

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### OCTOBER 1, 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:**

St. Stephen Parish at 8:15am

October –December

#### **CURRENT OFFICE HOURS**

**MON-THURSDAY:**

8:30am - 3:00pm

**Friday: by appt. only**

#### **LIVE-STREAMED MASS:**

**Saturday @ 4:00 pm**

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.



## **Keep in Mind...**

**Monday Family Life Committee Meeting/Kolbe Hall/ 6:30pm**

**Friday: October 6th is First Friday. Adoration 8:30am-5:00pm**

**NEXT Weekend—Oct 7/8, is first full weekend of the month. This is our FOOD COLLECTION for OPERATION BOOTSTRAP. Please be generous to those experiencing hardship etc.**



<b>Date:</b> <b>Oct.</b> <b>7/8th</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	Mary Makuski Gladys Glodoski	Dawn Weber
<b>7:30 am</b>	Rick Zupan	Mike Katzmark Fred Vieth	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Mary Makuski Pam Spaid Mike Spaid	Kris Firminhac
<b>10:30am</b>	Johanna McIntyre	Bernie Havlovick Dick Glinski	Lucas McIntyre Chase Baron	Matt Bablitch Eve Krueger Cheryl Kehl	Lori Dombrowski

### St. Peter Parish WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

September 24, 2023

Envelopes & Offertory: **\$ 6,714.25**

Year to Date: **\$ 98,683.39**

August ACH total: **\$ 1,050.00**

**Sept. B & G**  
**\$1,131.00**



**Cherish  
All Life !**



## CONTACT INFORMATION

### St. Peter's Pastor:

**Rev. John Potaczek**

715-344-6115 or jpotaczek@diolclergy.org

### Associate Pastor:

**Rev. Todd Mlsna**

715-252-8157 or tmlsna@diolclergy.org

### Deacon Ray Heitzinger:

**Lay Ministry Coordinator,**

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

rheitzinger@outlook.com 715-630-1275

### Senior Priest:

**Rev. Arul Joseph Visuvasam**

v\_aruljoseph@hotmail.com

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715-344-6115

stpeters@pacellicatholicschools.com

**Parish Secretary: Nancy Koch**

715-344-6115

bulletin-secretary@pacellicatholicschools.com

**RCIA Coordinator:** 715-344-6115

**Music Committee: Della Schoenecker**

614-507-1345 / dellaschoenecker@yahoo.com

**Maintenance: Jeff Patton 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 Column



At the end of each month we include an insert, the order form for Scrip, for you to use. I encourage you to look at it and see what gift cards you can use and build into your budget. It is a simple program that helps our parish and Pacelli at the same time in a way that doesn't require you to end up with things you can't use or need. Simply bring it with you next week and pick up some Scrip and begin to use it, building up a habit that can benefit many. This weekend I am in South Dakota at the BroomTree Retreat Center. This is a good time for us to keep up our prayers for priestly vocations. Having the priests that we do around in Stevens Point is a true blessing. Many Deaneries do not have that option and opportunities to grow in relationship with Jesus are lost or time of growth is missed. Don't forget yourself and the need for personal growth, time in prayer and with the Scriptures.

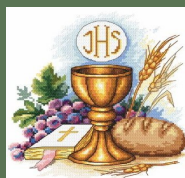
It is exciting to have a baptism this coming weekend. In the coming months we will have a few more. Pray for these families and first time parents. Family life can be difficult and not always supported by our surrounding culture.

Back in November 2021 Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus wrote an article in Columbia Magazine about the need to support and encourage one another in living out the faith and truly being family these days.

"Moreover, in Father McGivney's day, Catholic families faced an uphill climb. As immigrants, they grappled with bigotry, material poverty and the temptation to abandon their faith in order to find social acceptance. Many of Father McGivney's parishioners had left largely Catholic homelands to come to a land where their beliefs were considered foreign and even suspect. Similar challenges face our families today, under fierce pressure from outside forces. Increasingly, as they were the 1880s, Catholic families are tempted to accept secular ideologies and to abandon their faith in order to avoid the contempt of the world. As Christians, we are called to be in the world, but not of the world—and that is getting more and more difficult by the day. We live in a time of great division, as proponents of political and cultural ideologies work hard to gain adherents while shouting down opposition. These fissures have found their way into our families, often pitting one generation against another."

Patrick Kelly wrote that two years ago and he is also speaking of what happened over 125 years ago. On one level it is sad that we face the same problems. Nonetheless it does give us the opportunity to do something about it. We can not be stuck in the mode of why didn't someone do something or asking what were they thinking back then. Today is the day for us to step forward and live and proclaim the Gospel truths that have been handed down to us. What the Knights do locally and globally is truly amazing and you can be a part of it.

There is the contempt of the world and the disdain of our faith that Jesus gave us. The world does try to shout down what we believe, especially through social media. Yet the reality is that



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAYS October –December

Monday Mass rotation at St. Stephen Church: 8:15am

### TUESDAY, October 3

8:00 am † Marlene King DeGeorge

Special Intention: "For Guidance for Children & Grandchildren to Go to Jesus"

### WEDNESDAY, October 4

8:00 am † Mary Drefcinski  
† Lillian Mott

### THURSDAY, October 5

8:00 am † Harold Strong  
† Jim Ostrowski

### FRIDAY, October 6

8:00 am † Gena Numsen

Special Intention: Prayers for successful business ventures

### SATURDAY, October 7

4:00 pm † Gary Janowski  
† Stephen Rutta

### SUNDAY, October 8

7:30 am † Megan Miskowic

For the Families of Edward & Muriel Grasamkee

10:30 am † Ralph Meshak

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

we as disciples of our Lord Jesus are meant to live the faith joyfully and not be of the world but by living in the world preparing ourselves for the world to come.

~Fr. John Potaczek

**Nancy Koch, Parish Secretary, will be away on vacation until October 12th. If you have requests for Masses, please wait until her return to make necessary scheduling arrangements. Thank you for your patience.**



### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Wednesday beginning after the 8am Mass until before Thursday Morning Mass.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 3pm on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays.

**October 6th is the  
First Friday of the Month  
Adoration 8:30am—5:00pm**

## Please keep our Seminarians in your Prayers.

### John Francis

(Discipleship Stage: Pre Theology I)  
St. Francis de Sales Seminary  
John's home parish: Notre Dame,  
Chippewa Falls

**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.**

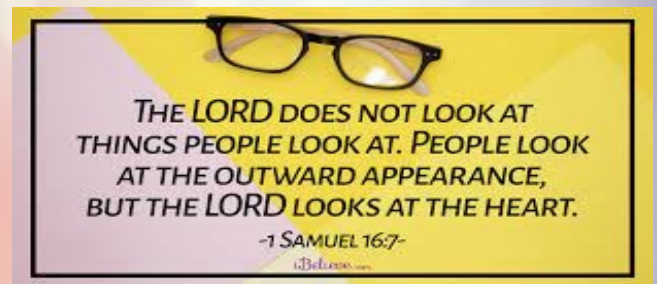


If you wish to send  
encouraging  
words:  
John Francis  
St. Frances de Sales  
Seminary  
3257 South Lake Drive  
St. Francis, WI  
53235



## The Eucharist Strengthens Our Love for our Neighbor

In reading the life of any saint, we see clearly that they "constantly renew their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord" (Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love") *When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, He strengthens us with His Divine power to seek to live with charity toward every person that we meet. We cooperate with this power-His grace-by asking for His help as we encounter any situations, particularly difficult ones. In continuing to seek to live with love, we become more and more the person that God created us to be.* Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, as I receive You in Holy Communion, help me to see You in every person I meet and give me Your love for them in my heart. Amen.



## Thanks to you all, whether bakers or buyers!

*We certainly couldn't do it without you.*

*The Family Life Committee wishes to thank its members for working the Bake Sale, the parishioners who volunteered their baking time & tasty creations, the Mengels for calling bakers and everyone who supported us through purchasing.*

*We were able to raise \$2,214.00!*

*Truly we are grateful. ♥*

## Heads up, everybody!!

Within the next couple of weeks, we intend to resume carrying up the Offertory Gifts as the Altar is being prepared at Mass.

If an Usher approaches you to ask you to carry the gifts as a couple or as a family, kindly take part in this beautiful opportunity.

If you would like to participate in the Offertory gifts because your family is also offering a Mass Intention at a particular Mass, simply notify the Ushers before they are assigning volunteers.



## HOLY HOUR for Families/ All Welcome!!



**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
hosts a Holy Hour  
Monday, October 9th  
7:00-8:00pm**

Today's families have much to navigate through! Spend time in prayer focusing on all that can strengthen them & draw them to modeling the Holy Family.



## Make a Difference Day / Oct. 23-28th

Do you need raking assistance this fall?  
To REGISTER YOUR YARD:

Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-922-5590 between  
8am and 5pm Monday-Friday.

Make a Difference Day is for frail or disabled  
Portage County residents who are unable to rake  
their yard and who cannot secure anyone else to  
rake for them. Registration is OPEN now....& closes  
Oct. 13th, 2023.

# Let's gitterdone!



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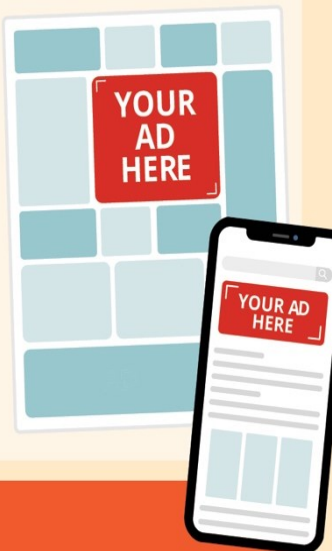
### PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

#### The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

**Gina Shaughnessy** from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

**Church bulletin advertising** is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com) — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



**Gina Shaughnessy**  
952-356-6488 Cell  
[GShaughnessy@4LPi.com](mailto:GShaughnessy@4LPi.com)

## Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen. †



## Religious Education

*Notes from Miss Sommers*

Email: [dre@pointcatholicfaith.org](mailto:dre@pointcatholicfaith.org)  
Phone: 715-341-1617 ext. 104

#### Grades 1-8—

Student/Parents: Keep working on prayers at home. See the prayer schedule for what should be practiced. Take some time this week to work on the Family Page handout.

#### Confirmation Prep, Years 1 & 2—

##### Parent/Student Nights:

- † Sunday, October 1 at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph for Confirmation Prep Students (typically Freshman and Sophomores).
  - Students and parent should attend. This is for Pacelli & Public school students.

#### 2023 Confirmation Candidates—

##### Confirmation Retreat:

- † Sunday, October 8 at St. Joseph. Begins with 10:30 a.m. Mass and concludes by 6:30 p.m. Attendance is required for those being Confirmed in November.
- † Sunday, November 5 at St. Bronislava. Confirmation Mass will begin at 1:30 p.m.; students will receive more information at the retreat.

Please keep all catechists, students, and families in your prayers! Let our hearts and minds be open to God through the school year.

*Is God Calling you....*

to share your musical talent? Our Parish is in need of more voices for the Christmas and Easter Choirs. Please pray about whether you can help make our high seasons more beautiful.

Please Email the Music Committee  
[dellaschoenecker@yahoo.com](mailto:dellaschoenecker@yahoo.com)



Bishop **Callahan** Fr. Clayton **Elmhorst** Dcn. Harold **Burke-Sivers** Ryan **Phelan**

**MEN OF  
THE CROSS**  
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



**REGISTER TODAY!**

**OCTOBER 14, 2023**

**MEN ALIVE  
IN CHRIST**





## DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).



STEVENS POINT

**Catholic Cemetery**

A S S O C I A T I O N

In response to the interest from Parishioners and the recognition of the growing trend toward cremation, The Stevens Point Catholic cemetery is building an additional Cremation Garden in Guardian Angel Cemetery. The Association is offering a 10% Pre Construction discount. The Niche must be paid for in full at time of sale to get the discount. Additional information or to schedule an appointment: 715-341-3236

**OCT. 16th is Fall Cemetery Clean Out!**

*Please keep in mind St. Peter's when writing  
your will or when a loved one dies.  
A Memorial Gift is a beautiful  
Gift of Remembrance.*

