

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### NOVEMBER 19, 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 Church

8:15 am

#### **CURRENT OFFICE HOURS**

**MON-THURSDAY:**

8:30am - 3:00pm

**Friday: by appt. only**

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

**Saturday at 4:00pm**

**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

## **Well Done, Good & Faithful Servant!**



“...you were faithful over a few things,  
I will make you  
ruler over many things.  
Enter into the joy of your Lord.’ ”

Matthew 25:21

### **Happening this week:**

Monday: Pastoral Council Mtg. / 6:30pm /Rectory  
Conference Rm.

Wednesday: Parish Office closes at Noon  
for Thanksgiving holiday

| <b>Date:<br/>Nov.<br/>25/26th</b> | <b>Lectors</b>   | <b>Ushers</b>                              | <b>Servers</b>                     | <b>Eucharistic<br/>Ministers</b>           | <b>SCRIP<br/>Sellers</b> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>4:00pm</b>                     | Nancy Koch       | Paul Koch<br>Mateo Koch<br>Bill Kolodziej  | Mark Pakulski<br>Dick Glinski      | Kay King<br>Gerry Weber<br>Paul Koch       | Barbara Butkus           |
| <b>7:30 am</b>                    | Brenda Suplicki  | Bob Bernas<br>Bob Govett<br>Kevin Pudroski | Andrew &<br>Matthew<br>Schoenecker | Pam Spaid<br>Mike Spaid<br>Mary Makuski    | Carol Bernas             |
| <b>10:30am</b>                    | Johanna McIntyre | Bernie<br>Havlovick<br>Dick Glinski        | Lucas McIntyre<br>Chase Baron      | Eve Krueger<br>Joe Demerath<br>Cheryl Kehl | Wendy<br>Demerath        |

### St. Peter Parish Weekly Financial Report:

November 12, 2023

Envelopes & Offertory: \$ 6,018.15

B&G Fund for month of October: \$1,081.00

Year to Date: \$ 149,591.28



## CONTACT INFORMATION

### St. Peter's Pastor:

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### Associate Pastor:

**Rev. Todd Mlsna**

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### Deacon Ray Heitzinger:

**Lay Ministry Coordinator,**

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

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### Senior Priest:

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### Administrative Assistant: **Mishelle O'Shasky**

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### Parish Secretary: **Nancy Koch**

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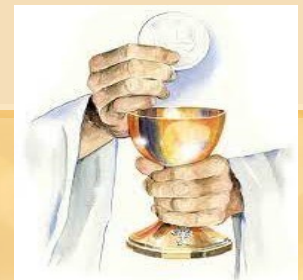
### RCIA Coordinator: 715-344-6115

### 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.



## Inspiration from Deacon Ray



### As the Church Year Ends

Soon we begin a new Church year with the start of Advent, so let's take a moment to reflect upon what the Lord has brought us this year. It's been a year of change for us at St. Peter's and Casimir. Fr. Joseph has retired and gone back to India. We remember the twelve years of service he gave us and the sacrifice he gave being away from his family. He seems to have settled in and is enjoying time with his family and doing some ministry near him. He keeps all of us in his prayers. We miss him but wish him the best in retirement. We are blessed to have Fr. John as pastor now and he has embraced this new challenge with hope for our future and he brings years of experience in leadership and priestly ministry. We should all continue to pray for both of these fine priests.

We've lost members of our parishes as they have passed away, going to the Lord. November is a time to remember our holy dead and spend some time at the cemetery praying for the repose of their souls. You can receive a plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery if you pray for the Holy Father, and receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation during the month of November. I recently saw the movie *After Death* which tells stories of those who have had near death experiences, interviewing several people who experienced this as well as doctors and authors who have researched these situations. I highly recommend the movie! I came away from viewing this with a renewed sense of how wonderful the next life will be- supposing we are worthy of Heaven. We should prepare ourselves for our own judgment day and this month helps us remember that none of us will get out of this life alive. But we should view death as the next step, the final step, and prepare to meet the Lord.

Others in our parishes have been married, have brought children into the world, or entered into the Catholic Church. Congratulations to you! Let's remember each of these people in our prayers and celebrate these wonderful events.

And in these final days of the Church year let's plan for the year ahead. Let's free up some time from our busy schedules to spend a few minutes each day in prayer, perhaps attend a weekday Mass, and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a more regular basis. Start with what is realistic for you and rekindle or strengthen your relationship with God. Remember God is always there for you, waiting for you to call upon Him. He will offer guidance in your life and will lead you to do His will- if you ask.

Blessings to you all as we complete this current Church year and plan for the new year.

**Deacon Ray**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, November 20

Monday Mass rotation: St. Stephen Parish @ 8:15am

### TUESDAY, November 21

8:00 am † Helen King

### WEDNESDAY, November 22

8:00 am † George Kvatek

### THURSDAY, November 23: Thanksgiving Day

8:00 am † Raymond Meshak

### FRIDAY, November 24

8:00 am † Helen Serwas

### SATURDAY, November 25

4:00 pm † Stephen Rutta  
† Barney & Clara Schroder

### SUNDAY, November 26

7:30 am † Robert Groshek  
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

10:30 am † Cecylia Slusarczyk



Wishing you all Joy, Warmth & Love at this special time of year. Enjoy the Lord's abundance of blessings in your life.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**

♥ Fr. John, Fr. Todd, Deacon Ray,  
Mishelle and Nancy

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the office closes at Noon on Wednesday. Regular hours will resume on Monday.

### 24 HR. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

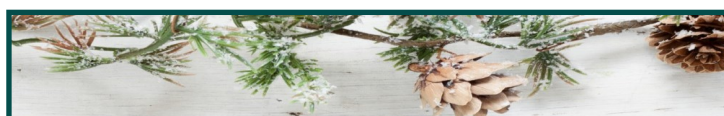
Beginning after the 8am Mass every Wednesday until immediately before the 8am Mass on Thursday  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
is prayed at 3PM



**A big THANK YOU to anyone who had a "hand" in supporting the collection of school supplies for Project Fresh Start.**

"Thank you for all that you do and the opportunities you're giving everyone! School is a lot easier with your help! Thank You ♥"

**United Way's Volunteer Center thanks you for supporting Portage County Families & Students through Project Fresh Start. We are humbled by the support from our community. With your help, we were able to provide free backpacks & school supplies to 1,305 students this year!**





**Holiday Office Hours -**

*Thanksgiving*  
**November 22nd**  
**8:30 AM - 12 NOON**  
**Closed November 23rd and 24th.**

*Christmas*  
**Closed December 25th and 26th.**

*New Year*  
**Closed January 1st 2024**




### Grades 1-8:

Nov. 15th: Regular Class

Nov. 22nd: No Class

Nov. 29th: Family Prayer Night:  
 Adoration begins @7PM in the Church w/ dismissal at 7:30.

### Confirmation Prep:

Nov. 12th: Prayer Night. Pacelli & Public School students attend.

Nov. 19th: No Class

Nov. 26th: No Class

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

**Cooking? Traveling? Hunting?**  
**GEAR UP using SCRIP!**  
**Helps you... & Helps Our Parish too!**







**St. Peter Parish  
Family Life  
Presents their Annual**

## **Christmas Cookie Walk**

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am – 11 am**

**(Arrive early before cookies and candy are sold out!)**

**Kolbe Hall (Lower Level of St. Peter Church)  
800 Fourth Avenue – Stevens Point, WI**

**Cookies and Candy - \$10 per Pound  
(Gloves and Containers Provided)**

**AND**

***The Twelve Gifts for Christmas Silent Auction***  
*Featuring KitchenAid Mixer, Fireside Theatre Package for  
Four, Winter Brunch for Six, Wellness Spa Package  
Holiday Decorative Items and Assorted Gift Cards  
(Silent Auction – 8:00 am – 10:30 am)*

**Come and Select Your Own Goodies and  
Leave the Baking to Us While Enjoying a  
Complimentary Coffee with a Sweet Treat!**



## **Giving Tree Project**



**Begins with our displayed trees and wreaths on the  
Weekend of Nov. 18/19th**

**Each tag represents a fellow parishioner living in either a nursing home or assisted  
living facility. PLEASE SUPPORT this project by taking a tag or two before  
Shopping for some of the listed items.**

**Tote these unwrapped , purchased items inside a Christmas gift bag back to the  
church on or before Dec. 12th.**

**Family Life Committee will be distributing the bags on 12/16.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of the GIVING TREE PROJECT!**  
**Our recipients appreciate receiving a gift and knowing they are not  
forgotten. They are the folks who helped the Parish in the past....  
Providing us a beautiful place to worship. ♥**



# Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family  
The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2023

Secretary: Lori Gollon  
Bookkeeper: Rebecca Jones  
Email: [secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org](mailto:secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org)  
Phone Number: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support 11/12/2023

Collection totals at this time are unavailable  
due to early submission of the bulletin.



## Happy Birthday:



Gary Kolodziej (Nov. 21)  
Kevin Ligman (Nov. 22)  
Donna Suchon (Nov. 23)

## Rosary

Please remember that the  
rosary is said at 8:20am  
before every mass. Join us as  
we continue to pray for the  
sick of our parish and any  
special intentions that you  
may hold.



## THANK YOU!

St. Casimir's would like to thank everyone  
who donated a raffle basket and/or baked goods  
for our Pancake Breakfast and to everyone who  
volunteered their time helping make the event a  
success!

Due to early submissions of the bulletin we  
are unable to give you a summary of the event  
and the amount raised for our parish.

We would not be able to put on this event  
without the help from you, our  
parishioners and the support  
of the community.

We will let you know  
the outcome of this event  
within the next couple of  
weeks!



Mass Intention for Sunday, November 26, 2023

† Deceased Members of the Kossowski and  
Zimbauer Families



† Stanley, Emily and David Kossowski

## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

November 26, 2023

Commentator: Debbie Wolfe

Lector: Kenn Firkus

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Wolfe

Ushers: Kurt and Caden Strojny



The Parish Office is now accepting  
Mass Intention requests for 2024. If  
there are any special dates you would  
like a mass said for your loved ones  
please let us know!

Saint Casimir Parish would like to wish  
everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving! As with  
every day we should be thankful for the rewards  
God has granted us, let us be extra thankful on this  
holiday.

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our  
people and for the spirit of justice that fills this  
nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of  
the land and the challenge of  
the cities. We thank you for our  
work and our rest, for one  
another, and for our homes. We  
thank you, Lord: accept our  
thanksgiving on this day. We  
pray and give thanks through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





Any Cub or Boy Scout interested in earning their religious emblem and not able to do so in your scout unit, please contact:

**Cindy Sjolander at:**  
**[catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com](mailto:catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com)**

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# **Fabulous Fall FUN!**

**Breakfast at the Knights of Columbus:** Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> , serving from 8:15 am to 11 am. Scrambled Eggs, Fried Red Potatoes, ham, sausage, dessert and all you care to eat pancakes for only \$10 adult, \$6 for ages 6-12 and \$4 for under 6 price includes coffee and sales tax. Our popular bake sale will be held at the breakfast.

Knights of Columbus Clubhouse 401 W Clark St., just across the Clark St Bridge in Stevens Point Open to the Public . Come hungry!

