

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 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.

Nothing escaped the
wisdom and power of
Christ, the elements of
nature lay at His service,
spirits obeyed Him,
angels served Him.

... And yet, out of all the
world, Peter alone was
chosen to stand at the
head, for the calling of all
the peoples and the
oversight of all the
apostles and Fathers
of the Church.

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St Pope Leo the Great (400-461)

Father and Doctor of the Church

the Week Ahead...

MONDAY: FAMILY LIFE Committee Mtg / Kolbe Hall at 6:30PM

THURSDAY: St. Casimir's Parish Council Meeting

Date: Sept. 2nd/3rd	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Gladys Glodoski	Kay King Steve King	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Cherye Rolnicki Don Rolnicki Paul Koch	volunteer
7:30 am	Rick Zupan	Bob Bernas Bob Govett Kevin Pudroski	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Pam Spaid Mike Spaid Mary Makuski	Carol Bernas
10:30am	Matt Bablitch	Dick Glinski Jeff Czudec	Lucas McIntyre Chase Baron Aiden Peeters	Cheryl Kehl Eve Krueger Joe Demerath	Wendy or Matt ?

St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

August 20, 2023

Envelopes & Offertory: **\$ 7,094.25**

Year to Date: **\$ 60,410.22**

DAA/2nd coll.

\$305.76



Jesus,
May our love for You
spill out everyday to those
around us.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Reconciliation: Tuesday-Friday @ 7:15 - 7:45am

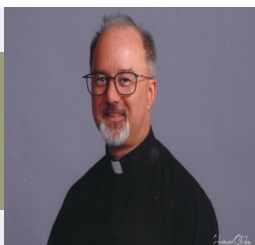
Saturday @ 3:00 - 3:45pm

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



As of last week, we are getting back into a rhythm with Deacon Ray preaching and offering some thoughts in the bulletin on the third week of the month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were a part of the spiritual Bouquet that was delivered on August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. I know that priests need prayers just like everyone else and perhaps even more so to take good care of the souls entrusted to them.

For St. Casimir, today is the first time we will have coffee and treats together, a little meet and greet time, an opportunity to talk and get to know each other a little more. The plan is to do it once in a while. On the 31st will be the first parish council meeting at St. Casimir.

August 29th is the feast day of St. Augustine. He was a bishop of the early church during the fall of Rome. Because of his writings he is known as a doctor of the church. His work has had a huge impact over the centuries. His autobiography "The Confessions" is considered one of the first of its kind in the West. His rule of life guides many religious communities even today.

September 4th is Labor Day. It is our reminder of the contribution of workers to society. It also reminds us of the value of work itself. St. John Paul II wrote on work and how it gives dignity to the person performing it. Work in and of itself is not a punishment but an opportunity to join our work to the work of God for the good of creation and our fellow human beings.

One of the works that we do together with the Lord is the Mass. We continue 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).

"The goal of all sacrifice is to restore man to the spiritual level from which he fell, to the original spiritual world. But, since a man cannot literally offer himself in sacrifice without committing suicide, he must offer by way of an intermediary in a process known as substitution. Through a rite of offering, a priest identified himself with the animal to be offered by laying hands upon it. The animal then substituted for him, and when it was offered to God, it was placed into the realm of the sacred through a religious rite. As such, it became 'the mediator between the world-below and the one On-High.' Since the animal had been ritually sent into the realm of the On High, when it returned and was eaten, the animal's flesh was a bearer of 'consecrated vital force' and became a vehicle for the 'energy of God'. By eating the flesh of the animal, the priest and people were then incorporated into the divine world.

This complex but straightforward mechanism of sacrifice sheds great light on Christ's own sacrifice and why he would establish the memorial of that sacrifice as a meal. Christ is the true High Priest but also the Lamb who shed his own blood for the remission of sins. Because he is both the priest and the victim, he has no need for substitution through an animal. Furthermore, since Christ's



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAYS July –September

Monday Mass rotation at Holy Spirit @ 8:15am

TUESDAY, August 29

8:00 am † Mary Drefcinski

For healing & reconciliation for Leah Korger

WEDNESDAY, August 30

8:00 am † Ryan Sass

THURSDAY, August 31

8:00 am † Grace Pliska

† Martha Golla-Kubisiak

FRIDAY, September 1

8:00 am † Howard Richards

† Karen Rybarczyk

SATURDAY, September 2

4:00 pm † Clifford Falkowski

† Kevin Worzalla

SUNDAY, September 3

7:30 am † Paul Laszinski

For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

10:30 am In Thanksgiving on the Celebration of 100 yrs of life
for Leona Ziolkowski

† Henrietta & Leonard Gilmeister

Incarnation included all of creation, the universe, too, was 'super-eminently transferred from the terrestrial physical world to the supernatural world.' Because of the foreshadowing mechanism of Old Testament sacrifices, Christ's true sacrifice became clear: he was the perfect priest and the perfect offering, transferring all of creation to the sacred realm to reintegrate creation with the Creator."

Wow, that is the work we enter at Mass with infinite implications.

Fr. John Potaczek



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.

John Duranso
(Configuration
Stage: Theology III)
St. Francis de Sales
Seminary
John's home
Parish: Holy Name
of Jesus, Wausau



**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 John encouraging
words: St. Francis de Sales Seminary
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At Mass, the Scripture Readings prepare us to Receive Jesus

There are two major parts to the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Liturgy of the Word, we listen to 3 Readings and a Psalm from Sacred Scripture (the Bible). These Readings help us recall all that God has done for us: His love and His plan for us. We stand for the 3rd reading—the Gospel, the most important Reading—because Matthew, Mark Luke and John deliver the message that Jesus brings, and include quotations of His very own spoken words.

After the Gospel, the priest or deacon help us to understand these Readings from the Bible and how to apply the message to our daily life in order to be a more faithful follower of the Lord. Hearing the Words of Scripture and the Homily which follows helps our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, help me to come to Mass with an open heart,
ready to hear the Readings from Scripture and the
Homily in order to know You better.**

This week, read from the Letter of Paul to Timothy about the importance of God's Word: "All Scripture is inspired by god and is useful for teaching, for reproof, correction & training in righteousness, so that the man (or woman) of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work"

2 Timothy 3: 16-17



**Rural Life Mass Sept. 13th,
11875 US Hwy.10, Marshfield
Day begins with 10:00AM Mass
Celebrated by: Bishop Callahan
Followed by awards, recognitions,
the blessing of crops & machinery
and a catered meal. There will be
wagon rides to tour the ridge-top
farm.**

**ALL are WELCOME! We will give
thanks to God for the contribution
of rural values to the life of the
Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.**



**Monday, Sept. 4th is
Labor Day!
The Parish Office will be
closed. Regular Office
Hours resume on Sept 5.**

**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 ♥



Sept. 3rd:
Rose 12
Arlene Gollon



A Prayer for Healing & Reconciliation

Almighty and Most Loving God,
through your Son
your compassion brought healing to many.
We ask for your healing once more
for all those who have been profoundly
wounded by abuse,
especially those who have been hurt by your
ministers.

In your mercy,
we also ask for forgiveness.
Words cannot express fully
the sorrow we have for the great harm done
by those who were called to be trusted.

In your goodness,
we ask for the grace
to be a source of healing
to all who have been abused
and to be ever vigilant
in protecting all your people.
Grant, we pray, our prayers for healing
and forgiveness,
for we ask them through
your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weekend, please share if you can.....

FOOD COLLECTION

For Operation Bootstrap

Much appreciated food
items can be placed in
the
Donation Boxes in the
Faustina Room
stairwell the 1st
wkend of the month.

THANK YOU !



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

The National Eucharistic Congress JULY 17th-21st, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN

The programming for this Congress includes general sessions, catechetical sessions, and breakouts, featuring the best of today's Catholic speakers and theologians. There will be evening concerts & entertainment.

Most importantly, this Congress will provide a one-of-a-kind encounter with Jesus Christ and the Church through the Sacraments.

Lots of walking will be involved. The main events will take place at Lucas Oil Stadium. The main Congress venue covers a 1-2 mile radius. Shuttles will be available, but are designated for those who identify ADA needs at the time of registration.

Estimated Cost: \$1400-Single Room Occupancy
\$945—Double Room Occupancy

The cost includes the 5-day Congress Pass, Transportation, via coach bus, to and from Indianapolis, and accommodations at a Hotel to be assigned including the 17% tax. Speakers and times of various sessions will be announced in Spring.

If interested in registering, Contact: Debbie Brannon, Bishop's Office 608-791-2686 or via e-mail at dbrannon@diolc.org

DIVORCE RECOVERY SERIES 2023-24, Retreat 1: "Grief & Trauma, Healing the Past to be Present" September 15-17, 2023

Friday Check-In: 3pm, Orientation: 5:45pm, Supper 6pm, Departure: Sunday after Noon Meal

This retreat will help adults learn the skills and rebuilding blocks needed to heal the grief and emotional pain associated with divorce. Much like a person who loses a loved one to death, we too experience the death of a relationship. We can possibly be left feeling abandoned, ashamed and alone.

Retreat facilitator: Tanya Hielke Cost: \$225

To reserve your spot: Call St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon at 715-443-2236 or sarcenter.com



Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family
The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

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Saint Casimir Parish Support 08/20/2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1,056

Offertory: \$ 133



Happy Birthday:



Karla Strojny (Aug. 28)
Al Danczyk (Aug. 31)

Saint Casimir Parish would like to wish all students the best of luck as they start the 2023-2024 academic year. Dear Lord, as our students begin a new school year, we pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.



Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. **Amen.**

Meet and Greet

Parishioners of Saint Casimir's are invited to a meet and greet with Father Potaczek after mass today. Coffee and donuts will be served. We hope you'll join us as we continue to get to know our new pastor. Good will offerings are welcome.



Mass Intention for September 3, 2023

† Casimir Nowicki

† Ted Stoltz

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

September 3, 2023

Commentator: Debbie

Lector: Kenn

Servers: Jacob & Joey

Eucharistic Minister: Monica

Ushers: Patti F & Bernie S

Rosary Intentions for September 3rd

- For the sick of our parish.
- For world peace ... let us pray for an end to all violence/conflict, foreign and domestic against mankind.
- For any special intentions you may have.

Inspired By The Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$ 131,375.00

Pledged: \$ 107,141.00

Total Received as of 8/25/23: \$ 44,439.37

Project Fresh Start

Thank you to everyone who contributed school supplies, hygiene products and cash donations for Project Fresh Start, a program of United Way of Portage County. We received an abundance of backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens and crayons etc.. All items were delivered at P. J. Jacobs High School for distribution.

Calling All Musicians!!

Come join us after Mass on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10th and receive a free music stand clip!

Members of the Music Committee will be in the Faustina Room to greet you and invite you to discuss how you can share your musical talents to help bring our Parish closer to the Lord.

Can you play organ, or piano? Do you sing? Do you play orchestral instruments? We're a FUN gang!

Come join us as we plan the musical parts of the liturgies. Receive the benefits of being a part of our program—an opportunity to use your musicianship with others and to give your talents back to God.

Pray and Think About It!



Avoid being SCAMMED:

Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way. REMEMBER this when you're answering your phone.



Scammers often insist that you pay using cryptocurrency, by wiring money through a company like MoneyGram or Western union, or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back.

Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), then tell you to deposit it and send them money.

NEVER pay someone who insists you pay with a wire transfer service or cryptocurrency.

Never deposit a check and send money back.

People who believe they'd never fall prey to this, kindly offer to help someone adjust their phone settings to better filter out these dangerous calls.

Jesus loves you