

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SEPTEMBER 10, 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

**Website:** [stpeter.us](http://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.

*God was in  
Christ, to reconcile  
the world to  
himself;  
and the Good  
News of  
reconciliation  
he has entrusted  
to us.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19



#### **Some Reminders for the Upcoming Week:**

Monday: Buildings & Grounds committee Mtg @  
St. Peter Rectory Conference Rm. 5:30PM

Thursday: Finance Council Meets at 6:30 PM  
St. Peter Rectory Conference Rm.

<b>Date: Sept. 16/17th</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>SCRIP Sellers</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	Mary Sadler	Paul Koch Mateo Koch	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Deacon Ray Gary Glodoski Kay King	L & K Proulx
<b>7:30 am</b>	Brenda Suplicki	Bob Bernas Bob Govett Kevin Pudroski	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Deacon Ray Pam Spaid Mike Spaid	Carol Bernas
<b>10:30am</b>	Johanna McIntyre	Bernie Havlovick Dick Glinski	Chase Baron Mathias Gebeau Gloria Gebeau	Deacon Ray Cindy Heitzinger Cheryl Kehl	Wendy Demerath

### St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

September 3, 2023

Envelopes & Offertory: \$

Year to Date: \$

IT IS NOT HAPPY PEOPLE  
WHO ARE THANKFUL, IT IS THANKFUL  
PEOPLE WHO ARE HAPPY.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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715-347-3400

## 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.

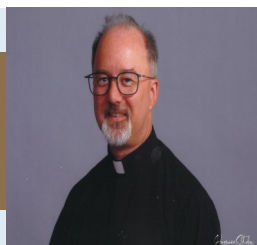
**Marriage:** Couples requesting the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor at the time of Formal engagement or at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding. It is required that you participate in a two-fold marriage preparation program. Please call the Parish Office (715-344-6115) to 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



We go more deeply into September which has brought us a great variety of weather; from 100 to much cooler temperatures. The school year has begun and our students are preparing themselves for many opportunities to learn and to grow. Meetings also are beginning and plans for parish life are unfolding as committees get more active. I am looking at some activities for the month also. I will be home Sept. 16th for a wedding which should conclude my obligations elsewhere for marriages. Please pray for that young couple; as entering into marriage in this culture is not well supported.

Here in the parish we are looking forward to the bake sale in a few weeks. It is a simple event and yet I am looking forward to it to see how St. Peter does it. At St. Casimir we will begin a monthly Monday Mass which I am fitting in when I am here on a Monday. That doesn't happen that often, so watch the bulletin for those dates.

Another date and event that I am looking at is a 8 day Ignatian silent directed retreat. That seems like a mouthful. Retreats are when we step back from daily life and activities. One that is directed means that a director has planned out the program of prayer and reflection. This retreat is based on what St. Ignatius wrote five hundred years ago. Of course silent means that outside of meeting with the director you are to be silent in spirit and mind, let alone talking with whoever may be in the hallway, lunch room or out on the walking paths. I have not tried this format of retreat before and I have not been to the Broomtree retreat center either. I have heard good things, so I hope my friends were not kidding when they encouraged me to go to South Dakota in October. So keep my trip there and back and the retreat itself in prayer.

One of the greatest prayers is the Mass. So let us 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 Mass fulfills this traditional sacrificial pattern with the re-presentation of the death and Resurrection of Christ in liturgical action through an efficacious rite that introduces people into the reality of the saving event. But unlike other rituals, like family traditions or graduation ceremonies, a true liturgical rite has words and gestures *established by Christ* and therefore has a 'supra-human origin' that can only be performed by a 'qualified agent...one invested, by the same divine authority that created the rite, with a particular power...to perform the rite.' And so the Mass, prefigured by God in the Old Testament with power given by Christ to the apostles in the New, is continued through the centuries by apostolic succession and is enacted by priests who are given divine authority at ordination. In the Eucharistic liturgy the Mass provides 'the perfect type of ritual remembrance; the qualified person, the priest, solemnly reads the sacred account telling of the Divine act that is to be actualized in the rite; at the same time the priest, identifying



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAYS July –September 11

Monday Mass rotation at Holy Spirit @ 8:15am

### TUESDAY, September 12

8:00 am † George Kvatek  
† Robert J. Check

### WEDNESDAY, September 13

8:00 am † Shirley Kalpinski

### THURSDAY, September 14

8:00 am † Henry Korgor  
† Kenneth James & Samara Marie Zelinski

### FRIDAY, September 15

8:00 am † Roxane Kizewski

### SATURDAY, September 16

4:00 pm † Laverne Eberhard  
† Leona & Dennis Schultz

### SUNDAY, September 17

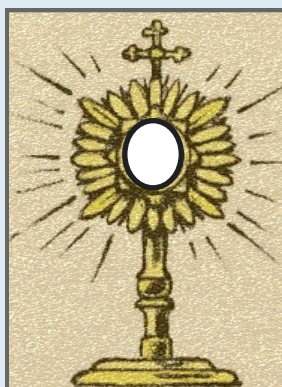
7:30 am † Dick & Vivian Pudroski  
† Anthony Petersen

10:30 am † Theresa Brezinski  
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

himself with [God] himself, re-enacts the gestures and re-pronounces exactly the divine words'. In this mimodrama, the priest does what Christ did, taking bread and wine and equating it with Christ through the same words spoken: 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood.'

Reading through such a paragraph we are reminded of what goes on at Mass; of what we are a part of that perhaps we can take for granted. May this revival deepen our understanding.

**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.*

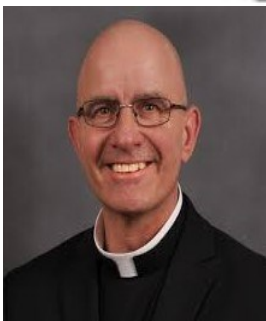
~John 14 : 25

## Please keep our Seminarians in your Prayers.

**Matthew Szymanski**

(Configuration  
Stage: Theology  
III)

St. Francis de  
Sales Seminary  
Matthew's home  
parish: St. John  
the Baptist, Edgar,  
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**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.**

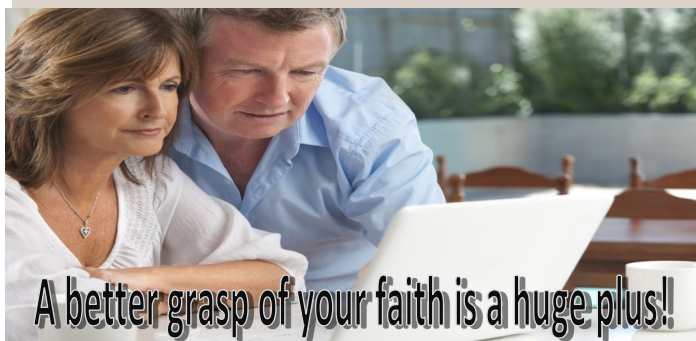
**May this new academic year provide fruitful  
growth in understanding & wisdom of all truth.**

If you wish to send Matthew encourag-  
ing words: St. Francis de Sales Seminary  
3257 South Lake Drive  
St. Francis, WI



## Getting to know Jesus Christ in a deeper way: Reading the Catechism in 10 months

We grow in our love for someone as we get to  
know them better. Would you like to grow in your  
love for Jesus Christ through coming to know Him  
better? **Reading a few pages of the Catechism  
each day will help you deepen your  
understanding of His incredible love for you.**  
A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night has  
been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes  
of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 36  
weeks beginning SEPT. 18th. Email Ann Lankford  
at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org) with the word Catechism in  
the subject line if interested in this opportunity.



**A better grasp of your faith is a huge plus!**

## We Respond with Thanksgiving after Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the words of  
Jesus repeated by the priest, a miracle happens at every  
Mass. The substance of the bread and wine become the  
Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, even though the  
bread and wine still look the same. When we receive Je-  
sus, we want to thank Him for this incredible Gift. Then  
we can speak with Him about anything that is on our  
heart. We also want to listen to what he might say to us  
in the quiet of our heart

**Let's pray this right now and every day this week:**  
**Jesus, I believe in You. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I**  
**want to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I THANK**  
**You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in**  
**Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart and I**  
**ask you to "crowd out" whatever might be there that**  
**is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my**  
**Lord, my Savior and my King. THANK You for giving**  
**Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much**  
**and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this**  
**present moment. And now that You are close to me,**  
**please help me love You more and more, and serve**  
**You by loving the people around me. Amen.**

Visit [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper) for a downloadable Prayer Card  
with this prayer.

This week, read Psalm 107: 1

"Oh give **thanks** to the Lord, for He is good, for His  
steadfast love endures forever!"



*Thank You,  
Jesus.*





OCTOBER 14, 2023



Bishop **Callahan**

Fr. Clayton **Elmhurst**

Dcn. Harold **Burke-Sivers**

Ryan **Phelan**

# MEN OF THE CROSS

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



REGISTER TODAY!

## MEN ALIVE IN CHRIST

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for FREE! Conference takes place at the La Crosse Center. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish together and join your brothers to reignite your identity as a Catholic man. Visit [menofthecross.org](http://menofthecross.org) for registration information.

## Midwest EnCourage Fall Retreat

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

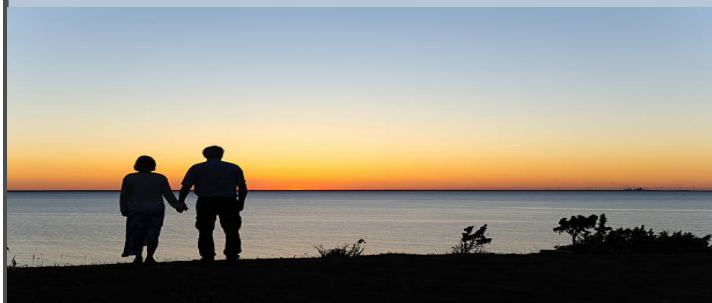
A weekend of prayer & reflection for  
Family & Friends of people who experience same-sex  
attractions or gender identity discordance.

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)



**Family Life  
Committee  
needs BAKERS!**

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



**We greatly  
appreciate your baking talent!**  
Pies, cookies, bars....anything  
you wish to donate as baked goods...  
**Please drop off in the Faustina Room  
anytime after 9:00AM on Sept. 23rd.**



# Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family  
The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 10, 2023

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Saint Casimir Parish Support **09/03/2022**

Adult Envelopes: \$ **1362.**

Offertory: \$ **131.**



**Happy Birthday:** Tony Rucinski (Sept. 10)  
Frank Kubowski (Sept. 10)  
Karen Schultz (Sept. 11)  
Brian Blaskowski (Sept. 11)  
Jane Rucinski (Sept. 12)  
Darren Burant (Sept. 12)  
Theresa Grezenski (Sept. 13)  
Tammy Obremski (Sept. 16)



## Rosary Intentions for September 17

For. . .

- The sick of the parish.
- Perseverance, strength and courage for all those effected by the recent havoc caused by Hurricane Idalia.
- The special intentions you hold in your hearts and minds.



## Job Openings

- Saint Casimir's continues looking for a new Parish Custodian - 20-25 hrs/month. If interested please call 715-344-9582 or email the parish office at [secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org](mailto:secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org)
- Saint Agnes Parish in Weston is looking for a new Director of Religious Education. Please email Office Manager Deb ([deb@stagnescatholicparish.com](mailto:deb@stagnescatholicparish.com)) or call 715-359-5675.



Mass Intention for September 17, 2023

† **Glory Losinski**

† **Rose Barbers**

## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

**September 17, 2023**

Commentator: Sally Bukowski

Lector: Pat Gollon

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Gollon

Ushers: Kurt and Caden Strojny

## Weekday Mass at Saint Casimir's

Father Potaczek will be celebrating a once monthly weekday mass on select Monday's starting this month. Mass will be said on **Septem-ber 25th at 9:00am**. If you are able to attend, your presence is encouraged!

## Holy Hour for Families

A Holy Hour for Families will be held on **Monday, September 11, 2023** at Saint Joseph's from 7:00pm—8:00pm. All are welcome to join!

## Cemetery Cleanup

Cemetery cleanup at Saint Casimir's is scheduled for Monday, September 25. If you would like to save any decorations from loved one's graves, please have them removed by September 24. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Attention any College Students in the Pews!

Any and all college students, we want to welcome you and connect you to the Point Catholic community at Holy Spirit Parish. We want to let you know that there are many ways to get involved including:



***Student Suppers, music ministry, retreats, bible studies, and much more!***

Their first Student Supper was Sept. 6 at 5PM at Holy Spirit, but you are welcome to join in with their organized faith activities for the college population.

Feel free to contact Tessa Soukup with any questions or feedback regarding what is available, if you are interested.

**[Tessa.soukup@focus.org](mailto:Tessa.soukup@focus.org)**



**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!

This Holy Hour for Families is designated every 2nd Monday of the Month at St. Joseph Church at 7:00PM