

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 10, 2024



*Jesus, I trust in you.  
Take care of everything.*

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. Joseph Church

**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

**Coming up this week:**

**Monday:** Buildings & Grounds  
Committee Mtg / 5:30

**Tuesday:** Lenten Confession  
at St. Joseph's at 6:30 -8pm

**Wednesday:** Religious Educ.  
At St. Stephen's 6:00-7:30pm

**Thursday:** Finance Council  
Meeting at 6:30pm/ Conf. Rm.  
also...

**Lenten Confession at 7:00pm**  
at St. Bronislava Church

**Friday:** Stations of the Cross  
at Noon. Rosary Society  
Soup Sale to follow

<b>Date: March 16/17th</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>SCRIP Sellers</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	1) Cherye Rolnicki 2) Nancy Koch	Paul Koch Mateo Koch	Mathias Gebeau Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Gladys Glodoski Don Rolnicki	Bob Jakusz
<b>7:30 am</b>	1) Donna Bemowski 2) Rick Zupan	Bob Bernas Bob Govett	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Gerry Weber Mike Spaid	Mike Spaid
<b>10:30am</b>	1) Angel Gebeau 2) Matt Bablitch	Carl Knuese Joe & Jack Demerath	Mathias Gebeau Aiden Peeters	Deacon Ray Matt Bablitch	Matt Bablitch

St. Peter Parish Weekly Finance Report: 3/3/2024

Envelopes & Offertory: \$ 9,847.01

Year to Date : \$ 297,775.91

February Building & Grounds Fund: \$ 909.00



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Lay Ministry Coordinator,**  
**Director of Religious Educ. (DRE)**  
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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



Giving things up, surrendering, is not easy. Maybe your Lenten journey has included your difficulties being entrusted to the Lord? I hope the Surrender Novena has been a source of grace for those who have read my column as I have highlighted it over the past number of weeks. We come to the last day today. Here is Day 9 of the Surrender Novena:

"Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance and love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, "Jesus, you take care of it." Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless My name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well. There is no novena more effective than this."

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

Looking back, I think we can give thanks for the Parish Mission. I have heard from a number of people that it was a great spiritual boost. His message and witness are powerful examples of faith in action. Relating to his stories hopefully inspired all of us to personally examine our approach to prayer and relationship with our Father. Please keep Deacon Keith Strohm in prayer as he continues his work of writing and preaching around the country.

Saturday, March 9th was the retreat for the First Communicants. They also, welcome your prayers while they prepare and look forward to receiving Jesus for the first time in May. The virtual Men's Conference was Saturday too, another reminder of how we need to support each other in our life of faith. This is essential in building up the Kingdom of God.

Moving forward in our Lenten journey... there are a number of opportunities to go to confession in the Lenten season. A clean heart is a great way to celebrate Easter, so please check the bulletin for times and places to coordinate with your schedule.

Next Sunday is the Pancake Breakfast and Basket Raffle. I invite you to please come & enjoy a wonderful breakfast and fellowship. Speaking of fellowship... this Monday and Tuesday I will be with my priest group and we will be in Milwaukee. Each year we try to get to St. Francis de Sales Seminary to spend time with our Seminarians. Prayer time and meals with them are a great support as they continue their efforts towards ordination to the priesthood. We were surprised a few years ago when they mentioned how few people reached out to them or priests stopped in to encourage them. Kindly pray for our Seminarians. Booklets are in the back of the church listing their names and on which day you can pray for them. Pray that young men from our Parish step forward to respond to God's call in their life.

*Fr. John Potaczek*



## Mass Intentions For the Week

### MONDAY, March 11

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

### TUESDAY, March 12

8:00 am † Gerald Repinski

### WEDNESDAY, March 13

8:00 am † Joann & Jack  
Formella

### THURSDAY, March 14

8:00 am In Thanksgiving for  
Blessings Received

### FRIDAY, March 15

8:00 am † George Kvatek

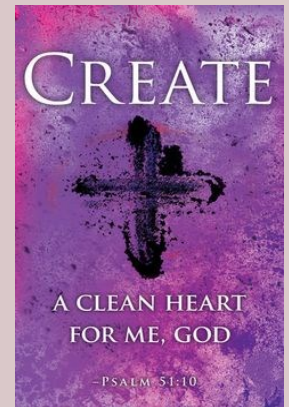
### SATURDAY, March 16

4:00 pm † Wally & Lil Jakusz

### SUNDAY, March 17

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

10:30 am † Ray Meshak



Our Heartfelt Sympathies &  
Prayers for the Family &  
Loved Ones of:

**Harriet Zblewski**

9/20/1935– 2/28/2024

May Harriet's soul, & the souls  
of all our faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in Eternal Peace. †



**NEXT WEEKEND is the  
St. Peter Pancake Breakfast  
& Basket Raffle!**

**Breakfast served from  
8am until Noon in  
Church Basement**

**Sunday, March 17th  
Great food! Exciting  
Baskets to be won!**







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



Have you ever wanted to increase your SPIRITUAL READING LIBRARY...or have you ever wanted to **start** one??

Here’s your opportunity to do just that....

For NO COST at all!

Deacon Ray and Cindy are moving to Plover and just don’t have the room in their new house for all of their books. They have MANY different spiritual books by current & well-known authors. This book distribution will take place in the Faustina Room in conjunction with the Family Life Pancake Breakfast on March 17th.

Please feel free to take as many books as you like. There is no limit to the number of books you can take.

If you are so inclined to make a free will donation, it will be given to the Parish.

## 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 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



## **Diocesan Annual Appeal 2023/24**

Goal: \$73,220.00

Amt. Pledged & Received:

\$27,333.43

Under Goal: \$46,686.57

Number of Donors participating: **128**

## **Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**

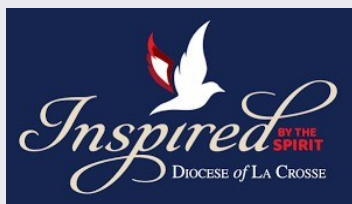
Goal: \$505,000.00

Amt. Pledged & Rec'd

\$338,735.00

Number of Donors

Participating: **112**



All dates available for Mass Intention Requests have been filled and reserved for the 2024 calendar year.

If you wish, we can make arrangements for your requests with the Mission Office in La Crosse or through Fr. Joseph who is available to celebrate daily Mass in his private chapel in India.

If you wish to reserve dates for Masses to be celebrated at St. Peter Parish, we will be scheduling intentions for the 2025 calendar.....after Easter. Please visit the Parish Office to schedule your requests.

We appreciate your understanding and your patience.



# Saint Casimir Parish

153 years of Faith and Family  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2024

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

Saint Casimir Parish Support: March 3, 2024

Envelopes: \$1,646

Offertory: \$175

Easter Flowers: \$210




We thank you for your continued support of  
St. Casimir Parish!

Happy Birthday:

Happy  
Birthday

Tim Engle (Mar. 12)  
Maggie Burant (Mar. 12)  
Elroy Ziolkowski (Mar. 13)  
Genie Bialas (Mar. 14)  
Gary Losinski (Mar. 16)

## Reminders

- 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. 
- Please remember that St. Casimir's is participating in a Lenten Hygiene Collection. Personal hygiene and feminine products including: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, shavers, tampons, etc. Items donated will be given to those in need in the Stevens Point area. Baskets are located in the front entrance of the church.

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross will be held at 8:30am before Sunday mass during the weeks of Lent. Please join us in this Lenten tradition as we journey through this time of reflection and preparation for the resurrection of our Lord.



Mass Intention for Sunday, March 17, 2024

† Tommy Lewandowski

## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

March 17, 2024

Commentator: Pat Gollon

Lector: Stefanie Folck

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Monica Gornicke

Ushers: Bernie Stoltz and Patty Flanigan

## Parish Events

- March 25: Monthly Monday Mass will be held at 9:00am. Please join if you are able.

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who brought baked goods for the First Holy Communion retreat that was held here at St. Casimir's on March 9.

*Thank you*



St. Casimir Parish would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Elaine Blaskowski who passed away on February 27. Funeral services were held last week on March 2. May Elaine and all be who have died be at peace in the arms of Jesus, and eagerly welcomed into God's heavenly home.



## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 17 at St. Peter Parish: Pancake Breakfast & Basket Raffle: 8:00am until Noon in Kolbe Hall. 10 years and older: \$10, 9yrs and younger: Free Homemade Regular & Potato Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns, Sausages, Applesauce, Sweet Breads, Coffee/Milk/Orange Juice. Plenty of Food and Fun!!**

**March 17th, St. Michael's Church, Junction City hosts a Drive Thru GRILLED PORK CHOP DINNER, 10:30am-1pm, \$13 per Double Chop Meal. Cash Raffle Calendars available. (Sunday Mass begins at 9AM)**

**Final Breakfast of the Season at the Knights of Columbus: Sunday, MARCH 24th: 8:15am to 11am. Scrambled eggs, fried red potatoes, ham, sausage, dessert and all you care to eat pancakes for only \$10 adult, \$6 for ages 6-12 and \$4 for under 6yrs. Bake and Craft Sales held at the breakfast at 401 W. Clark St. / KC Clubhouse**



### **USE SCRIP for Easter shopping and traveling!**

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. Use SCRIP for Easter shopping and traveling!**

**Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast at St. Francis Xavier (Knowlton) Parish: March 24th 8:30-11:30am. Homemade regular and potato pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, desserts and coffee/milk/OJ \$10 adults, \$5 age 6-12, 5 and under free.**