

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SEPTEMBER 3, 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:**

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

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'Saint Peter Catholic  
Church'

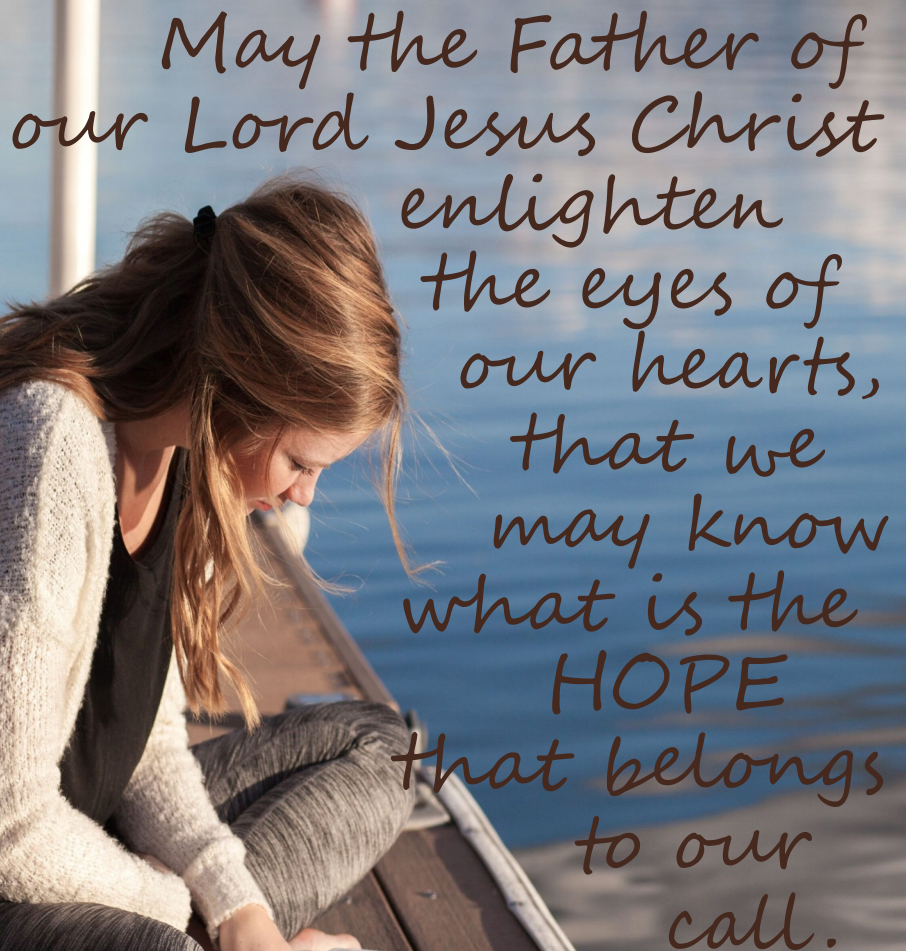
#### **24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays from 8:30am -

8:00am on Thursday

1st FRIDAY of the month

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



May the Father of  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten  
the eyes of  
our hearts,  
that we  
may know  
what is the  
**HOPE**  
that belongs  
to our  
call.

cf Ephesians 1: 17-18

**49th annual Pacelli Panacea / LIVE music, Food,  
Games, Sweepstakes, Carnival & More!**  
**Pacelli Catholic High School / Sept 8, 9th, 10th**  
**Fri 4-11pm, Sat. 11-11pm, Sun. 11-5pm**

<b>Date: Sept. 9/10th</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>SCRIP Sellers</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	Beverly Niescior	Kay King Steve King Bill Kolodziej	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Kay King Cherye Rolnicki Don Rolnicki	Bob Jakusz
<b>7:30 am</b>	Jennifer Peplinski	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Scott Peplinski Donna Bemowski Mary Makuski	Kristine Firminhac
<b>10:30am</b>	Cindy Heitzinger	Carl Knuese Joe Demerath Jack Demerath	Mathias Gebeau Gloria Gebeau	Deacon Ray Gerry Weber Eve Krueger	Lori Dombrowski

### St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

August 27, 2023

Envelopes & Offertory: **\$ 5,921.75**

Year to Date: \$66,331.97

**SCRIP profits: June-\$195.33, July-\$205.84**



Pray for a safe and prosperous school year for the children & young adults heading back to school.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Director of Religious Educ. (DRE)**

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

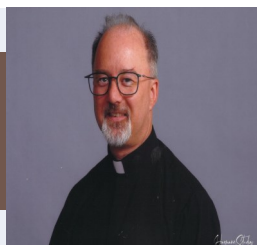
**Baptism:** New parents are required to take part in a preparation program, if possible, before the child's birth. Please contact the Parish Office (715-344-6115) for more registration information.

**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



Happy Labor Day! I hope it is time to spend with family and friends. A time to recall the work that God has done on our behalf and the work that people do every day through God's grace to build up the kingdom and a civilization of love here on earth.

September 8th is the birthday of Mary. We all have birthdays just like the saints. We were not born full of grace, but with her help and intercession we can strive daily to be a saint. How do we make such days special and/or more meaningful in our busy world?

My priest group will be meeting together next week. 20+ years we have supported each other, prayed together and walked with each other through many transitions in life and ministry. I hope there is that group, family or friends that is there for you. As we see so many reports and news stories on the growing issue of loneliness, anxiety and depression; we know we need that network of people that are there for us. If not, turn to the Holy Spirit so you may be guided to those that can be there and you may experience God's tenderness through others.

Next week is my first Deanery meeting back in the deanery. So looking forward, not necessarily to a meeting, but to seeing all of my brother priests and the camaraderie we can have.

Together let us look more deeply at the Mass with the help of Denis McNamara's article "In the Form of a Sacrificial Meal" (Catechetical Review April 2023). "Before His death, [Christ] instituted the rite which should at each moment perpetuate in a concrete and objective way the mystery of salvation, and transmitted to His disciples the supernatural powers for ... the rite's real accomplishment.' So, Christ's proclamations 'this is my body,' 'this is my blood,' and 'do this in memory of me' establish the pattern of worship that will follow. And the ritual form of the Mass, while emerging from the sacrificial meal of Passover, becomes wholly new. The bread and wine now become equated with Christ's Body and Blood, and they can be offered in sacrifice—transferred to the realm of the sacred and returned as the bearer of God's active presence we call the Holy Eucharist. So the Mass is a 'sacred action that man accomplished outwardly, but that Christ, through the intermediary of the priest, inwardly realizes in each one of us.' In other words, the Mass is the way in which the saving power of God uses ritual action to apply the fruits of Christ's salvation to his people in a visible fashion.

The notion of a rite as an action remains critically important, since the goal of participating in the sacred mysteries, as both the ancients and the Christians knew, was to *initiate* people into divine life rather than merely teach them about it."

This portion takes us deeper into the Mass and what is going on visibly and invisibly. The last line also challenges us. That being at Mass initiates us into the divine. That we begin at each Mass. That the life God offers to



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAYS July –September

Monday Mass rotation at Holy Spirit @ 8:15am

### TUESDAY, September 5

8:00 am † Rev. Leon Powell  
† Kenneth Thompson

### WEDNESDAY, September 6

8:00 am † For Suffering Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY, September 7

8:00 am † Mary Drefcinski

### FRIDAY, September 8

8:00 am † Leon Hintz  
For Living & Deceased Members of the  
Pawelski/Rekowski Families



### SATURDAY, September 9

4:00 pm † Leonard Glodowski  
† Brian Groshek

### SUNDAY, September 10

7:30 am † Dave Katzmark  
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

10:30 am † Evelyn Slowinski  
For St. Peter's Holy Name Society

us is always fresh. The Mass is never the same old thing each week but a new beginning. We are re-made, if we allow such graces to fill us. It reminds us also that we are never finished and just starting with each day and Mass that the Lord gives us. So may we enter these rituals, this rite of the Mass with fresh and new eyes and hearts so to see and love the life of grace, the divine life, we have been invited into.

### 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.

**Brian Ward**

(Configuration Stage:  
Theology III)

St. Francis de Sales  
Seminary

Brian's home parish:

Sts. Peter & Paul, Independence, WI



**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 Brian encouraging

words: St. Francis de Sales Seminary

3257 South Lake Drive

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## Jesus Wants to Remain Within Us

The second part of the Mass is the  
Liturgy of the Eucharist. We know that Jesus wants to  
remain with us—to abide within us.

We celebrate at Mass the enduring self-gift of  
Jesus Christ by which He fulfills His promise to remain  
with us always (unless we choose to separate ourselves  
from Him through serious sin.) When we receive the  
Eucharist, we are united to Jesus. He dwells within our  
heart. This is why the Eucharist is called

Holy Communion.

**Let's pray this right now and every day this week:  
Jesus, please continue to "stay with us", to abide in us  
so that we can be strengthened as Your faithful  
followers.**

This week, read how after the Resurrection, Jesus walked  
with two disciples, explained the Scriptures to them and  
then celebrated the Eucharist so that they could abide in  
Him in

**Luke 24: 13-35**



**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  
the Parish Office will be  
closed. Regular Office  
Hours resume on Sept 5.  
Happy Labor Day !**

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors,  
loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of  
human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and  
offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift & opportunity of work;  
may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of  
others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment &  
those who work to defend the rights & needs of work-  
ers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired  
always remember that we still make a **valuable** contri-  
bution to our Church and our world by our prayers and  
deeds of charity.

May our working & our resting all give praise to You  
until the day we share together in your Kingdom as You  
live & reign, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, one God, forever  
and ever. **AMEN.**



Every purchase or order of SCRIP credited to the Parish helps us pay the monthly bill to Pacelli Catholic Schools.

Every one of us needs groceries, gasoline and home improvement/maintenance items each month. PLEASE buy SCRIP to pay for your monthly budgeted items. It will make a huge difference for our Parish!

**You know how SWEET life would be**



**if we all bought SCRIP?!?!!!**



Next weekend is  
**Milk Money Collection for  
Operation Bootstrap.**

Your generosity is appreciated !

## Midwest EnCourage Fall Retreat

Sept. 29-Oct 1 at a Retreat Center in  
Minneapolis, MN area

A weekend of prayer & reflection for  
Family & Friends of people who experience same-sex  
attractions or gender identity discordance.

Pray, Meditate, Share & Discuss  
ways to maintain a loving relationship with your  
loved one while continuing to uphold the  
wisdom & truth found in the teachings of the Church.

**5pm Friday, Sept 29 –1pm Sunday, Oct 1**

**To inquire or register:**

[couragerc.org/event/encourage-fall-retreatsave-the-date](http://couragerc.org/event/encourage-fall-retreatsave-the-date)



## 2023 FALLS PREVENTION DAY AWARENESS & SCREENING EVENT

Held at Holy Spirit Parish

2151 Stanley St., Stevens Point

Tuesday, Sept. 19th / 10am –1pm

**PRE-REGISTER by Sept 12th: 715-346-1401**

Falls are a normal part of aging. It's never too late or  
early to LEARN HOW TO PREVENT FALLS.

Plan for prevention by attending this FREE, 3 hour  
event which includes lunch, 2 seminars, community  
resources, drawing for prizes & more!

Lunch: Chicken & Vegetable Rotini with Garlic Parmesan  
Sauce, Roasted Green Beans & Carrots, and side salad,  
Frozen Yogurt "Bark" with Berries for Dessert



## Are YOU little Mr./Mrs. "I LOVE to BAKE" ???

**St. Peter's Family Life Committee  
needs BAKERS!**

**We have an  
upcoming  
Bake Sale  
on the weekend  
of  
Sept. 23rd/24th**



**Get your creative juices flowing!  
Procure the necessary ingredients.!**

*More details to follow.  
Your willingness to help us  
is  
MUCH appreciated!*



# Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 3, 2023

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Saint Casimir Parish Support 08/27/2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1,791.

Offertory: \$ 123.



Jim Martin (Sept. 4)  
Dave Blaskowski (Sept. 6)  
Bernie King (Sept. 6)  
Paul Woyak (sept. 7)  
Robert Cyran (Sept. 8)  
Mark Kaminski (Sept. 8)  
Jo Anna Hetland (Sept. 9)



## Rosary Intentions for September 10

- For the sick of our parish.
- For a successful fall harvest of this year's crops
- For any special intentions you hold in your hearts



## Labor Day Prayer

Saint Casimir Parish would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Labor Day. We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. **Amen.**



## Mass Intention for September 10, 2023



† Kurt Zelhofer

† Leonard & Theresa King

## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

September 10, 2023

Commentator: Bonnie

Lector: Stefanie

Servers: Elroy & Olivia

Eucharistic Minister: Bernie K

Ushers: Paul & Frank Kubowski

## Thought of the Week

I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Heb. XIII.5.

"Never leave", "Never forsake", Not just a presence is meant by this, but .....

My love will never leave you. My understanding will never leave you. My strength will never leave you. Think of all that I am:

Love ... then forever you are sure of love.

Strength ... then forever in every difficulty and danger, you are sure of strength.

Patience ... then always there is One who can never tire.

Understanding ... then always you will be understood.

Beloved, "set your affections on things above" (the higher, spiritual things), "and not on things on the earth" (the lower, temporal things), and you will see how rich you are.



# 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!



**Holy Hour for Families  
Mon., Sept 11 @ 7pm  
at**

**St. Joseph Church  
1709 Wyett Ave.  
Stevens Point**

Come together as a family to pray for the protection and strengthening of all Families. Do not feel helpless in challenging & confusing times. Offer up a Holy Hour!

