

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

JANUARY 7, 2024

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

Jan.- March / 8:00 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

*Where is He Who is born King of the Jews? For we have
seen His star in the east and are come to adore Him.*

Matthew 2:2

*For, whoever lives religiously and chastely in the Church
... resembles that heavenly light in a certain sense.*

*So long as he maintains in himself the brightness of a
holy life, he points out to many, like a star, the way that
leads to God. All having this concern, dearly-beloved...
you will shine in the Kingdom like children of Light.*

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St Pope Leo the Great (400-461)

Father & Doctor of the Church

Date: January 13/14th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
4:00pm	1)Kay King 2)Gary Glodoski	Bill Kolodziej Jim Kaminski	Mathias Gebeau Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Kay King Gladys Glodoski	Leanne Jeidy
7:30 am	1) Della Schoenecker 2) Mary Makuski	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Pam Spaid Mike Spaid	Mike Spaid
10:30am	1) Eve Krueger 2) Cheryl Kehl	Bernie Havlovick Dick Glinski	Gloria Gebeau Chase Baron	Matt Bablitch Joe Demerath	Lori Dombrowski

St. Peter Parish Weekly Financial Report:

Dec. 24

Envelopes & Offertory: \$19,439.07
Year to Date: \$ 214,260.19

Dec. 31

\$10,594.50
\$224,854.69

May God Bless
You, One & All
For your
Loving generosity!



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715-344-6115



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

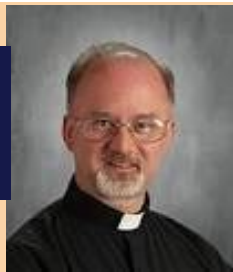
Reconciliation: Tuesday-Friday @ 7:15 - 7:45am
Saturday @ 3:00 - 3:45pm

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



Reminder, after this weekend I will be heading out to Phoenix for over a week.

Going forward we continue with Day 2 of the Surrender Novena. Surrender to Me does not mean to fret, to be upset, or to lose hope, nor does it mean offering to Me a worried prayer asking Me to follow you and change your worry into prayer. It is against this surrender, deeply against it, to worry, to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything. It is like the confusion that children feel when they ask their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of those needs themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's way. Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul, to turn away from thoughts of tribulation and to put yourself in My care, so that only I act; saying, 'You take care of it.'" (After that prayer say 10 times) **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!**

We began the year with the feast, Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. Mary helps us come to know Jesus; the Rosary helps us reflect on His life/the Gospel. From the Catechetical Review article by Joseph White, Teaching Children to Pray the Rosary, I offer the following paragraph. "Emphasize that the Rosary is a mediation of the Life of Jesus Christ and His Church. In the Rosary, we gaze with our Blessed Mother upon pivotal moments in the life of Christ, of her life, and the life of the Church and contemplate their meanings. Pope St. John Paul II wrote, 'The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer.' Talk about the times in the life of Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and the Early Church that learners will meditate upon as they pray. These are called 'mysteries' in part because there is always more to explore and discover about these important moments. Reassure your learners that as they practice praying the Hail Mary throughout the decades of the Rosary, they will become more able to use the time to concentrate on the mystery associated with each decade. In fact, part of the genius of the Rosary is that the repeated recitation of the Hail Mary helps to occupy that part of our mind that might otherwise be susceptible to distraction, allowing us more focus as we contemplate the mysteries."

Happy and blessed New Year!

~ Fr. John Potaczek



Mass Intentions For the Week

MONDAY, January 8

8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church

TUESDAY, January 9

8:00 am † Dan Taylor

WEDNESDAY, January 10

8:00 am Special Intention: For health & safety for Will Goodman

THURSDAY, January 11

8:00 am † George Kvatek

FRIDAY, January 12

8:00 am For the Suffering Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, January 13

4:00 pm For the Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

SUNDAY, January 14

7:30 am For Holy Name Society Members

10:30 am † Henry Korger

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



"Let the children come to Me"

Mark 10:14

Our Children & Grandchildren are the future adorers of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Introduce them to Our Lord.

Quiet prayerful time visiting Jesus is an excellent way to foster a personal relationship with our Lord.



Let us keep our Pastor, Fr. John, in our prayers as he is away on Vacation.

Enjoy the weather, Fr. & safe travels! God Bless!

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany means “manifestation.” The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. The Magi, who were actually scholars and scientists, came to be associated with kings. Their gifts reveal this holy Child’s identity; *gold* for Christ’s Kingship, *incense* for His divinity, and *myrrh* for His sacrifice on the Cross.

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the *twelfth night of Christmas*, on January 6th. In the United States, this feast has been moved to the Sunday, January 7, 2024. In many families, the king figurines are moved a bit closer to the nativity scene every day from Christmas Day until Epiphany. Moreover, it is traditional for parish priests to bless water, chalk, and incense on the eve of Epiphany, and use them for the blessing of homes the next day.

The blessing of homes (schools, places of employment, etc.) on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. Sacramentals make us more mindful, receptive and cooperative with God’s grace. This blessing also reminds us that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. He is the source of our hope, our comfort and our joy.

Marking doorways with blessed chalk is also a witness of faith. Use the chalk to mark above the main door and, if possible, over all exterior doors in the following fashion:

- Numerals to consecrate the New Year.
- Initials to remind us of the legendary names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar—and also to represent the Latin motto: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house)
- Four crosses to represent the four seasons.
- Example for the year **2024**: **20 + C + M + B + 24**

Epiphany Blessing of the Home

If a priest is present, he leads; otherwise, the head of the family is the leader.

All present go from room to room, blessing each room with holy water and praying the following prayer:

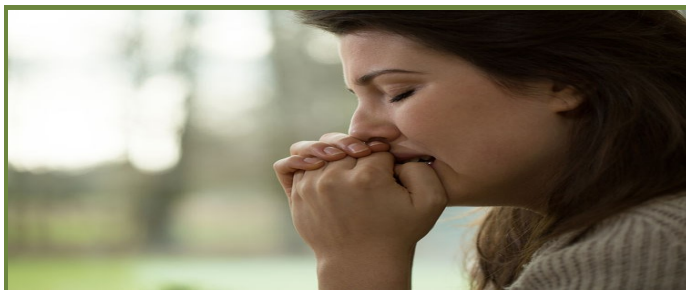
Blessed be all the rooms of this home. May each of them be holy and filled with the spirit of *happiness* and *peace*, *love* and *affection*. May the spirit of *pardon* and *affection* reside with us and be always ready to heal our divisions. May the spirits of *joy* and *laughter*, *hope* and *faith*, *playfulness* and *prayer*, *compassion* and *love* be perpetual guests in our home. May God’s holy blessing rest upon us all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As the leader inscribes the initials of the three Magi above the exterior doorways using the blessed chalk, the following prayer is prayed:

Inscription for the year **2024**: **20 + C + M + B + 24**

Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with *respect* and *kindness*. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God’s loving care. May we *seek* and *serve*, in everyone we meet, Jesus, Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.





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.



Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and Sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives Require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always And everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Remember to Pray for our Seminarians!

Saint Casimir Parish

153 years of Faith and Family
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024

Secretary: Lori Gollon
Bookkeeper: Rebecca Jones
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Phone: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support: December 24, 2023

Envelopes: \$1,457

Offertory: \$151

Saint Casimir Parish Support: December 25, 2023

Envelopes: \$1,154

Offertory: \$201

Oplatki: \$8

Crib Donations: \$7

Saint Casimir Parish Support: December 31, 2023

Envelopes: \$2,586

Offertory: \$155



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.



Announcement

- Monthly Monday Mass will be held tomorrow, January 8. Mass will be held as usual at 9:00am. Please join us if you are able!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Christmas flowers. We appreciate your support towards St. Casimir's and the beauty the flowers add to our wonderful Christmas decorations.

Mass Intention for Sunday, January 14, 2024

† Larry and

Catherine Wojtalewicz



St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

January 14, 2024

Commentator: Bonnie Ziolkowski

Lector: Stefanie Folck

Servers: Olivia Folck and Jacob Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Bonnie Ziolkowski

Ushers: Frank and Paul Kubowski

If you and your spouse are going to celebrate your 50th wedding anniversary in 2024, please get in touch with the parish office. You can either call the office or send an email to Lori providing your name, address, phone number, and anniversary date. Please make sure to submit your information to the office before January 20, 2024.

Question of the Week

Last Weeks Question and Answer:

Q: What is the main purpose of the Book of Leviticus?

A: It sets regulations for worship and ceremonies.

This Weeks Question:

Who were the first to be ordained as priests?

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$131,375

Total Received: \$60,439.38

Total Pledged: \$107,141

(As of December 12, 2023)

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**



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting or use your camera's smartphone to scan the QR code to the right. (you can also paste this QR code into your bulletin for parishioner use) **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

