

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### March 23, 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

#### 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

**And He told them this parable:**



**“The gardener said to him in reply...  
I shall cultivate the ground  
around it and fertilize it;  
it may bear fruit in the future...”**

Luke 13:1-9

**REMINDERS: 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy Presentation  
11:30 am—Sun, Mar 23**

**\*Please Note: Mass of Reparation  
Information on Page 6**

#### **Communion to the Homebound**



Are you, or is someone you know a  
parishioner who desires to receive Holy  
Communion at home?

St. Peter's has parishioners willing to bring  
the Eucharist to you.

Please call the parish office at 715-344-6115  
to make this request.

<b>Date:</b> <b>Mar</b> <b>29/30th</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) Cindy Heitzinger	Paul Koch Mateo Koch	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Don Rolnicki Deacon Ray	Leanne Jeidy
<b>SUN</b> <b>7:30 AM</b>	1) Lee Petersen 2) Rick Zupan	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Mary Makuski Donna Bemowski	Barbara Butkus
<b>SUN</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	1) Eve Krueger 2) Angel Gebeau	Dick Glinski Jeff Czudec	Aiden Peeters Chase Baron	Joe Demerath Matt Bablitch	Matt Bablitch

**ATTENTION**—Ushers, Servers, Euch Ministers and Readers **Its that time again.** We will be working on the upcoming Ministry Schedule (May-Aug '25) Please email the office **by Apr 14** of any dates you are NOT AVAILABLE to be scheduled.

**St. Peter Parish Wkly Finance Report**  
**Env/Offertory (Mar 15/16th): \$ 5,920.50**  
**YTD: \$ 291,024.38      ACH: \$ 1,335.00**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

### *Pray for Our Priests*

#### St. Peter's Pastor:

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#### Rev. Todd Misna

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

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#### Rev. Arul Joseph Visuvasam

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#### Parish Secretary: Laura A Shonka Baynes

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#### Music Committee: Della Schoenecker

614-507-1345 / dellaschoenecker@yahoo.com

#### Maintenance: Jeff Patton 715-344-6115

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

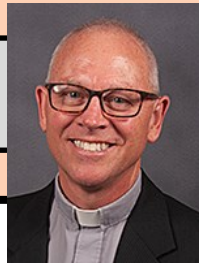
**Reconciliation: Tuesday-Friday @ 7:15 - 7:45am    Saturday @ 3:00 - 3:45pm**

**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.

## Inspiration from Deacon Ray



### The Law of Retribution- or A Loving God?

You may have been raised believing God is watching and waiting for us to mess up so He can punish us. That seems to have been the mindset of the people of the Old Testament and this idea has survived even to this day. This came from the Old Testament teaching regarding how you were to treat someone who harmed you or your family. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth", was what we hear in Exodus, chapter 21. So people related this teaching to how God dealt with us.

But Jesus brought about a new understanding of God the Father. Jesus showed us that the Father loves us beyond our understanding. Jesus, in Matthew chapter 5, verses 38-42 talks about that saying from Exodus. Jesus states we should not resist one who is evil, rather than try to retaliate for what they have done. That certainly doesn't seem to be the case in our world too often. We tend to fall back on that Old Testament teaching rather than do as Jesus says.

Today's Gospel passage provides us with a parable about an orchard owner and his fig tree. The owner tells the gardener to cut down the tree as it has not produced fruit. Since the soil in the Holy Land is not fertile if a tree is not producing it is just taking up space and draining nutrient. But the gardener asks the owner to allow him to fertilize around the tree hoping it will finally produce fruit. We can imagine God the Father as the gardener who is willing to allow us, members of His orchard, to have more time so we can eventually produce fruit.

Jesus provides many more parables, many meant to show us the Father and how loving and patient He is. We see in these teachings that God is not the God of retribution but of love! Focus on this during the season of Lent and try to avoid hurting the one who loves us the most by avoiding sin.

**Deacon Ray**

## Mass Intentions For the Week



### MONDAY, March 24

8:00 am Monday Mass rotation @St. Joseph

### TUESDAY, March 25

8:00 am †Sarah Strosin

### WEDNESDAY, March 26

8:00 am †Barney & Clara Schroder

### THURSDAY, March 27

8:00 am †Rev. Leon Powell

### FRIDAY, March 28

8:00 am †James & Mary Drefcinski

### SATURDAY, March 29

4:00 pm †Sophie Koziczkowski

### SUNDAY, March 30

7:30 am †Sarah Strosin

10:30 am For the Families of St. Peter and  
St. Casimir Parishes



### ROSARY SOCIETY

APRIL

ROSE—12 Arlene Gollon

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Apr 22 Rose 2—Mary Makuski  
Rose 10—Linda Strosin



## Our Deepest Condolences

To the Family and Friends of

### Lloyd M. Lundgren

May 19, 1928 - Feb 28, 2025

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



# Religious Education

Notes from Miss Sommers

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

## Grades 1-8, CCD

- Family Prayer Night on **March 26**. Please join us to pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

## Confirmation Prep 1 & 2

- Spring Break on **March 23**.
- Lenten Mission on **March 30** at St. Stephen's. The Mission begins in at 6:30. Please check in with me at the back of church.

Attendance at all **3 nights** of the Lenten Mission will suffice for Fullness of Faith 4.

- Help is needed on **March 30** following the 10:30 Mass at St. Joe's to prepare for Eggstravaganza.

## Grade 2, Catholic Schools and CCD Families:

- First Communion Retreat is on **March 29** from 9:00 a.m.—noon at St. Stephen's church.

## Middle School First Sunday Stations

Lent is an excellent time to pray the Stations of the Cross. Please join us on **April 6** at Guardian Angel Cemetery to pray the Stations. All are welcome!

# Middle School First Sunday Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 6

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Guardian Angel Cemetery

Register here



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

## This weeks thoughts...

This week on March 25, will we celebration the Feast of the Annunciation. This great feast where Mary said "Yes" to God to bring forth Jesus, our Savior. Ancient tradition tells us that this was been the date of the first Good Friday. This reminds us that saying "yes" to God isn't always easy. However we can think of Mary, at the Cross, and ask her to help us when following Jesus isn't easy.

## 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy

Sun, Mar 23rd following 10:30 am mass there will be a second presentation for the Parish 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy. If you missed the last one or if you have further questions please plan to attend.

St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent

## 2025 Lenten Soup Suppers



### Wednesdays

- March 12
- March 19
- March 26
- April 2
- April 9

Serving 5:30-6:30pm  
in the church basement

Gather and enjoy a delicious meal of soup, sandwiches, salads, and dessert with family and friends

- Open to the public
- Weekly prize drawing

173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley



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.



**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 -  
**This Friday's flavor is:  
Vegetable**

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

**Thank you!**

**We received an awesome response  
to our collection for  
Winter Apparel ...**

**On behalf of  
"Operation Bootstrap"  
and those who were  
served through  
your generosity, we  
wish to extend a huge  
Thank you.**



**UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS**

- Mar 23 —Pancake Breakfast— 8:15—11am \*See Below  
Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, Stevens Pt
- Mar 28 —Fish Fry Friday \*see flyer  
St. Brons, Plover 4:30pm-7:30pm
- Mar 30 —St. Peter Pancake Breakfast / Basket Raffle  
St. Peter, 8am-Noon Kolbe Hall
- Mar 30 —Drive-Thru Grilled Pork Chop Dinner  
St. Michael's-Junction City 10:30-1pm
- Apr 5 —Strings for Kids—St. Adalbert Fundraiser  
\*\*\*\* Adult 21+ Only Fundraiser Event  
Located at Rosholt Fairgrounds 7pm \*see flyer
- Apr 6 —Holy Name Breakfast \*see flyer for pricing  
St. Bronislava, Plover 8:30am-11:30am
- Apr 6 —St. Peter's Family Life Bowling Party  
Located at 5 Star Bowling Lanes, Stevens Pt  
2:30pm - 4:30pm \*Free of Charge/All Welcome
- Apr 12 —Crafting Compassion (\*21 yrs & Older only)  
St. Brons, Plover \*See fly for pricing/registration
- Apr 19 —Lamb of God (Musical Event)  
Grand Theatre, Wausau 3pm \*see flyer

\*Please note all events are posted on the bulletin board including specifics like pricing etc.



**Knights of Columbus  
Pancake Breakfast:**

Sunday, Mar 23rd from 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 6.

Price includes coffee and sales tax.  
Knights of Columbus Clubhouse 401 W  
Clark St, just across the Clark St Bridge in  
Stevens Point Open to the public.



**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



The Stevens Point Area  
Catholic Cemetery **WE'RE HIRING**  
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 Third Sunday of Lent  
March 23, 2025

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

## Saint Casimir Parish Support: 3/16/2025

Envelopes: \$ 1,181.00

Offertory: \$ 148.00



## Happy Birthday:



Alice Obremski (March 24)

Debbie Wolfe (March 28)

Al Hintz (March 29)

## Farewell and Blessings for Father Todd

Last weekend, we said goodbye to Father Todd Mlsna, who has faithfully served our parish for 12.5 years. As he begins his new assignment as Associate Pastor at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Marshfield, we offer our gratitude for his years of ministry at Saint Casimir Catholic Church and the many ways he has shared his faith with our community.

To honor Father Todd and thank him for his service, we gathered for a special celebration after Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to express their appreciation, share memories, and wish him well in his new role. Many took a moment to personally thank him for his guidance, support, and the countless ways he has enriched our parish family. His kindness, sense of humor, and deep faith will be missed, but we know he will be a blessing to his new parish.



As he begins this next chapter, we ask for God's blessings upon him. Please keep Father Todd in your prayers as he transitions into his new role. May God continue to bless him abundantly as he serves the faithful in Marshfield, and may he always know he has a home here at Saint Casimir.

## Mass Intention— Sun., March 30, 2025

† Wally and MaryAnn  
Toboyek



## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

March 30, 2025

Commentator: Debbie Wolfe

Lector: Frankie Jurgella

Servers: Jacob and Joey Gollon

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Wolfe

Ushers: The Burants

## Reminders

- Monthly Monday Mass will be held April 14.
- Stations of the Cross are said before every mass, starting at 8:30am. Please join us for this Lenten tradition.

## Confession Times in our Area

Saint Peter:

- Tuesday-Friday: 7:15 am - 7:45 am

Saint Mary-Torun:

- Tuesday: 4:30pm

Holy Spirit

- Saturday: 9:00am

- Wednesdays 6:00pm

Saint Bronislava

- Thursday: 4:30pm-5:30pm



## Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the barren fig tree, reminding us of God's patience and mercy. Just as the gardener pleads for more time to cultivate the tree, God gives us opportunities to grow in faith and bear good fruit.

Lent is a time to examine our hearts and ask: Are we producing the fruits of faith, love, and repentance? Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we invite God to nourish our souls and strengthen our relationship with Him.



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

## **Mass of Reparation**

### **March 27 - 10am**

#### **St. Joseph Cathedral, LaCrosse**

The Bishop plans to precede the Mass with prayers seeking reparation for any and all grave harm perpetrated in our diocese during our 157 year history, including harm caused by our priests and bishops. None of us can undo that harm, but we can call on Jesus to remove the barriers to his love that we have imposed, with confidence that he is eager to unleash the fire of his love throughout our diocese. With humility and repentance, we give him full permission to do what only he can do.

If you are aware of particular evils that need to be named in those prayers, please feel free to pass them along to me. Likewise, please feel free to ask people you know and trust to help name and acknowledge what needs repentance and reparation.

Finally, if you want an excellent explanation of reparation, I invite you to read paragraphs 181-204 of Pope Francis' newest encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*. Francis explains how, when we engage in reparation, "we offer the heart of Christ a new possibility of spreading in this world the flames of his ardent and gracious love."

**Bishop Battersby is hoping that all our clergy and many of our lay faithful will attend.**



**Peace Light  
North America**



A "Peace Light" Ceremony – Mar 29 at 6:00 PM. Join us as we welcome the Peace Light from Bethlehem to our community. This sacred flame, kindled at the Church of the Nativity, travels worldwide as a symbol of Christ's light and peace. The ceremony will take place on Sat, Mar 29, at 6:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. All are invited to take part in this meaningful tradition of unity, prayer, and hope. Candles are provided for all participants. If you wish to take the Peace Light home, please bring an enclosed candle or lantern and a safe way to transport it. For more information locally, contact Cindy Solander at [Catholiccommitteeonscouting@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiccommitteeonscouting@gmail.com) Or Peace Light of North America at their website <https://peacelightnorthamerica.org/> Or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PeaceLightNorthAmerica>