

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 31, 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. Joseph Church

8:00 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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'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



"Holy Family
of Nazareth,
make us once
more mindful
of the
sacredness
and
inviolability
of the family
and its
beauty in
God's plan."

—*Amoris Laetitia*, 325

Happening this week....

Monday: Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass at 10:30am
(at St. Casimir Parish at 9:00am)

St. Peter Parish Office is **CLOSED** 1/1/24.

Regular hrs resume Tues., Jan. 2nd

Wednesday: Family Life Meeting at 6:30pm in Kolbe Hall

Date: January 6/7th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	Beverly Niescior (1) Gladys Glodoski (2)	Kay King Steve King	Mathias Gebeau Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Don Rolnicki Cherye Rolnicki	Bob Jakusz
7:30 am	Lee Petersen (1) Brenda Suplicki (2)	Bob Bernas Bob Govett	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Deacon Ray Mary Makuski	Carol Bernas
10:30am	Johanna McIntyre (1) Chelsea Peeters (2)	Dick Glinski Jeff Czudec	Lucas McIntyre Aiden Peeters Chase Baron	Cheryl Kehl Eve Krueger	Danielle Baron

St. Peter Parish Weekly Financial Report:

Dec. 17, 2023

Nov. SCRIP: \$314.38

Envelopes & Offertory: \$ 7,615.25. DAA 2nd Collection

Year to Date: \$ 194,821.12 \$463.00

Dec. 24th Financial Info not available at time of publishing.



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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



Happy New Year!!

A fresh start for all of us. Starting the new year off with celebrating the feast of Mary, Mother of God is a great way to begin this new year with Mary's intercession. Mass for that feast day is 9 am at St. Casimir and 10:30 am at St. Peter. Mary tells us to do whatever He tells you. So it is important to take time in prayer to listen and respond.

Just a heads up for all, I am heading out to Phoenix from the 8th until the 18th of January. I travel with a fellow priest every other year to enjoy a little R&R. We stay at Mt. Claret Retreat Center so we are able to celebrate Mass every day and keep all of you in prayer. It also allows us to get out in the afternoon for a little hiking or other activities.

For the next few weeks I will be offering the 9 days of the Surrender Novena. Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo lived from 1882-1970. He had a very intense prayer life and our Lord spoke often to him directing in certain ways. The surrender novena is one of the fruits of his prayer. A novena is a prayer that is said over 9 hours, days, weeks or months. The number nine comes from the nine days between Jesus Ascending to heaven and the giving of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. They were directed to pray and wait patiently until the Advocate was given to them. The handout I am using for this novena is from fullofgraceuse.com. From the back cover; "As you can see from this novena much of what our Lord wants flies in the face of normal human inclination and reason. We can only rise to this level of thinking through the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit. We must let go of our problems; stop worrying and trying to resolve them ourselves. We must believe, trust, and allow our Lord to rescue us from ourselves and supply our wants and needs; and to resolve our problems as only He can. 'Jesus, You take care of it,' should be the first words that come to mind and then flow from our lips. After all, we have tried to do things our way and look where it has gotten us. Just do as the prayer says, open our hearts and minds in love and close our eyes in trust and ask Jesus to take care of it. He will."

Day 1 of the Surrender Novena. Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to Me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to Me produces the effects that you desire and resolves all difficult situations.

(After that prayer say 10 times) **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything !**

~Fr. John Potaczek



Mass Intentions For the Week

MON. Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
10:30 am In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers in 2023

TUESDAY, January 2

8:00 am † Wallace Kuklinski & Margaret Kaminski

WEDNESDAY, January 3

8:00 am † Phil Gollon

THURSDAY, January 4

8:00 am For Prayers for Monica Jurgella

FRIDAY, January 5

8:00 am † Joann Formella

SATURDAY, January 6

4:00 pm † Clara & Barney Schroder

SUNDAY, January 7

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

10:30 am † George Kvatek



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

Friday, Jan. 5th is First Friday
Adoration : 8:30am -5pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm

Happy Birthday, Fr. John!



May God Bless you
With Good Health &
Happiness in 2024!
Enjoy your Birthday!



Our very heartfelt condolences to
Gary & Family in the death of:

Sandy Glodoski

Jan. 25, 1947- Dec. 10, 2023

Sandy's Funeral Mass was celebrated
Dec. 16, 2023 at St. Peter's
May Sandy's soul, and the souls of all of
the faithful departed, through the
Mercy of God, rest in Eternal Peace. †

Prayer to the Holy Family

O, Jesus, look graciously upon our family here before you. Once more we consecrate ourselves before you—our trials and joys—that our home may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love & faith. Protect and bless all of us, both absent & present, and be merciful to those departed.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young & their vocations.

O Joseph, holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Be present at the pillow of the sick and dying so that we may all be united to Jesus and Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.



Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We must receive God's mercy & forgiveness before giving it to others.

Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy & forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone—a family member, a friend, or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



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.

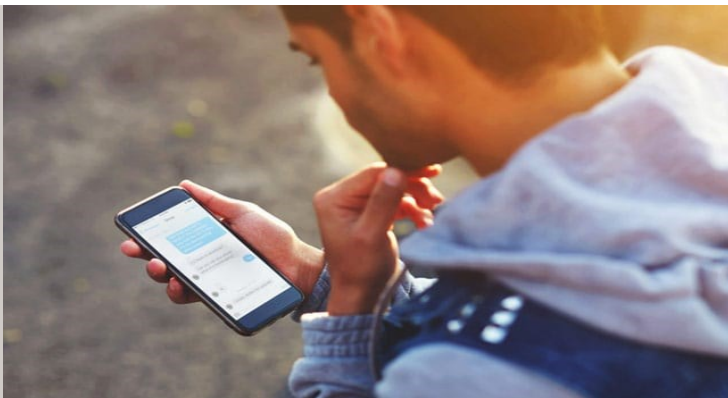
How can we better understand and use what St. Paul has to say, for our journey here on earth in the New Year and for the life to come?

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





Do you know someone who is carrying the grief & sorrow of past abortions?

Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart & confidential help

Call: 608-860-6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org

Additional information on Post-abortion healing retreats for Rachel's Vineyard is highlighted on Flyers at church bulletin boards. Take one to share with someone you feel could benefit from this healing ministry.

**Sunday Mass & Healing Service
January 14th at 3:30pm**

St. Matthew Catholic Church
229 South 28th Avenue
Wausau, WI

Confessions before Mass at 2:00–3:15
Mass begins at 3:30.

Following Mass, you may come forward for individual healing prayer.

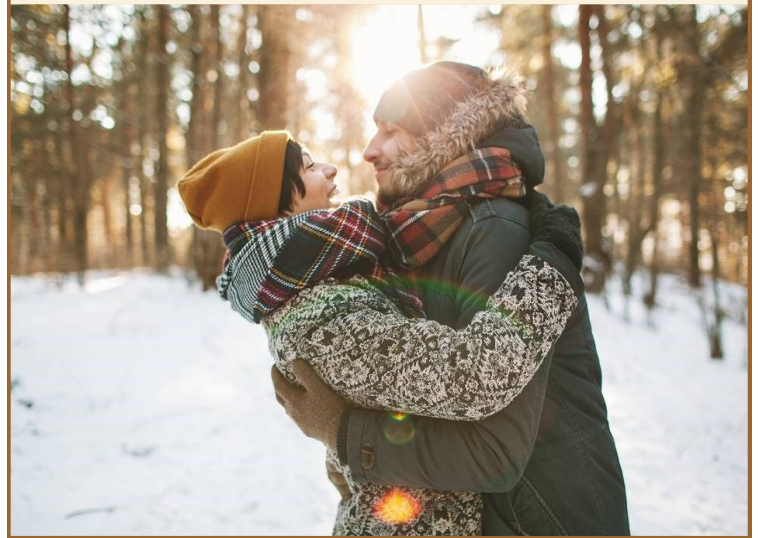


Attention, Married Couples!

Couples: Do you want to give each other something really special this Christmas or for an upcoming anniversary or birthday?? How about a gift filled with romance and excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.**

For more information, call Denise and Greg at : 563-920-9419.

Upcoming weekends are Feb. 16-18 in Marshalltown, April 12-14, 2024 in Epworth and September 27-29 in Dubuque.



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 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31, 2023

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Saint Casimir Parish Support: **December 3, 2023**

Envelopes: **\$2,560**

Offertory: **\$128**

Christmas Flowers: **\$175**

Saint Casimir Parish Support: **December 8, 2023**

Offertory: **\$138**

Saint Casimir Parish Support: **December 10, 2023**

Envelopes: **\$2,887**

Offertory: **\$123**

Christmas Flowers: **\$340**

Saint Casimir Parish Support: **December 17, 2023**

Envelopes: **\$1864**

Offertory: **\$164**

Christmas Flowers: **\$70**

Employer Match Contribution: **\$500**



St. Casimir Parish would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year!

"God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a

new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.
AMEN."



Mass Intention for Sunday, January 7, 2024

† **Deceased Members of the Strojny and Wayerski Families**



St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

January 7, 2024

Commentator: Sally Bukowski

Lector: Pat Gollon

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Monica Gornicke

Ushers: Bernie Stoltz and Patty Flanigan

Saint Casimir Parish would like to offer their deepest sympathies to the following parishioners:

Genie Bialas

Annette Levandowski

Debbie Wolfe

On the loss of their daughter, sister, and sister-in-law; **Elaine Grezenski**. Elaine passed away on December 12. May Elaine and all who have died be at peace in the arms of Jesus and eagerly welcomed into God's heavenly home.



Thank you!

Thank you to all the special volunteers who helped decorate our beautiful church for Christmas over the last two weeks. We appreciate all your hard work and couldn't do it without you!



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-

Save the Date: Jan. 20/21st, 2024
SOUP & PIE SALE by Family Life



Family Life Committee Meeting Reminder:

Wednesday, January 3rd / 6:30pm
In Kolbe Hall

Any adult from the Parish who wishes to become involved with an active group who shares their time and talent to help out all age levels of the parish....THIS is the group to join!

No better time than the present!
We hope to see you on the 3rd!

Attention, Pie Bakers: We'll need you for baking pies for Jan. 20th/21st! ♥