

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8, 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:

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

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.

Therefore I tell
you, the
kingdom of
God will be
taken away
from you and
given to a
people
producing its
fruits.

Matthew 21:43

Remember.....

Monday: BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE Mtg. /5:30PM / Conf. Rm

Thursday: FINANCE COMMITTEE Mtg. / 6:30PM / Conference Rm.

Date: Oct. 14/15th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Gary Glodoski	Paul Koch Bill Kolodziej	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Deacon Ray Cherye Rolnicki Don Rolnicki	Bob Jakusz
7:30 am	Jennifer Peplinski	Bob Bernas Bob Govett Kevin Pudroski	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Deacon Ray Scott Peplinski Mary Makuski	Carol Bernas
10:30am	Cindy Heitzinger	Dick Glinski Jeff Czudec	Aiden Peeters Chase Baron	Deacon Ray Cindy Heitzinger Cheryl Kehl	Danielle Baron

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

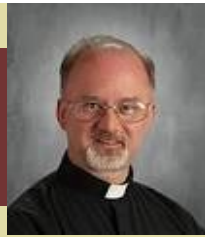
Baptism: New parents are required to take part in a preparation program, if possible, before the child's birth. Please contact the Parish Office (715-344-6115) for more registration information.

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 Column



On October 8th we will be having the Confirmation retreat for our students. Please keep them and the team in your prayers. Looking ahead to the 16th-17th of October is the Fall Ministry Days in La Crosse for all the clergy. Both of these events will be a source of grace for all involved. Often it is a matter of using that grace under God's direction. As you are a part of events and activities, turn to God's strength and His guidance so they may be fruitful.

The feast days of St. Denis (10/9) and St. John XXIII (10/11) reminds us that there are different ways of serving the Church. St. Denis was a martyr of the early church. More recently St. John served as priest, bishop, nuncio, patriarch and Pope until cancer took his life. How do we respond to God's call to service? Especially in daily life?

An example I wish to share with you comes from Columbia Magazine July/August 2023. Blessed Peter Kibe lived from 1587-1639.

"In an age when Jesuits around the world fearlessly faced martyrdom, the Japanese samurai Peter Kibe stands among the most courageous and determined. Unable to make Kibe renounce his faith, Japan's most infamous torturer dubbed him 'the man who would not say, I give in.' Kibe was born to a noble (samurai) family on the island of Kyshu in 1587, 38 years after the arrival of St. Francis Xavier. The son of Catholic converts, Kibe entered minor seminary at age 13. He yearned to join the Society of Jesus but was refused, so for eight years he patiently waited, collaborating with Jesuit missionaries as a catechist.

In 1614, when Christianity was banned by the shogun Hideyoshi, Kibe left with other missionaries for seminary in Macau. But the seminary closed before he could be ordained. Undaunted, Kibe sailed for India, and from there set off for Rome on foot, walking more than 3,000 miles across India, Persia, Arabia and the Holy Land, becoming the first Japanese pilgrim to Jerusalem.

Kibe presented himself at the Jesuit headquarters in Rome in May 1620. The impression he made gained him entrance to the diocesan seminary and later the Jesuit novitiate. He was ordained a priest in 1620, at age 33, and made his vows as a Jesuit two years later. Father Kibe was eager to return to Japan, and in 1630, after years of perilous travel, he managed to re-enter the country, which had closed its borders. He ministered secretly to persecuted Christians for nine years before he was arrested, interrogated and tortured. Bound and hung upside-down in a pit, Father Kibe never wavered in his faith and exhorted his companions to persevere to the end. He died July 4, 1639, and was beatified with 187 fellow martyrs in 2008."

What a powerful example he gives us today. We want everything right now. He waited 8 years and then had to leave the country to pursue his dream/call to the priesthood. We hope for a quick fix to our problems. He journeyed 3,000 miles on



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAYS October –December

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

TUESDAY, October 10

8:00 am Special Intention: "For Healing & Forgiveness
Within Our Families"

WEDNESDAY, October 11

8:00 am † Rev. Leon Powell

† Kenneth James & Samara Marie Zelinski

THURSDAY, October 12

8:00 am † George Kvatek

FRIDAY, October 13

8:00 am † James & Mary Drefcinski

SATURDAY, October 14

4:00 pm † Evelyn Slowinski

† Jack Eckberg

SUNDAY, October 15

7:30 am † Kenneth Thompson

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

10:30 am † Stanley & Agnes Czudec

† Dr. Mike Klasinski

foot and was unsure of the result when he arrived in Rome. Then of course the arrest and torture that he faced. Let us look for ways of grace to enter our lives so that we can give examples of the faith; our love of God and neighbor that can be clearly seen in our words and actions that proclaim Christ to all.

~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

Please keep our Seminarians in your Prayers.

Jeremiah DeGroot

(Discipleship Stage: Pre Theology I)

St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Jeremiah's home parish: St. Patrick's,
Onalaska, 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
encouraging words:

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**Do you have a
loved one who is
currently:
Homebound?
or Residing in
Assisted Living or
Nursing Home?**

It's a good idea to
remind/update the office of their
"current"
residence to ensure they are on our
homebound list.

We do not want to miss anyone
when we have projects or occasions
for outreach to our homebound
parish members.



ROSARY FOR AMERICA

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. There are numerous online options to pray the Rosary.

We are bombarded with tragedy and confusion throughout the day...why not offer your prayer time to praying the Rosary as a family to bring about peace of heart?

Check out: **thecatholiccrusade.com** for a Rosary for America. This website includes a pdf which could be printed off for your household. The wording is beautifully articulated with the aim of praying for a conversion of our nation and government. Your sacrifice of time in praying the Rosary can be a force for great good!!!

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!



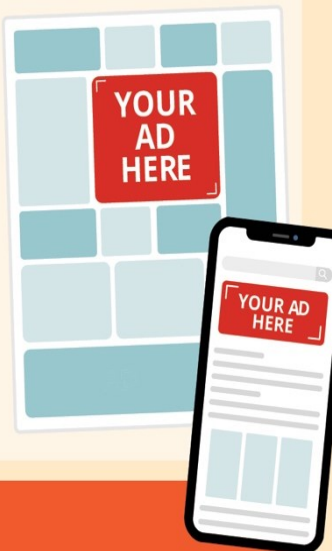
AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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 — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Gina Shaughnessy
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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
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:

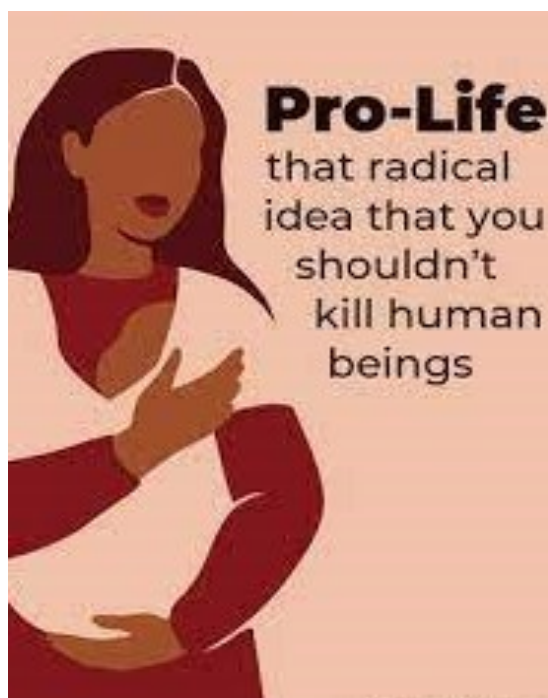
- † Sunday, October 8 at St. Joseph. Begins with 10:30 a.m. Mass and concludes by 6:30 p.m. Attendance is required for those being Confirmed in November.
- † Sunday, November 5 at St. Bronislava. Confirmation Mass will begin at 1:30 p.m.; students will receive more information at the retreat.

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



PRAYER FOR RADICAL SOLIDARITY

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

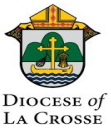
By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.



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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. 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. **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.



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.*

