

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 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
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

Facebook:

'Saint Peter Catholic
Church'

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

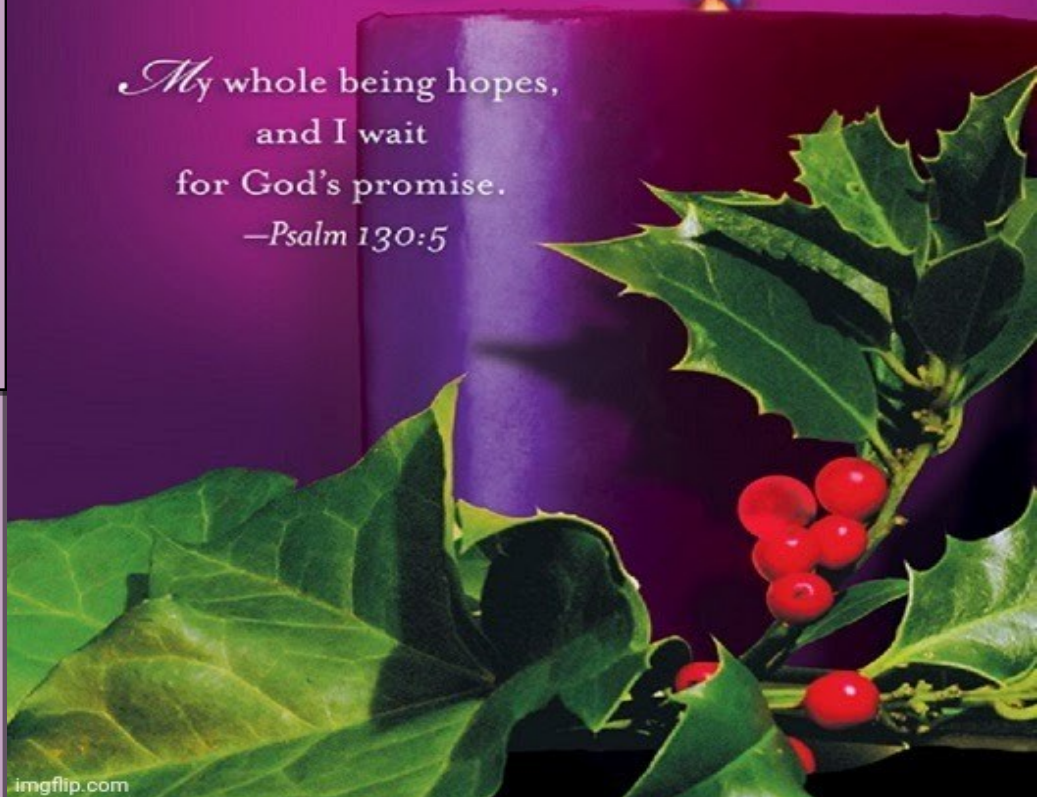
Wednesdays from 8:30am -
8:00am on Thursday

1st FRIDAY of the month

Adoration from 8:30am until
5:00pm

CHRIST
OUR
Hope

*My whole being hopes,
and I wait
for God's promise.
—Psalm 130:5*



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Happening this Week:

MON.: Mass at St. Casimir's Church / 9:00am

WED.: Religious Ed. Classes at St. Stephen's at 6-7:30pm

FRI.: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Patronal Feast Day of USA

(Holy Day of Obligation) Masses: 8am and 5:30pm

Date: Dec. 9/10th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Beverly Niescior	Bill Kolodziej Paul Koch	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Kay King Deacon Ray Gerry Weber	Dawn Weber
7:30 am	Lee Petersen	Bob Bernas Bob Govett Kevin Pudroski	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Mary Makuski Pam Spaid Mike Spaid	Diane Haffenbredl
10:30am	Cheryl Kehl	Carl Knuese Joe & Jack Demerath	Aiden Peeters Lucas McIntyre	Matt Bablitch Cheryl Kehl Eve Krueger	Matt Bablitch

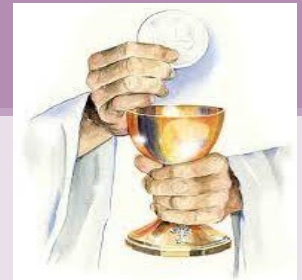
St. Peter Parish Weekly Financial Report:

	Nov19, 2023	Nov. 26, 2023
Envelopes & Offertory:	\$ 10,248.01	\$ 6,447.21
World Mission collection:	\$1,809.00	
Year to Date:	\$ 159,839.29	\$ 166,286.50

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

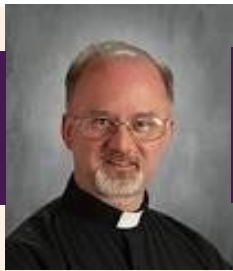
Reconciliation: Tuesday-Friday @ 7:15 - 7:45am
Saturday @ 3:00 - 3:45pm

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



Welcome to the new year, welcome to the new season of Advent. This is a time of preparation for the Incarnation, the birth of Christ. Since we do this each year it could possibly become routine. Our use of the Advent wreath helps us enter more deeply the Light that is coming into the world. This new season is one filled with hope. The darkness of the natural world can overcome and weigh upon us this time of year. So lighting each candle brings greater light creating a sense of expectation that can bring us out of our sense of routine.

There are some great things to look forward to in the coming days. On December 6th, the feast of St. Nicholas, is the admission Boards are in La Crosse. Besides all that goes on at St. Casimir and St. Peter parishes I also am a member of the Admissions Board for the Diocese of La Crosse. They meet a few times a year to review candidates for the seminary. Please pray for the candidates that will be meeting with the board along with vocations to the priesthood of the diocese from our parishes. December 8th is a holy day of obligation. There will be a vigil Mass at St. Casimir at 5:15 pm December 7th. At St. Peter parish the Masses will be 8 am and 5:30 pm on the Holy Day of December 8th. Also at St. Peter parish that day is the Cookie Walk. I am sure it will have many wonderful treats that I shouldn't really have. But do stop by and offer your support for the event.

Also needing support is our young people and their growing in the faith. That is the topic of Zachary Galante's paper from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. (I offer the summary from the PNAC annual report 2022-23.) "One of the questions many parents wrestle with today is how to pass on the faith to their children. I focused on this question in my term paper. Recent research by Christian Smith and Amy Adamczyk studied this question from a sociological perspective. I studied their book, *Handing Down the Faith*, and put it in dialogue with the thoughts of St. John Henry Newman on belief and St. John Paul II on the family.

The argument is deceptively simple. Research shows that parents play the most important role in making the faith real and important in the lives of their children. The influence of the parent is tied in part to a healthy parenting style, but more to the parent's own lived experience of the faith. Examples of this include the parents' own commitment to attending weekly Sunday Mass, making prayer a part of daily life, and by speaking regularly and casually about topics of faith in relation to the ordinary realities of life. Through these practices, parents implicitly communicate to their children that faith in God is real, important, and worthy of making one's own. We must invest in the evangelization and formation of parents to best help children come to know and love God."

Fr. John Potaczek



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, December 4

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

TUESDAY, December 5

8:00 am † Rev. Leon Powell

WEDNESDAY, December 6

8:00 am † John & Mae Kovalski

THURSDAY, December 7

8:00 am † Kyle Stoltz

Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am † Evelyn Slowinski

† Ray & Charlotte Gollon & Gary Vollert

5:30 pm † Living & Deceased Members of the Pawelski/Rekowski Families

SATURDAY, December 9

4:00 pm † Eugene & Jane Zdroik

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

SUNDAY, December 10

7:30 am † Alvina Stuczynski

† George Kvatek

10:30 am † Dr. Mike Klasinski



Oplatki-Polish Christmas Wafers are available in the Faustina Rm at the SCRIP table before or after weekend Masses.

2 wafers are included in each Envelope / Donation: \$2 per env.

May your Family, once again, enjoy this beautiful tradition.

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

Ministers scheduled for Dec. 8th

8:00am: Lector: Cindy, Ushers: Bob G. & Carl,
Servers: Schoenecker boys,

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul, Mateo and Deacon Ray

5:30pm: Lector: Cherye, Ushers: Kay & Steve

Servers: Mark & Dick

Eucharistic Ministers: Gladys, Cherye and Don

Let every heart prepare
Him room...

Advent Confession

SCHEDULE

**DEC. 21 : St. Peter 's
Communal Penance
6pm**

DEC. 18 : St. Bronislava's
at 6:30 pm

DEC. 20 : St. Stephen's
at 6:30 pm

Holy Spirit : 6-7pm
Wednesdays/ Sat. 9-11am

FRANCISCANS
DOWNTOWN: Fr. Placid
2-3pm on Dec. 5, 12 &
19th



The Feast of
Our Lady of
Guadalupe
Tuesday,
Dec. 12

ALL are welcome to
Celebrate this special
Marian Feast at
St. Bronislava Church
In Plover.

For details of this event,
please see the flyers dis-
played on bulletin boards
at our church's entrances.



As we journey thru the
season of Advent to-
gether, please take
home a copy of the
Advent Little Book
located at all entrances.
Helpful guided read-
ings to enrich your
prayer time
during Advent.

Pacelli Catholic Middle School Presents...

ALICE @ WONDERLAND

What would happen if a 21st century Alice col-
lided with Lewis Carroll's legendary Wonder-
land? This modern retelling of the classic chil-
dren's story has all of the characters you know
and love. The story is laid out in traditional
style, except that Alice is distinctly contempo-
rary, complete with cell phone in hand.

Saturday, Dec. 2: 1pm & 7pm

Sunday Dec. 3, 2pm

At Pacelli Catholic HighSchool FACC

Tickets: \$10 Adults

Tickets only available at the door.



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

Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 9th

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**

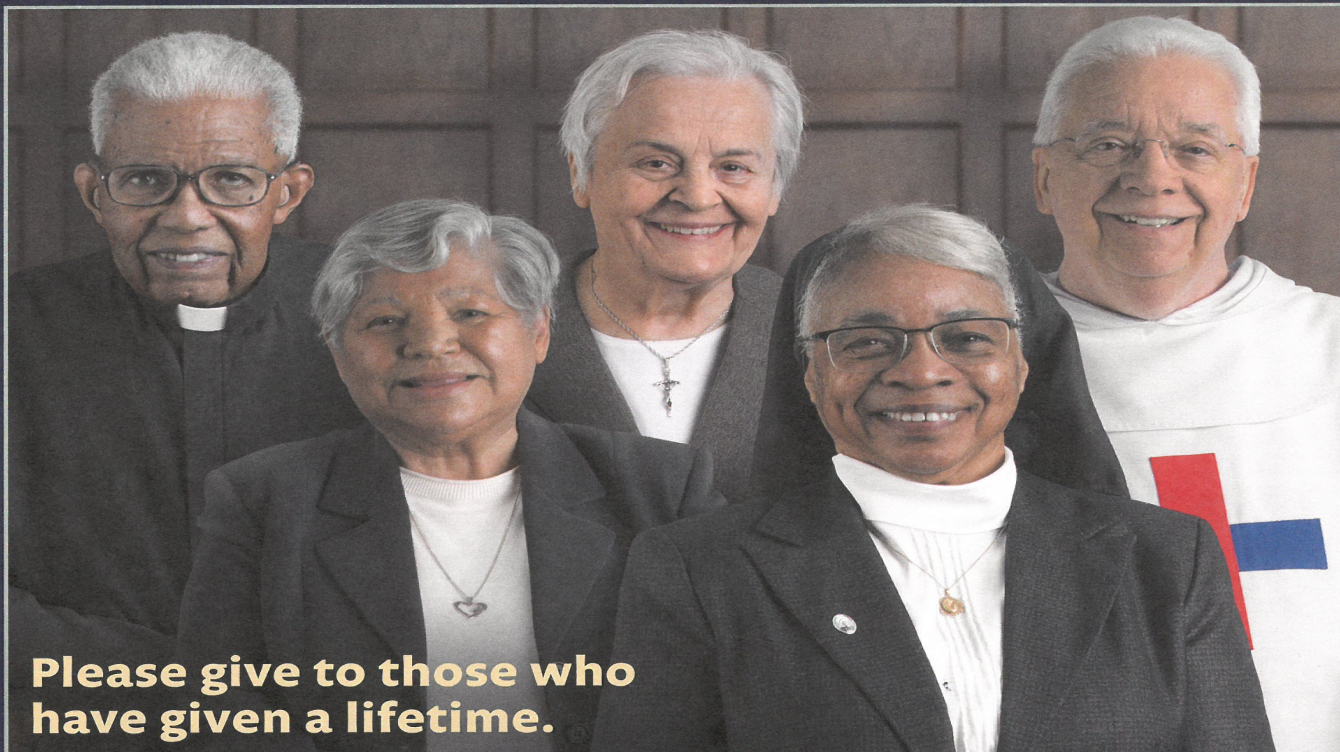
Cookies and Candy - \$10 per Pound
(Gloves and Containers Provided)

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!**





**Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.**

Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly religious need your help. Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others by praying for us, ministering to all, educating the young, caring for those who are sick and helping those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Please give generously.

Top row, from left:
Brother Charles Douglas, SSJ, 88;
Sister Marianna Danko, SSMI, 80;
Father James Day, OSST, 77.
Bottom row, from left:
Sister Celeste Burgos, MSHS, 79;
Sister Brenda Cherry, OSP, 84.

retiredreligious.org

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CRIB LIGHTING EVENT

**The annual Light Up For Christ event will be held at
6:30 pm Tuesday, December 5th at the
Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 401 W. Clark St.**

The Knights will be joined by the Pacelli High School Choir & Stevens Point Mayor Michael Wiza. Council Chaplain, Fr. Todd Mlsna, will bless the Nativity setting. The lighting of the Nativity is the way the Knights start their Christmas season. Refreshments in the lower level of the Clubhouse will follow the ceremony. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family
The First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

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Saint Casimir Parish Support 11/19/2023

Envelopes: \$ 1,010

Offertory: \$104

Saint Casimir Parish Support 11/26/2023

Envelopes: \$1,015

Offertory: \$100

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$100



Happy Birthday:

Rosalie Shudarek (Dec. 3)

Jeanie Shuda (Dec. 9)



Rosary



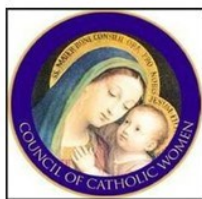
Please remember that the rosary is said at 8:20am before every mass. Join us as we continue to pray for the sick of our parish and any special intentions that you may hold.

December Mass Schedule

- Monday, December 4: Monthly Monday Mass will be held tomorrow at 9:00am. Please join us if you are able!
- Thursday, December 7: A Vigil Mass for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held at St Casimir's at 5:15pm.

Reminder

There will be a Saint Casimir Council of Catholic Women meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 5 in Stanek Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.



Mass Intention for Monday, December 4, 2023

† **The Members of Saint Casimir Parish**

Mass Intention for Thursday, December 7, 2023

† **Andrew and Kory Gollon**

† **Karen Bedell**



Mass Intention for Sunday, December 10, 2023

† **Larry and Catherine Wojtalewicz**

† **Glory Losinski**



St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

December 7, 2023

Commentator: Debbie Wolfe

Lector: Bonnie Ziolkowski

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Bonnie Ziolkowski

Ushers: Volunteers

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

December 10, 2023

Commentator: Pat Gollon

Lector: Kenn Firkus

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Bernie King

Ushers: Patty Flanigan and Bernie Stoltz

Please remember to grab an Advent blue book to guide your reflections during this season of anticipation!



Priests for Tomorrow



There are booklets available at various entry-ways to the Church which have been provided by our Diocese. The booklets feature the photos of our Seminarians along with prayers for vocations and a monthly outline of dates of the month to focus on praying specifically for each Seminarian accordingly.

Please pick one up if you are interested in dedicating your prayer routine to include praying for an increase in vocations, in general, and for our Seminarians of the Diocese.

If you wish to check out information related to vocations, be sure to visit: diolc.org/priesthood/meet-the-priests-for-tomorrow

**The seminarians gladly welcome
your continued support &
prayers as they discern & grow in
the faith.**



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