

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 3, 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](http://stpeter.us)**

**Facebook:**

'Saint Peter Catholic  
Church'

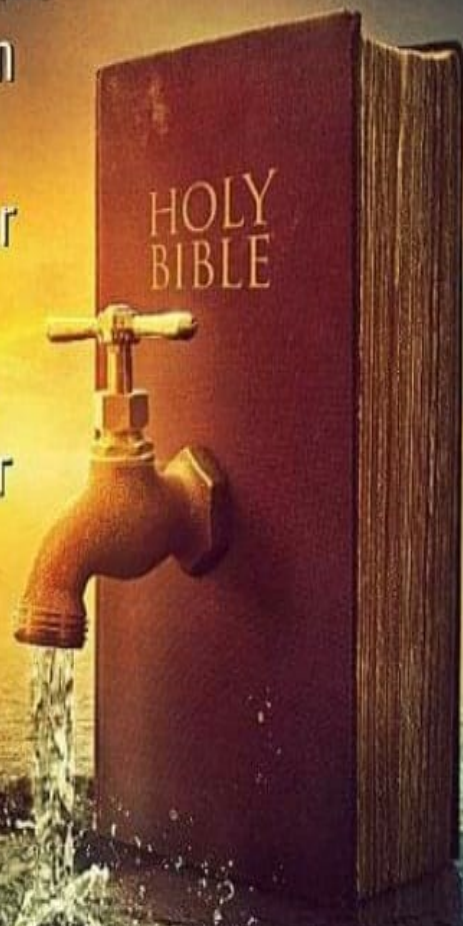
#### **24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

1st FRIDAY of the month  
Adoration from 8:30am until  
5:00pm

Whoever drinks the  
water I give them  
will never thirst.  
Indeed, the water  
I give them will  
become in them  
a spring of water  
welling up to  
eternal life.

(John 4:14)



#### **REMINDERS for the UPCOMING WEEK:**

**Monday: FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE Mtg. / 6:30PM**

**Kolbe Hall**

**Wednesday: Religious Educ. @ St. Joseph's Church  
6:00-7:30PM**

<b>Date: March 9/10th</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>SCRIP Sellers</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	1) Mary Sadler 2) Gary Glodoski	Bill Kolodziej James Kaminski Paul Koch Mateo Koch	Mathias Gebeau Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Kay King Paul Koch	Barbara Butkus
<b>7:30 am</b>	1) Della Schoenecker 2) Lee Petersen	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Donna Bemowski Mary Makuski	Diane Haffenbredl
<b>10:30am</b>	1) Angel Gebeau 2) Eve Krueger	Dick Glinski Jeff Czudec	Gloria Gebeau Chase Baron	Cheryl Kehl Eve Krueger	Lori Dombrowski

St. Peter Parish Weekly Finance Report: 2/25/2024

Envelopes & Offertory: \$ 6,613.25

Year to Date : \$287,928.90

**GOD  
BLESS  
YOU**

HAVE A GREAT WEEK

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### St. Peter's Pastor:

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### Deacon Ray Heitzinger:

**Lay Ministry Coordinator,**

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614-507-1345 / dellaschoenecker@yahoo.com

**Maintenance: Jeff Patton**

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



Lent—the opportune time of year to offer things up, thereby surrendering them to God. In this vein, we continue with our Surrender Novena Day 8.

“Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of My grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Rest in Me, believing in My goodness, and I promise you by My love that if you say, “You take care of it.” I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you.” (After that prayer say 10 times) **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!**

Lent is not just giving things up but perhaps taking things on that will help us grow in the faith and our discipleship of Jesus. I encourage you to participate in some of the activities coming up in the parish that can help connect us and build up that sense of community. Each Friday at noon we have the Stations of the Cross; a great Lenten prayer. Family Life has organized an afternoon of bowling, thanks for signing up ahead of time for this fun event. March 9th will be the 1st Communion retreat at St. Casimir. Please pray for our second graders and their families as they prepare their hearts for Jesus.

The parish mission with Deacon Keith Strohm was also a time for us to step back from our daily routine and give a focused amount of time to the Lord. Missions or retreats can be a powerful event in our spiritual lives. Deacon Keith asked us the question of “what do we have in the junk room of our hearts?” How will we make room for the love and mercy of our heavenly Father? His emphasis reminded us to trust and grow in our openness to what God is doing and wants to do with us. Do we fully surrender and allow His offered grace? He called us to look closely at our image and understanding of God and suffering in our lives. This is beautiful Lenten encouragement for us to reflect on moving forward.

We are about halfway through Lent, so how is it going? Has it been a time of conversion or growth in your spiritual life? Have you followed through with what you planned to do? There is still time, each day is a new opportunity for us to start again. Some days are better than others. Knowing full well that we are not perfect, I encourage you to review the bulletin times for the communal penance services that will be held in our area in the coming weeks. Of course there is scheduled confession here each Saturday and Tuesday-Friday before the weekday Mass. May your Lent be one of growth in the spiritual life. With an open heart, let the Lord lead you in your Lenten journey of healing and renewal.

*Fr. John Potaczek*



## Mass Intentions For the Week

### MONDAY, March 4

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

### TUESDAY, March 5

8:00 am † Daryl Kurtenbach

### WEDNESDAY, March 6

8:00 am † Mary Lassa

### THURSDAY, March 7

8:00 am † Jeanette Armstrong

### FRIDAY, March 8

8:00 am † Felix & Julia Guzman

### SATURDAY, March 9

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

### SUNDAY, March 10

7:30 am † Stanley & Agnes Czudec

10:30 am † George Kvatek



### ***A Minute With Jesus***

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our “yes-I choose to believe”) involves our commitment to persistence in prayer & study of Scripture in asking Jesus for deeper understanding regarding His true presence in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now & every day this week:  
Lord, Jesus, I believe; please help my unbelief.”  
This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-27.

### ***Eucharistic Adoration:***

*Beginning after the 8:00AM  
Mass every Wednesday  
Until immediately before the  
8:00AM Mass on Thursday*

*Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Is prayed at 3:00pm.*





Religious Education Notes from Miss Sommers:  
 Email: [dre@pointcatholicfaith.org](mailto:dre@pointcatholicfaith.org)  
 Phone: 715-341-1617 ext. 104

“The Answer” on June 7th suffices for the required Summer Assignment. This is free to High Schoolers and \$15 to all others wanting to attend. All are welcome! Please register by the end of the month to reserve your spot. If you cannot attend, please let Miss Sommers know. We will work out a make up assignment. You can REGISTER with the QR code on the flyer you were given in class OR... go to: [PointCatholicFaith.org/answer](http://PointCatholicFaith.org/answer)

March 16th, all high school students are invited to enter into a Morning of Prayer and the Spirit of Silence. We will be exploring how to be more intentional with our prayer time, how to enter into silence, and why silence is vitally important. This will be held at St. Mary’s Torun.

## Chrism Mass Pilgrimage Tuesday, March 26



### Itinerary:

- 7:00 a.m.—Bus loading at St. Joseph  
1709 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point
- 8:45 a.m.—Comfort stop in Tomah
- 10:30 a.m.—Chrism Mass
- 12:45 p.m.—Tour of Cathedral
- 1:30 p.m.—Lunch, on your own, at either  
Famous Dave’s or Milwaukee Burger Co.
- 3:00 p.m.—Return departure

**Cost of bus is \$20/person**

Children must attend with parents or guardians.

### To Register for Busing:

Online at [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage)

Sponsored by the Stevens Point Deanery

Hosted by St. Joseph Parish

## YOUTH RALLY FOR GRADES 6-12

**17  
 APR**

**6:30-8p**  
 Doors open at 6p  
 at St. Bron’s,  
 3200 Plover Rd  
 Plover



*Aly Aleigha*

*an evening of music, worship, and fellowship*

Aly Aleigha is an Indie-Folk Singer/Songwriter, Worship Leader, and Catholic Speaker from Duluth, MN. In 2015, she released her debut album and graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH with degrees in Theology and Catechetics. Aly currently serves as the recurring worship leader for Jeff Cavins pilgrimages to the Holy Land and the ministry of Fr. Mike Schmitz in the diocese of Duluth. When she is not leading worship or touring with her original music, Aly spends her days rock climbing cliffs that plunge into beautiful Lake Superior or adventuring in some way. Her adventurous spirit, her experiences traveling, and her faith greatly influence her songwriting.

For more information or to register, visit  
[www.PointatholicFaith.org/rally](http://www.PointatholicFaith.org/rally)  
 or call 715-341-1617 ext. 101

## LENT

*A Season of Renewal*



### Lenten Regulations:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent & Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday, & Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Stations of the Cross Devotion at St. Peter’s  
 at Noon on Fridays**



# Repent, Reconcile & be Renewed

Confession is a natural step to cleanse ourselves from sin and start anew with a renewed focus on Christ. Please review the availability of confession times listed and plan to receive the graces of the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Lenten Communal Penance: Holy Spirit Parish : @6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 20th**

St. Peter's : Regular Confession Schedule/ Tues-Fri 7:15AM  
Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM

St. Joseph Parish: Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30PM

St. Bronislava Parish: Thursday, March 14th at 7:00PM

St. Bartholomew Mill Creek, Wed. March 27 @6:30PM

Franciscans Downtown w/Fr. Placid Stroik OFM March 5, 12 and 19th: 2:00-3:00 PM



## EXCELLENT website for Parents & Teachers! **PERSON & IDENTITY PROJECT**

Person and Identity Project resources which are grounded in Catholic Theological principles and practical experience, are designed to assist families and institutions in responding to the false claims of gender ideology and proclaiming the truth about who we are in the light of Christ.

The stark reality is that the "gender revolution" is being streamed into our children's daily lives, offering a seductive vision that is deeply disturbing and untrue.

**ALL PARENTS NEED TO UNDERSTAND GENDER IDEOLOGY!**  
For helpful resources: [personandidentity.com](http://personandidentity.com)



## **KID'S GAMES ARE THE DELIGHT OF OUR PICNIC!**

We can't wait to watch all the children's faces light up!

If you have **new** items collecting at home that could be awesome prizes for the kids' games....bring to the Parish Office.

Keep us in mind when you are shopping!

Contact Person: Jackie Schara 715-340-0247



# **The CHERRY TREE is BACK!!**

Before you know it, the PICNIC will be here!

Please keep in mind as you shop or run errands out & about....that we are in need of Donations for Prizes for our Cherry Tree Game.

Maybe you stumble upon a good deal in Tools, Cookware, Home Décor, Toys, Gardening Supplies, Small Kitchen Appliances etc.....and you are ready to drop it off at the Parish Office. Please do so!

Maybe you own a business and have promotional items like hotpads, mugs, new tee-shirts etc. We will use them!

**OFFICE HOURS: Mon.—Thurs. 8:30 - 3:00**

**Contact person: JEFF PATTON 715-344-6115**



# Saint Casimir Parish

153 years of Faith and Family  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2024

Secretary: Lori Gollon  
Bulletin: Caden Strojny  
Bookkeeper: Rebecca Jones  
Email: secretary@stcstp.diolcparish.org  
Phone: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support: February 25, 2024

Envelopes: \$ 1955

Offertory: \$ 158

Easter Flowers: \$ 40



## Reminder

If you plan on giving money towards Easter Flowers, please have your envelope turned in by March 24. This way all names will be included on the remembrance list.



Thank you to Elroy Ziolkowski for installing a new amplifier in the PA system last month. The upper speakers in the sanctuary, along with the front entrance and cry-room are all working again. We appreciate you donating your time and talent to our parish.

## Lenten Hygiene Collection

Personal Hygiene and feminine products will be collected during Lent. Items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, shavers, and feminine hygiene products will be accepted. Items will be donated to those in need in the Stevens Point area. Baskets for your donations are in the entry of the Church.

St. Casimir Parish would like to congratulate all the students attending their First Holy Communion retreat at St. Casimir's on March 9. May God, who brought you to this special day continue to direct your life in his perfect way.



Mass Intention for Sunday, March 10, 2024

† Elayne Klicinski



## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

March 10, 2024

Commentator: Sally Bukowski

Lector: Ruth Schmidt

Servers: Bernie King and Olivia Folck

Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Bukowski

Ushers: The Burants

## Parish Events

- Please remember that a Holy Hour for Eucharistic Revival will be held at 1:00pm today at St. Casimir's.
- March 25: Monthly Monday Mass will be held at 9:00am. Please join if you are able.

## Lenten Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I pray,

Amen.

**MEN OF CHRIST**  
LIVE YOUR FAITH BELIEVE

# MASTERING WHAT MATTERS

**St. Peter Parish is hosting the  
18th Annual Men of Christ Conference  
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024  
beginning with Mass at 7:30 am**

We are among 40 parishes who are hosting this FREE event.

This year's conference is called:

## **MASTERING WHAT MATTERS**

with a focus on bringing men back to Mass & the Eucharist.

As we know....when the father leads, the family follows.

Men of the parish, this is an awesome opportunity to enrich your Lenten Journey!

Encourage your friends to sign up as well at:

<https://menofchrist.net/st-peter-stevens-point/>

## **Hey, EVERYBUNNY! Use SCRIP for Easter Shopping!!!**

Enjoy a wider selection of Stores & Restaurants  
by

using the PCS Scrip form on  
the reverse side of our  
St. Peter's order form.

You can still give the credit  
to the Parish. Your  
order is ready by the  
following week from the  
SCRIP table.

Plan ahead! It's EASY...&  
very helpful to St. Peter's.



**St. Peter's  
Family Life Committee  
meets on Monday, March 4  
at 6:30 PM in Kolbe Hall.  
ALL WOMEN & MEN of the  
PARISH can join in our efforts.**