

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## FIRST SUNDAY IN OF LENT

March 9, 2025

**Welcome to the  
Catholic Parishes of  
St. Peter & St. Casimir  
Parish Office**

**715-344-6115 at**

800 Fourth Ave.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

### **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**

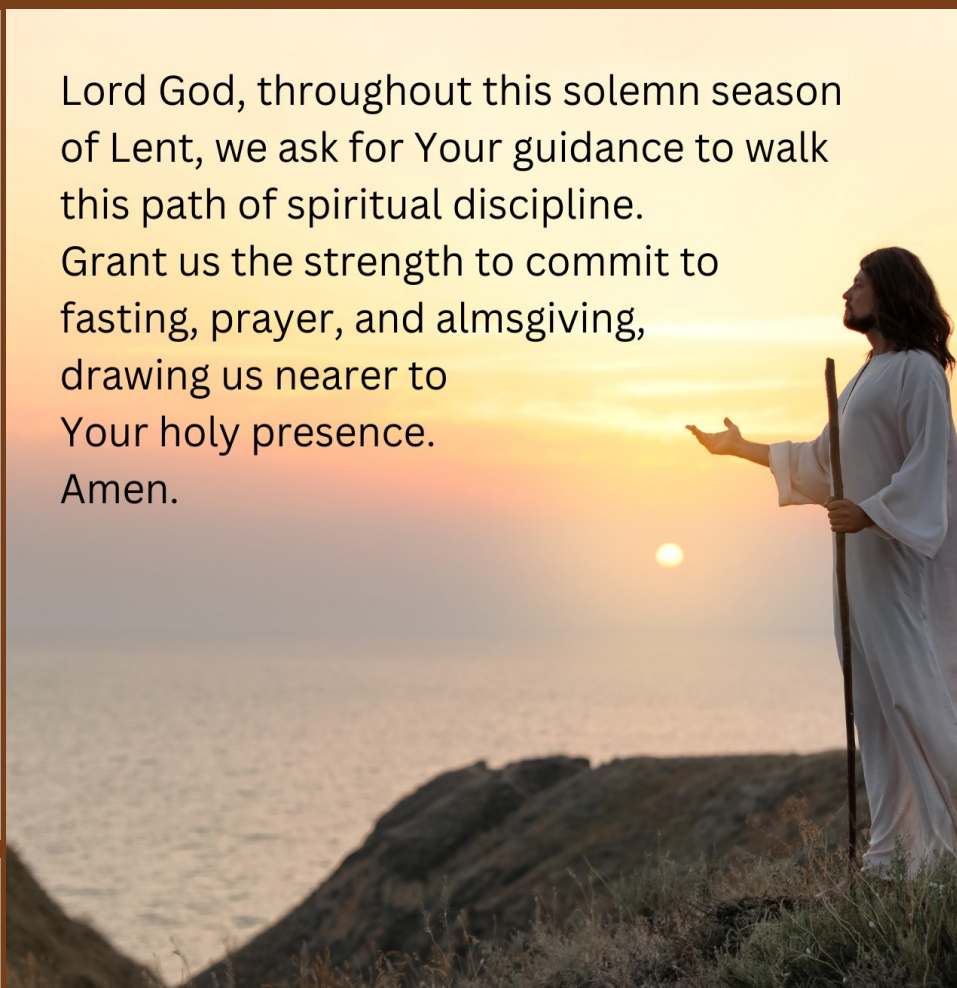
#### **ROTATION:**

**St. Joseph at 8:00am**

Lord God, throughout this solemn season of Lent, we ask for Your guidance to walk this path of spiritual discipline.

Grant us the strength to commit to fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, drawing us nearer to Your holy presence.

Amen.



### **CURRENT OFFICE HOURS**

**MON-THURSDAY:**

8:30am - 3:00pm

Friday: by appt. only

### **LIVE-STREAMED MASS:**

**Saturday @ 4:00 pm**

**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**

### **UPCOMING MEETING REMINDERS:**

**Mon, Mar 10—5:30 pm**

**Thu, Mar 13—6:30 pm**

**Mon, Mar 17—6:30 pm**

**Tue, Mar 18—6:30 pm**

**Thu, Mar 20—6:00 pm**

**B&G**

**Finance Council**

**Pastoral Council**

**150th Anniversary**

**Picnic Committee**

This weekend  
is  
the collection for  
**Milk Money**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

**Holy Name Society Brunch Social**  
served following Mass  
**This Sunday Mar 9th**

After 7:30 Mass—  
serving coffee and donuts  
After 10:30 Mass—  
full course meal  
**At no cost —  
All are welcome.**



<b>Date:</b> <b>Mar</b> <b>15/16th</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>SCRIP Sellers</b>
<b>SAT</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>	1) Cherye Rolnicki 2) Gary Glodoski	Paul Koch Matel Koch	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Don Rolnicki Cherye Rolnicki	Bob Jakusz
<b>SUN</b> <b>7:30 AM</b>	1) Della Schoenecker 2) Brenda Suplicki	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark Kevin Pudrowski	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Donna Bemowski Mary Makuski	Diane Haffendredl
<b>SUN</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	1) Cindy Heitzinger 2) Eve Krueger	Carl Knuese Matt Bablitch	Aiden Peeters Chase Baron	Cheryl Kehl Deacon Ray	Danielle Brown

St. Peter Parish Wkly Finance Report  
Env/Offertory (Mar 1/2nd): \$ 8,565.95  
YTD: \$ 273,055.13



## CONTACT INFORMATION

### St. Peter's Pastor:

#### Rev. John Potaczek

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#### Associate Pastor:

#### Rev. Todd Misna

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

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#### Senior Priest:

#### Rev. Arul Joseph Visuvasam

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stpeters@pacellicatholicschools.com

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#### RCIA Coordinator: 715-344-6115

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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



Welcome to the first Sunday of Lent. Perhaps by now you have figured out what you would like to do for the season that allows you to grow in the faith and live out the virtues. If not, there is still time to consider what will allow you to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. That is the true goal of giving something up or taking something on in this season of conversion. In Lent the Stations of the Cross are highlighted and prayed as a community at Noon on Fridays at St. Peter and before the 9 am Mass at St. Casimir. Such a prayer can be prayed all year long but taking this time to reflect on what Jesus did for us also allows us to grow in gratitude.

March 10th (Monday) priests of the diocese in our area are gathering in Mosinee with Bishop Battersby for an evening of prayer and reflection followed by fellowship. There is much to pray about the future of the diocese and the vision that the Bishop has for our local church. If you are able to enter into prayer yourself at that time, please do with those intentions in mind.

As was announced last weekend, Fr. Todd will be taking on a new assignment in Marshfield starting on May 1st. We will be looking at an opportunity to thank him for his priestly ministry these last number of years at St. Casimir and St. Peter parishes. Watch for details. Such changes bring to mind the need to pray for priestly vocations for our diocese. Those vocations come from families, so pray for families that can nurture God's call in the lives of our young people.

For our young people, on March 12th, St. Bronislava is hosting the Youth Rally open to all of our middle schoolers and High Schoolers in the surrounding area. Bishop Battersby is the main speaker that evening. There will be musical prayer and time for adoration. I ask that all of you keep that evening in your prayers for fruitfulness and a stirring of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of our young people to love Jesus all the more.

—Fr John Potaczek

## Mass Intentions For the Week



### MONDAY, March 10

8:00 am Monday Mass rotation @St. Joseph

### TUESDAY, March 11

8:00 am †Jeannie Suchon

### WEDNESDAY, March 12

8:00 am †Jack and Joan Formella

### THURSDAY, March 13

8:00 am †Eleanor Grywacz

### FRIDAY, March 14

8:00 am †Mary Drefcinski

### SATURDAY, March 15

4:00 pm †Mary Glodoski

### SUNDAY, March 16

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

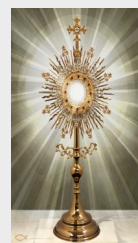
10:30 am †Harriet Zblewski

### Eucharistic Adoration

St. Peter's is blessed to have Adoration each Wednesday following 8 am Mass until Thursday before the 8 am Mass.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed  
at 3:00 pm on each Wednesday.**

All are welcome.




*Our  
Sympathy  
and Prayers*  
to the Friends and Family of

## Chester Karch

Apr 30, 1929 - Feb 6, 2025

Through God's loving kindness and mercy  
may his soul and the souls of  
all the faithful departed rest in peace and may  
perpetual light shine upon them. †





**Religious Education**  
Notes from Miss Sommers

Email: [dre@pointcatholicfaith.org](mailto:dre@pointcatholicfaith.org)  
Phone: 715-341-1617 ext. 104

**Grades 1-8, CCD**

- Ash Wednesday Mass on **March 12**.

**Confirmation Prep 1 & 2**

- Chosen Night on **March 9**.

**Grades 6-12**

Youth Rally on **March 12** at St. Bronislava. Doors open at 6:00 p. m. Religious Education students are required to attend. All else are invited to join us! Please register at [PointDeanery.org/rally](http://PointDeanery.org/rally)

**High School Ladies**



**Nun Run** *FREE!*  
*June 11-13*

Ladies in Grades 9 - 12 are welcome to join us on a Nun Run to St. Louis, Missouri.

Questions? Contact Miss Sommers at [dre@pointcatholicfaith.org](mailto:dre@pointcatholicfaith.org) or 715-341-1617 ext. 104

Register Here



**Never Too Too Early**

to donate to the  
2025 ST. PETER PARISH PICNIC

**SILENT AUCTION!**

Time is near for our picnic silent auction, which is a great fundraiser for our parish.  
**We are looking for donations NOW.**

We need items like Gift Cards, Furniture and Household goods etc...  
(New or Like New Condition)

For pickup or to make delivery arrangements for your items, or more info - please contact Sandy Kuklinski at 715-341-1069.

Your support and donations are deeply appreciated.



Sun April 6th 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**Family Life Invites you TO A BOWLING PARTY**

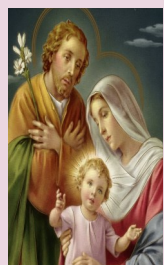
Please consider joining us whether you bowl or not. You can participate cheering everyone on while enjoying pizza and refreshments  
See you there !!!

**5 Star Bowling Lanes**  
1960 POST ROAD

**HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES**  
**Monday, Mar 10 - 7pm**  
(and every second Monday) at St. Joseph Church  
1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point  
Come together as a family to pray for the protection and strengthening of all Families.

Do not feel helpless in challenging & confusing times. Offer up a Holy Hour!

**ALL ARE WELCOME**




Family Life and Bldg/Grounds committees  
will sponsor the

## St. Peter's Annual Pancake & Basket Raffle

Sunday, March 30th Kolbe Hall,  
serving from 8 am - 12 noon

Family Life is asking parishioners  
for donations of baskets for the raffle  
Whole baskets would be appreciated or  
even a donation to help fill a basket

If there are any questions  
regarding the basket  
raffle, please contact  
Sandy Kuklinski  
at 715-991-0441.

Please plan to come  
and enjoy a delicious  
breakfast.

### UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

- Mar 8-12 —"Woman Behold Your Son" \*See Flyer  
Holy Spirit Parish, Stevens Point  
Parish Mission and Adoration Event
- Mar 9 —BINGO  
St. Adalbert, Rosholt Starts at 1:00pm
- Mar 9 —Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner -KofColumbus  
St. Wenceslaus, Milladore 10:30-1pm
- Mar 12 —Rally around the Bishop  
Grades 6-12 \*See bulletin board for info
- Mar 12 —Lenten Soup Suppers  
(3/19, 3/26, 4/2, & 4/9)  
St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent 5:30-6:30
- Mar 13 —Lenten Retreat w/ Fr. Sam Martin \*See Flyer  
St. Wenceslaus, Milladore Starts 6pm
- Mar 15 —Soup Sale—Drive thru Only \*See flyer  
St. Wenceslaus, Milladore 2pm-4pm
- Mar 16 —St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner \*see flyer  
St. Max Kolbe, Almond 10am—1pm
- Mar 30 —St. Peter Pancake Breakfast / Basket Raffle  
St. Peter, 8am-Noon Kolbe Hall

**\*\* PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN  
BOARDS FOR THE MANY LOCAL CHURCH  
FISH FRY AND LENTEN MEAL  
OPPORTUNITIES AND LOCATIONS**

## LENT

A Season of Renewal



**Stations of the Cross Devotion at St. Peter's  
is at 12 Noon on Fridays Mar 7th—Apr 11th**



## Lenten Soup Sales

Available Fridays  
(Mar 7th - Apr 11th)  
Following Stations of the Cross

\$10 per quart -  
\*Different Flavor each week -  
to be announced

by St. Peter Parish Rosary Society  
800 4th Ave, Stevens Point

Knights of Columbus #4646

Spaghetti & Meatball  
(regular and Swedish) Dinner

Sunday, March 9, 2025  
serving 10:30-1pm

St. Wenceslaus Church, Milladore, WI

Adults - \$10, Children - \$6, Pre-school - Free  
(\$1 off with a non-perishable food item)

Dine in or Carry-Out



The Stevens Point Area  
Catholic Cemetery  
Assoc. is **looking to hire for a  
landscaper/maintenance position.**  
This position will **begin  
approximately April 1.**



If interested please contact the cemetery  
office at 715-341-3236.

Parishioners interest in purchasing burial lots  
should contact the Cemetery Assoc office at  
715-341-3236 to schedule an appointment.



# Saint Casimir Parish

154 Years of Faith and Family

The First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

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

**Saint Casimir Parish Support: 3/2/2025**

Envelopes: \$ 1,526.50

Offertory: \$ 225.00



**Happy Birthday:**



Tim Engle (March 12)  
Maggie Burant (March 12)  
Elroy Ziolkowski (March 13)  
Genie Bialas (March 14)

## The First Sunday of Lent

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, inviting us to grow closer to God as we prepare for Easter. On this First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel recounts Jesus' forty days in the desert, where He fasted and resisted the temptations of the devil. His example reminds us that while temptation is a part of life, we are called to rely on God's word and strength to overcome challenges. Just as Christ turned to Scripture and prayer in His time of trial, we too are encouraged to deepen our faith and trust in God's guidance.

Lent is an opportunity for spiritual renewal, calling us to reflect on our priorities and make space for God in our daily lives. Through fasting and sacrifice, we detach from distractions that pull us away from Him, and through acts of charity, we grow in love for our neighbors. This season is not just about giving something up—it is about drawing closer to Christ through intentional prayer and self-discipline.

As we begin this Lenten journey, let us take time to reflect: What in our lives keeps us from fully embracing our relationship with God? How can we use this time to grow in faith and love? May this season be one of renewal, guiding us toward a deeper trust in God and a heart more open to His presence.



Monday, March 10, 2025 - 9:00am

† **Bob Shuda**



Sunday, March 16, 2025 - 9:00am

† **Tony Danczyk**

## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

March 16, 2025

Commentator: Sally Bukowski

Lector: Renee Vaughn

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Frankie Jurgella

Ushers: Kurt Strojny and Bernie King

## Reminders

- Saint Casimir's will be participating in the Help for the Needy Hygiene Drive, February 23 through March 16. You can place your donated items in the box located at the front entrance of the church.
- Monthly Monday Mass will be held March 10.
- Confessions will be held after Mass on March 16.
- Stations of the Cross will be said before every mass, starting at 8:30am. Please join us in this Lenten tradition.

## Prayers for Pope Francis' Health

As we embark on this Lenten season, our thoughts and prayers are with Pope Francis, who has been facing significant health challenges. On February 14, 2025, the Holy Father was admitted to Rome's Gemelli Hospital due to bronchitis, which progressed to double pneumonia. Despite initial signs of improvement, he experienced a bronchial spasm on February 28, leading to a brief respiratory crisis. The Vatican reports that he remains in critical but stable condition, with a guarded prognosis.

May we keep Pope Francis in our prayers, asking God to grant him strength, healing, and peace. As he carries the weight of his illness, may he find comfort in the love and support of the faithful around the world.



**DIocese of LA CROSSE**  
Serving the 19 counties of West Central Wisconsin

## Come Follow Me!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an overabundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me:

Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667.

God bless you!

