

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 24, 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**

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**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



THE LORD YOUR GOD  
IS IN YOUR MIDST. . . . HE WILL CREATE

CALM WITH HIS LOVE

*~Zephaniah 3:17*

#### **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:**

**Parish Office closed Dec. 25 & 26th**  
**Regular Office Hours resume Dec. 27**

<b>Date: Dec. 30/31st</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>SCRIP Sellers</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	Cherye Rolnicki	Kay King Steve King	Mark Pakulski Dick Gliniski	Deacon Ray Paul Koch Mateo Koch	Barbara Butkus
<b>7:30 am</b>	Jennifer Peplinski	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Pam Spaid Mike Spaid Scott Peplinski	Mike Spaid
<b>10:30am</b>	Eve Krueger	Carl Knuese Joe Demerath Jack Demerath	Lucas McIntyre Chase Baron	Matt Bablitch Cheryl Kehl Eve Krueger	Wendy Demerath

#### St. Peter Parish Weekly Financial Report:

**Dec. 10, 2023**

Envelopes & Offertory: \$ 10,131.00

Year to Date: \$ 187,205.87

Dec. 17th financial info not available at time of publishing.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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



Merry Christmas to one and all! Happy greetings to all who join us for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. What a wonderful time. It is a time of true joy that the angels remind us of.

Greetings have been a project of mine at St. Peter parish. Since the summer I have been calling every household/family in the parish. It has been a joy to talk to many of you. If you don't remember a call, perhaps the office doesn't have your new number or, surprisingly to me, there are many who do not have voicemail (or it was full). I look forward to reaching out again later in the new year.

St. Casimir has been able to host a few "Donut Sundays" this past fall that were again a great time to meet and greet many of you and have some time to visit. Connecting is so important. It allows relationships to grow and deepen. I am hoping that continues in the parish and that sense of being part of the Body of Christ, children and family of our heavenly Father matures daily for all of us.

May God's blessings rest upon you throughout the Christmas season that lasts until the feast of Epiphany!

~Fr. John Potaczek



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **MONDAY, December 25: CHRISTMAS**

10:30 am †Dr. Mike Klasinski  
†Kenneth Thompson

### **TUESDAY, December 26**

8:00 am † Clarence Guzman  
† Mary & James Drefcinski

### **WEDNESDAY, December 27**

8:00 am †Clara Landowski

### **THURSDAY, December 28**

8:00 am For abused, abandoned & aborted children  
and for abused elderly

### **FRIDAY, December 29**

8:00 am † George Kvatek

### **SATURDAY, December 30**

4:00 pm † Donna Pagel

### **SUNDAY, December 31**

7:30 am † Dick & Vivian Pudroski  
† Alex Makuski

10:30 am †Amy Weslaski



### **Dec. 24: Anticipatory Mass of the Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve:**

**4:00pm:** † Clifford Falkowski & †Wally & Lil Jakusz

### **Midnight Mass: The Nativity of the Lord**

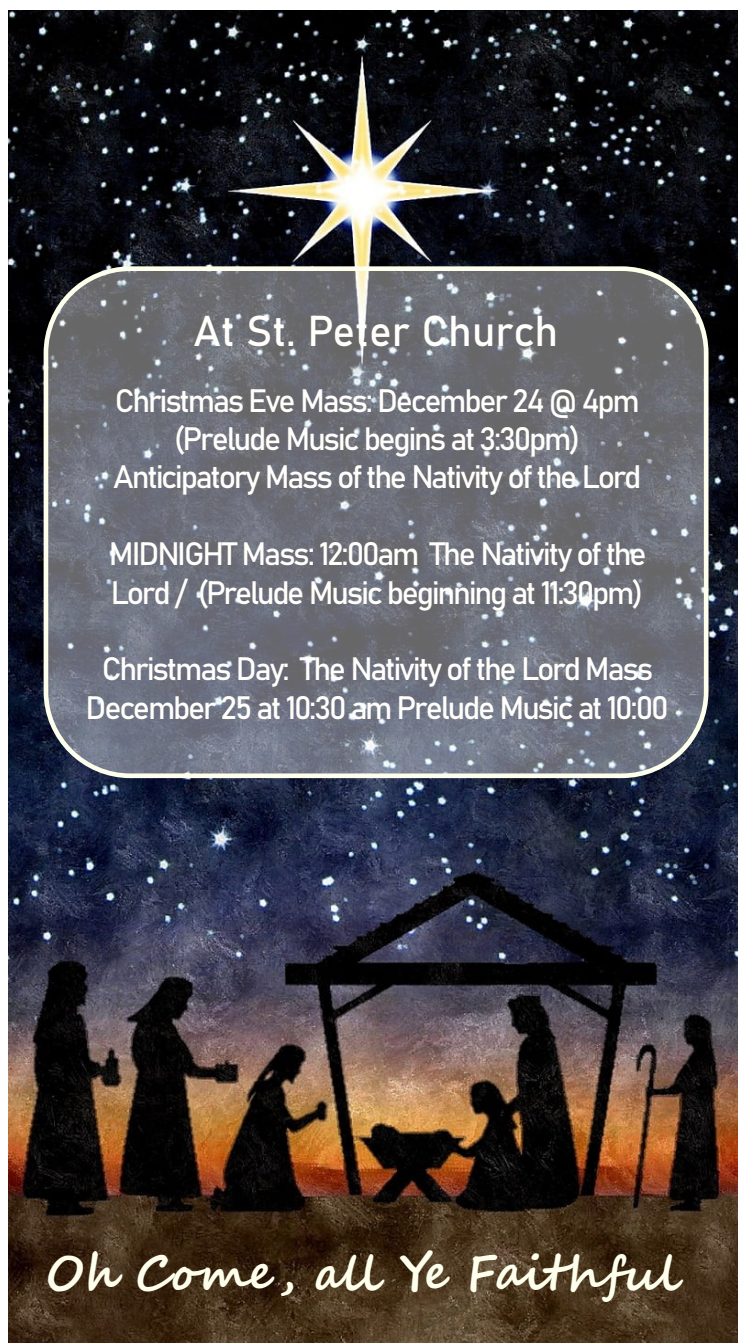
Thanks to Jesus for Mercy, Love & Blessings  
†Ray & Charlotte Gollon & Gary Vollert

### **Dec. 25: Christmas : The Nativity of the Lord**

**10:30 am** † Dr. Mike Klasinski  
† Kenneth Thompson

### **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



**At St. Peter Church**

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*



## Making any Plans for 2024 ?

We are familiar With St. Paul

Largely from the little “harpoons” that we get, as the reading that comes before the reading of the Gospel at weekend Mass. However, at closer look, St. Paul has a lot to say about what is expected of the Christian, and also what makes us joyful in our Christian way of life.

How can we better understand and use what St. Paul has to say, for our journey here on earth in the New Year and for the life to come?

Reflection on some of what St. Paul has to say may be helpful in our desire to be more in touch with our proper posture before God. Can this contribute to, and be a component in, our everyday Christian lives?

**Deacon Peter Burek**, a deacon for 23 years, currently serves the Eastside Parishes of Wausau, especially in RCIA, Baptism Preparation, FOCUS, Marriage preparation, Scripture groups and Liturgical Service. He is involved in various community outreach programs, and he and his wife Marilyn, enjoy spending family time with their children & grandchildren.

Investment: \$125 / Check-in begins at 3pm on Sunday, followed by orientation at 5:45 & supper at 6:00. The retreat concludes Monday after the Noon Meal.

**St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, WI**  
715-443-2236 / [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com)



## Jesus came into the world to save us.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which means “house of bread.”

Because there was no room in the inn, Jesus was born in a stable & laid in a manger, which is significant because it is a feeding trough for animals.

This was all part of God’s plan for His birth on earth, to point to the fact that Jesus came to save us. This is really the whole meaning of Christmas!

Jesus came to give us Himself as food—He literally is the Bread of Life—supernatural bread (this is Jesus Himself) that saves us, that spiritually nourishes & Strengthens us with His grace. **Pray: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as our Savior.** Read Luke 2: 1-7 to hear of Jesus’ birth.



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



# Joy to the World!

May the Joy and Peace that were present at the birth of Christ  
be present in your home this season.

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

May God Bless You!

Fr. John, Fr. Todd, Deacon Ray, Mishelle, Nancy, Jeff & Mary

## WCC CELEBRATES NEW SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX LAW

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) the public policy voice of Wisc.'s Bishops, celebrates the recent enactment of Senate Bill 369 as 2023 Wisconsin Act 79, authorizing newborn infant safety devices (also called baby boxes) under the state's safe haven law.

This law embraces both mother and child, providing women with a last resort that protects their own safety and that of their child. It gives birth mothers the security of knowing that their children will find love & stability.

Even as the WCC celebrates this new law, we will continue to work with all legislators to ensure that, whenever possible, mothers & children remain united and have every opportunity to thrive.

The Catholic Church stands ready and willing to walk alongside women experiencing challenges during pregnancy and parenthood. The Church's initiative, "Walking with Moms in Need", seeks to ensure that no woman is alone when faced with such challenges. If you or someone you know is in need, please reach out to a local parish or Catholic Charities. Pregnancy Resource Centers are available to provide support. **For more info: Tia Izzia 608-257-0004**



# Saint Casimir Parish

152 years of Faith and Family  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 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:

Pete Meronek (Dec. 25)  
Charlyn Newby (Dec. 26)  
Cecelia Pionek (Dec. 30)



Saint Casimir Parish would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas! May you all have a blessed day with your loved ones celebrating the birth of our wonderful Savior.

"Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.



Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. **Amen.**"

Please join us for Mass tomorrow morning at 9:00am.

Mass Intention for Monday, December 25, 2023

† Carl and Francis Zimbauer

† Rose Barbers



Mass Intention for Sunday, December 31, 2023

† Catherine and Larry Wojtalewicz

† Glory Losinski

## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

December 25, 2023

Commentator: Pat Gollon

Lector: Stefanie Folck

Servers: Bernie King and Olivia Folck

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Gollon

Ushers: Tim Engle and Keith Gollon

## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

December 31, 2023

Commentator: Debbie Wolfe

Lector: Kenn Firkus

Servers: Jacob Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Marissa Loew

Ushers: The Burants

Goal: \$131,375.00

Total Pledged:

\$107,141.00

Received as of 12/12:

\$60,439.38

  
*Inspired* **BY THE SPIRIT**  
DIOCESE of LA CROSSE

## May your days be MERRY & BRIGHT!

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society **"All You Can Eat Breakfast"** will be held **Sunday, Jan. 7th** from 8:30am to Noon at St. Bron's , 3200 Plover Rd.

Menu includes: buttermilk & potato pancakes, French toast, sausage links/ham , milk, juice and coffee. Cost is \$10 for 13yr and up, \$4 for 5yr-12yr. Free for 4yr and under. The meal is cooked by the men of Holy Name and table service is provided by St. Bron's Boy Scout Troop #201.

**Calling all Crafters! You are invited to join a day of Crafting on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8am-9pm at St. Joseph Parish.** You bring your crafting tools, laptops, and supplies. Cost is \$40 per person. Registration info available at : 715-341-1617 and see bulletin board flyers displayed in our par-



## MINISTRY Schedule for CHRISTMAS Mass

### Dec. 24th at 4:00 PM: Christmas Vigil Mass

Reader: Cherye Rolnicki

Ushers: Kay & Steve King

Servers: Mark and Dick G.

Volunteer Servers welcome!

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay King

Deacon Ray & Don Rolnicki

**Midnight:** Reader: Angel Gebeau  
Ushers: Fred Vieth & Volunteer  
Servers: Gloria & Mathias Gebeau  
Euch. Ministers: Deacon Ray & Mary

### Dec. 25 at 10:30 AM CHRISTMAS

Reader: Matt Bablitch

Ushers: Bernie & Dick

Servers: Aiden & Chase

Euch. Min: Eve Krueger, Deacon Ray  
& Cheryl Kehl