

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 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
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:

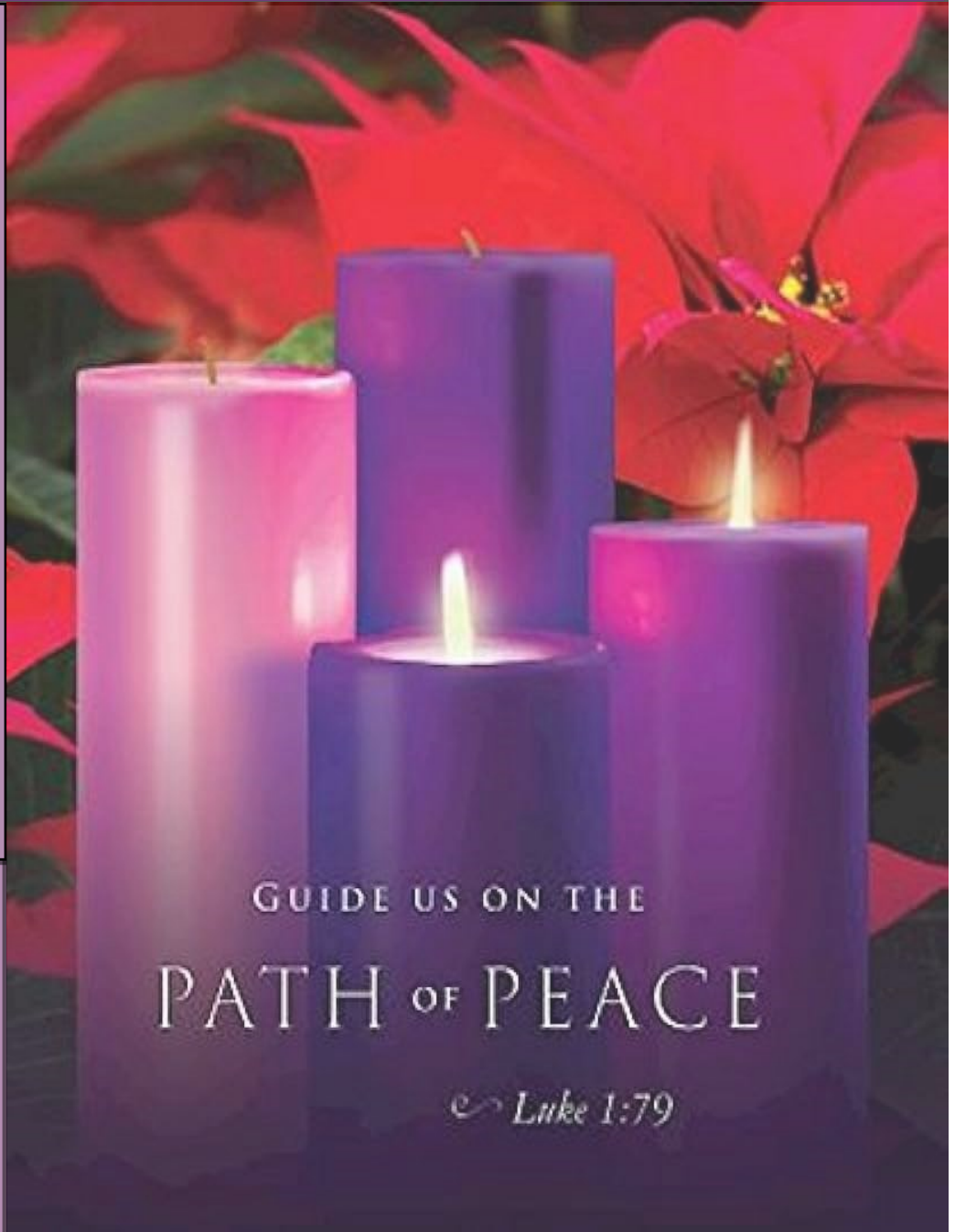
'Saint Peter Catholic
Church'

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

1st FRIDAY of the month

**Adoration from 8:30am until
5:00pm**



Happening this Week:

Monday: Buildings & Grounds Mtg. / 5:30pm Rectory Conference Rm

Wednesday: Religious Educ. Classes at St. Stephen's 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Thursday: Finance Council Mtg. / 6:30pm / Rectory Conference Rm

Date: Dec. 16/17th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Gary Glodoski	Kay King Steve King	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Deacon Ray Don Rolnicki Cherye Rolnicki	Larry & Karen Proulx
7:30 am	Della Schoenecker	Mike Katzmark Fred Vieth	Andrew & Matthew Schonecker	Deacon Ray Donna Bemowski Mary Makuski	Kris Firminhac
10:30am	Chelsea Peeters	Bernie Havlovick Dick Glinski	Gloria Gebeau Mathias Gebeau	Cindy Heitzinger Deacon Ray Matt Bablitch	Lori Dombrowski

St. Peter Parish Weekly Financial Report:

Dec. 3, 2023

Envelopes & Offertory: \$10,788.37

Nov. Buildings & Grounds : \$1,195.00

Year to Date: \$177,074.87

**NOW, WHILE WE HAVE TIME,
AND THE TIME IS OURS,
LET'S GIVE OUR NEIGHBORS
OUR BEST EFFORTS,
AND GOD OUR PRAISE.**
— ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

BY CATHOLIC RADIO

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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



As we enter the second week of Advent, this season of preparation, of waiting, of longing for our hearts desire that can only be filled with Jesus; I encourage you to use your little blue Advent books to help you grow in prayer. Prayer will lead us deeper into a relationship with Jesus.

The saints have shown us how to do that. How to live that out each day. I wish to highlight a few feast days that are celebrated in the first part of December. We have our patronal feast day, the Immaculate Conception. At Lourdes in 1858 Mary appeared and proclaimed that she was the Immaculate Conception. Our country adopted her as our patron saint in 1846. On the 12th of December we have the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She appeared in Mexico and was the doorway for the Mexican people to enter the Church leaving behind pagan rituals and human sacrifices. She was declared empress of the Americas. Mary is meant to be a unifier for South, Central and North America as one people. On the 13th we celebrate the feast of St. Lucy. This martyr of the early Church was an example of courage aiding fellow Christians in the catacombs until she herself was arrested and put to death for the faith. She is often pictured with candles in a wreath woven around her head to light her way in the catacombs serving the needs of others.

I saved the following article from The ConnectedParish.com June Issue 2022. As we start the new liturgical year it is good to reflect and perhaps ask ourselves the tough questions. To take time and see how deeply we are living the faith or being a model for the faith to others and living as a truly Catholic Christian community. It is not always easy, so the first part of the article is: "Wrestling with Faith. Sometimes it feels like nobody else has any doubts about their faith. No obstacles. No ups and downs. The piety that we learn (which is good) can make others feel like they do not belong. If the role of the parish (I would add parents, godparents, sponsors and catechists) is to bring everybody a step closer to Jesus, then help us overcome these main obstacles:

Indifference: I am indifferent. I have no real need for God in my life. My life is pretty good.

Lifestyle: My lifestyle does not gel with the teachings of the Church, so I don't belong or don't want to feel that I need to change in order to belong. Piety: I don't believe in all the crazy things like relics, apparitions, mystics, or modern-day miracles. I clearly am not a Catholic.

Angry: I am angry with the Church. The abuse. The lack of warmth. The judgment. The corruption. I don't want to be associated with any of it.

Other Faiths: If we are the true Church, what about Islam, Judaism, etc. What makes our convictions and faith any truer than theirs?

Eucharist: I find the Eucharist a challenge mentally and spiritually. But everybody seems to 'get it'--so I obviously don't belong. Our petition (and prayer): Please make obstacles easy to talk about so that they can be overcome." Powerful points of reflection and perhaps questions or thoughts we all have had. Can we talk about them? Do we have someone to talk to about such obstacles in our life of faith? The saints have all been there, ask their intercession and for someone striving to live the faith to take some time to talk with you. We are not meant to live the faith in isolation but with the Body of Christ. ~Fr. John Potaczek



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, December 11

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

TUESDAY, December 12

8:00 am † Dr. Mike Klasinski

WEDNESDAY, December 13

8:00 am † Leon Hintz

THURSDAY, December 14

8:00 am † Ernest Simkowski

FRIDAY, December 15

8:00 am For our young people & our Seminarians

SATURDAY, December 16

4:00 pm † Dave Katzmark
† Mary B. Stanchik

SUNDAY, December 17

7:30 am † Muriel Grasamkee
† Paul Laszinski

10:30 am † Mildred Szymanski
For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes



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



We welcome through the Holy Waters of Baptism our newest Child of God:

Stanley John Bossenbrock

Proud Parents: Nick & Melissa

May God Bless Your Family!

*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. 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.

St. Michael's Hall: Junction City
Hosts a Christmas Concert
Featuring 3 Combined Church
Choirs

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Sunday, December 17 at 6PM
(Doors open at 5:30pm)

An evening of JOYFUL MUSIC!
Refreshments served after the performance.

During this National Eucharistic
Revival, let us grow in our
understanding and love for the
INCREDIBLE GIFT of Jesus's real
Presence in the Eucharist!

How do we get to know Jesus better?
We get to know Jesus better by being with Him
"in person." We do that at Sunday Mass. At
the Mass, Jesus is present personally and truly
in the Holy Eucharist. He meets us there, and
He wants to listen to and speak to us through
the Scripture readings and prayers of the Mass.
**Let us pray: Jesus, give me the desire to read
the Bible a few minutes each day.**
**This week, read how the prophet Isaiah an-
nounces the coming of the Messiah in :
Isaiah 11: 1-3.**



*Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!*



**SCRIP cards fit ALL
Stocking Sizes!**



Watch & Prepare!!

For this time of waiting...the Advent Wreath draws a family together around the lighting of one of the four candles, each representing a week of this season. It is a special time to pray a Rosary, or a decade of the Rosary, and focus on the Joyful Mysteries that call to mind the events of Christ's birth.

A prayer card for the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary can be downloaded here:

diolc.org/deeper

Also....

There are seven Scripture Readings pertinent to the season of Advent on a Downloadable prayer card available here under the title

"Praying with Scripture: diolc.org/deeper.

Or..

If you would like to read the Scripture readings from Mass each day during Advent as a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas,

Visit: **bible.usccb.org**

Warm Wishes of THANKS !

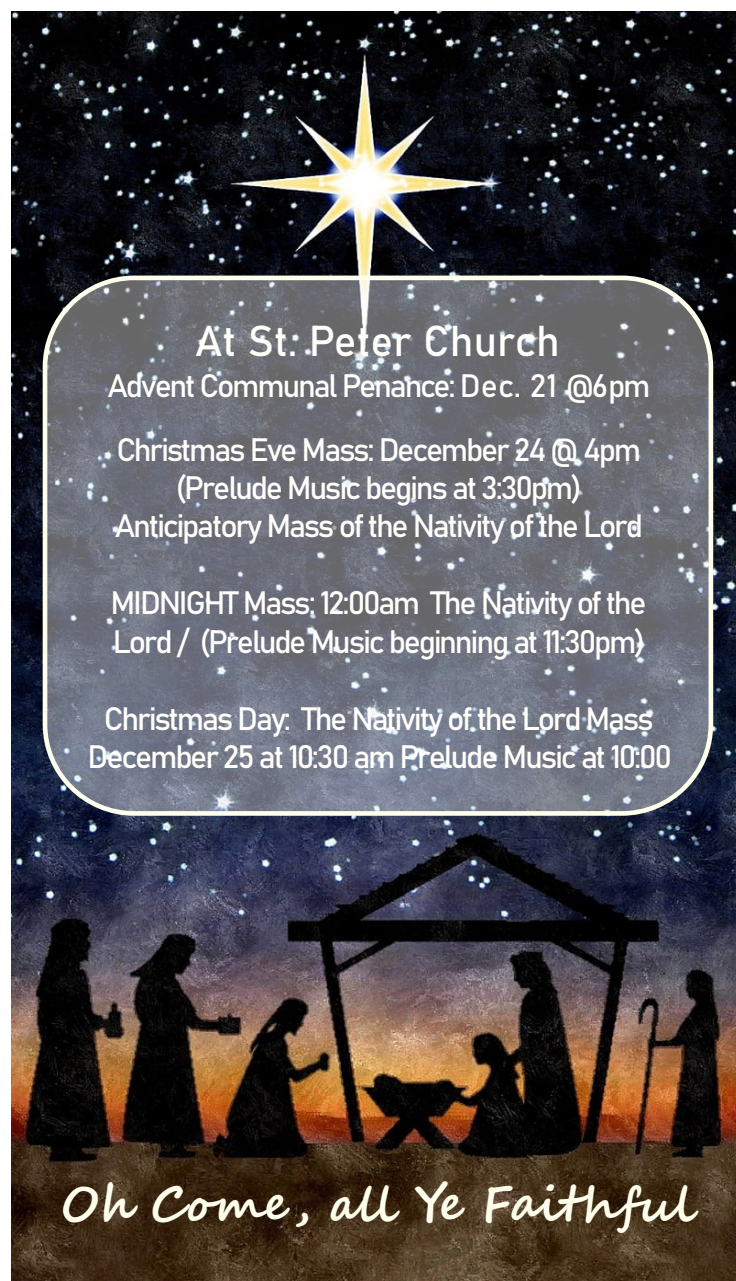
The Rosary Society's Bake Sale was a huge success thanks to everyone who supported the sale by donating baked goods or by purchasing them to enjoy eating at home!

We are always looking for new members.

Contact: Linda Strosin

715-344-7647

To find out what
Rosary Society is
all about.

At St. Peter Church
Advent Communal Penance: Dec. 21 @6pm
Christmas Eve Mass: December 24 @ 4pm
(Prelude Music begins at 3:30pm)
Anticipatory Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
MIDNIGHT Mass: 12:00am The Nativity of the Lord / (Prelude Music beginning at 11:30pm)
Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord Mass
December 25 at 10:30 am Prelude Music at 10:00

Oh Come, all Ye Faithful

Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

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Saint Casimir Parish Support



Collection Totals for December will not be available until January due to early submissions for the bulletins.

Happy Birthday:

Mary Ann Lorbeck (Dec. 10)
Ben Bucknell (Dec. 13)



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.

Pancake Breakfast

Once again we would like to thank everyone for another successful St. Casimir Parish Pancake Breakfast! We could not have done it without all of the chairpersons, volunteers and the people who donated raffle baskets and baked goods.

Tickets: **\$2,633**

Raffle: **\$1,994**

Bake Sale: **\$633**

Cutlery Sale: **\$328**

Grand Total: \$5,588

We look forward to seeing you all next year as we continue on with this special tradition here at St. Casimir's!

Mass Intention for Sunday, December 17, 2023

† **Casimer Nowicki**

† **Kory Gollon**



St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

December 17, 2023

Commentator: Sally Bukowski

Lector: Stefanie Folck

Servers: Jacob Gollon and Olivia Folck

Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Bukowski

Ushers: Paul and Frank Kubowski

Reminders

- If you plan on giving money towards Christmas flowers please turn in your envelope by December 17. This ensures that your loved ones names will be included in the remembrance list.
- Grab an Advent blue book in the front of the church to guide you in your reflections

Question of the Week

Last weeks Question and Answer:

Q: What caused the Israelites to become slaves in Egypt?

A: With fear of how numerous the Israelites had become, a new king forced them into bondage.

This weeks question is:

**Who was sent to free the Israelites from bondage?
Why was he sent?**

Might a Pilgrimage to Ireland be on your horizon?

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (Almond, WI) announces that we have a new and improved pilgrimage trip to Ireland!



September 11-21, 2024

This is an amazing trip that will include many national landmarks, Cathedrals, castles and many other beautiful sites of Ireland. The flight will be direct and the experiences breathtaking! The trip is planned using a local, experienced agent, and US based travel agency.

Estimated tour cost :\$3,999.00 (double occupancy.)
Contact Mary at: 715-340-7217 w/ any ?s , to request an itinerary and to sign up!



**To reach out to Fr. Joseph
with Christmas and/or
Birthday Wishes:**

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