office of any changes to
your address or various other
contact information.**

**Email the necessary revisions to:
bulletin-secretary@pacellicatholicschools.com**

St. Peter's Family Life Committee will meet in Kolbe Hall: Monday, Aug 28th at 6:30 PM

All Family Life members are encouraged to attend.
We welcome any adult parishioners to join our team!
♥ Help us help families ♥





**World-famous Fatima Statue
visits St. Peter Parish!**

2:00pm Aug. 23rd

St. Peter Parish hosts
the world-famous Fatima Statue visiting us on
Aug 23 @2pm until after Mass on Aug 24
After Mass, share and enjoy
Donuts & Coffee in Kolbe Hall.
Sponsored by the Rosary Society


[a reminder: Sept. 3rd/ Rose 12 Arlene Gollon]

**LET'S BEAUTIFY OUR
PARISH GROUNDS!!**

**St. Peter Parish is in need of help with the
upkeep of our Parish Grounds.**

**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

A Time to Heal

Sept. 22-24, 2023 / 1 wkend-2 options:

WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE
with Rev. Catherine Kuschel
or
MOVING THROUGH GRIEF INTO GRAITITUDE
with Susan Soriano

To love someone includes not only the willingness to know and be changed by that love, but also the possibility of losing that love, whether by death, estrangement, or abandonment, to name a few. Grief is the heart's response to loss—of course there will be challenges.

Participants in either option will be sharing feelings and learning to recover our bearings after the loss of a loved one. There will be time for prayer and reflection. Further details can be found by contacting the St. Anthony Spirituality Center at 715-443-2236 or their website at www.sarcenter.com

ST. ANTHONY
spiritualitycenter

(Flyers available at main bulletin boards in Church)



**Youth Ministry
SUMMER
Sweepstakes**

As part of our combined youth ministry program serving St. Peter, St. Casimir, St. Joseph, and St. Stephen, this sweepstakes enables us to offer youth ministry events such as Steubenville Youth Conferences, Adventure Camp, Mission Trips, and Seminary Visits.

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 enjoy 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! Please be sure that your tickets are returned your parish office by August 21 or bring to the event at St. Stephen on August. 26



2023 Steubenville attendees.
Made possible through the support of this sweepstakes!

Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family
The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2023

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Saint Casimir Parish Support
08/13/2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 630

Offertory: \$ 69

08/14/2022—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Offertory: \$ 188



Happy Birthday:



Karen Danczyk (Aug. 23)

Caden Strojny (Aug. 25)

Sue Pukrop (Aug. 25)

Thought of the Week

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. John 15:13-14

Friends are great. But Jesus is our ultimate Friend ... the only One who laid down His own life for us. The Lord valued the friendships He made with the disciples. He loved them. Even after Judas betrayed Him with a kiss, Jesus shows us what true friendship looks like; but most importantly, we'll never find a friend who loves us as deeply as He loves us.

What do you think makes a good friend?

Faith Step: take some quiet time to yourself and call to mind a particular time when you felt really loved. What was the sensation? Now write down your answers to this question: what am I ashamed of? Once you've written your answers, give them to Jesus and let yourself feel how much the Lord loves you.

Mass Intention for August 27, 2023



† Louie Gard

† Gerry Stuczynski

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

August 27, 2023

Commentator: Sally Bukowski

Lector: Kenn Firkus

Servers: Bernie King

Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Bukowski

Ushers: Burants

Meet and Greet

Parishioners of Saint Casimir's are invited to a meet and greet with Father Potaczek after the 9:00am mass on Sunday, **August 27**. Coffee and donuts will be served. We hope you will join us as we get to know our new pastor.

Rosary Intentions for August 27

- For the sick of our parish.
- For the souls who perished in the devastation in Maui
- For any special intentions you might have



Please remember that Saint Casimir's is looking for a new custodian. If you or anyone you know is interested, contact the parish office at 715-344-9582.





Our hearts
and prayers
go out to the
people of
Lahaina, Maui.

*May the Lord heal and restore their suffering
community.*

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Avoid being SCAMMED:

**Scammers PRESSURE
you to act immediately.
REMEMBER THIS when
it is happening to YOU!**



- Scammers want you to act before you have time to think!
- If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story.
- They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
- Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages. **Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you did not expect.**



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