

# ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 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



“...we must celebrate and rejoice  
because your brother was dead and  
has come to life again: he was lost and  
has been found.” Luke 15:11-32

### 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

### 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.

**DON'T FORGET  
TO JOIN US  
FOR THE  
PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST!!!  
SUN, Mar 30th**

**REMINDER:** Next weekend Apr 5/6th  
is the collection for  
Operation BootStrap



If you can, please bring  
some items; and  
Thank you for  
your generosity.

<b>Date:</b> <b>Apr 5/6th</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) Bev Niescior	Kay King Michael King	Mark Pakulski Dick Glinski	Don Rolnicki Gerry Weber	Dawn Weber
<b>SUN</b> <b>7:30 AM</b>	1) Donna Bemowski 2) Mary Makuski	Fred Vieth Mike Katzmark	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Donna Bemowski Mary Makuski	Kris Firminhac
<b>SUN</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	1) Chelsea Peeters 2) Angel Gebeau	Carl Knuese Matt Bablitch	Mathias, CJ & Gloria Gebeau	Eve Krueger Cheryl Kehl	Lori Dombrowski

**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 22/23rd): \$ 6,289.00  
YTD: \$ 297,313.38

### CONTACT INFORMATION

### *Pray for Our Priests*

#### St. Peter's Pastor:

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#### Associate Pastor:

#### Rev. Todd Misna

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#### Rev. Arul Joseph Visuvasam

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stpeters@pacellicatholicschools.com

#### Parish Secretary: Laura A Shonka Baynes

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

#### 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.

## Fr. John's Weekly Column



### Thank you to Fr. Todd!!

12 years of ministry here in Stevens Point. How quickly they have gone. It is hard to put into words how you have touched the lives of many here at St. Peter and St. Casimir parishes. This weekend is not the last time Fr. Todd will have Mass, but the last full weekend he can be with us at St. Peter, so we are taking advantage of that and are having time after each Mass to express our gratitude. Since Fr. Todd's favorite meal is breakfast; our pancake breakfast on Sunday fits perfectly. Please stop and spend a few minutes with Fr. Todd. (St. Casimir parish had their opportunity to do the same on March 16th.) There have been many priests who have served our parishes over the years. Their moving on is all part of parish life.

That of course calls to mind the need to pray 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."

Considering vocations, one of the places we send our seminarians to for formation is St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. It is considered our provincial seminary. They have begun a capital campaign called "Zeal for the Lord's House". We have sent a number of men there to prepare for the priesthood and service in our diocese. They state that "after 179 years of forming priests, this campaign is focused on the physical restoration, expansion and enhancement" of the seminary. Each parish and diocese has been asked to participate in some way. After discussion with the parish council I am proposing that on Holy Thursday our loose collection from that Mass or if you want to put a gift in an envelope clearly marked for St. Francis de Sales Seminary that would be wonderful. Of course your prayers for priestly vocations and encouragement to our young men is very important.

**Fr. John Potaczek**

## Mass Intentions For the Week



### MONDAY, March 31

8:00 am Monday Mass rotation @St. Joseph

### TUESDAY, April 1

8:00 am †Phil Gollon

### WEDNESDAY, April 2

8:00 am †Ed & Lillian Drefcinski

### THURSDAY, April 3

8:00 am †Ralph & Mary Jane Meshak

### FRIDAY, April 4

8:00 am †Tony Wanta

### SATURDAY, April 5

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

### SUNDAY, April 6

7:30 am †Joseph Piesik

10:30 am †James Jakusz

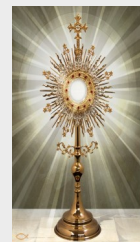
### Eucharistic Adoration

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

**April 4th is First Friday Adoration**

After 8am Mass until 5pm

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




## Lenten Communal Penance:



**@St. Joseph:  
6:30, Thu, Apr 3rd**

**@Holy Spirit:  
6:30 PM on Tue, Apr 8th**

St. Peter's :  
Confession Schedule:  
Tues-Fri 7:15-7:45am  
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm



**Religious Education**  
Notes from Miss Sommers

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

after each Mass to express our gratitude. Since Fr. Todd's favor-

**Grades 1-8, CCD**

- Class Continues on **April 2**.

**Confirmation Prep 1 & 2**

- 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.
- Prayer Night is **April 6**.
- Fullness of Faith 4 is due **April 6**.

**CCD and Confirmation Prep Families, Grades 1-11**

Registrations forms have been mailed out!

- **Lost your form?** Call the office to request a new one, or download the blank form online.

- **Looking for a Program?** New to the area or have an incoming first grader. We'd love to have your family join our program.

**General program questions, or need help registering?**

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

General information online at [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/rel-ed](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/rel-ed).

**Middle School First Sunday Stations**

Please join us on **April 6** at Guardian Angel Cemetery to pray the Stations. All in Grades 6-8 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  
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**ST. PETER'S ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BASKET RAFFLE**

**Sunday, March 30th**

800 4TH AVE, STEVENS POINT



**ENJOY!**

ADA ACCESSIBLE

SERVING BREAKFAST  
8 AM - NOON  
KOLBE HALL

10 AND UP - \$10  
9 AND UNDER - FREE

**PACELLI CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**LENTEN FISH FRY**

FRIDAY APRIL 4 FROM 4-7 PM

PACELLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



3 Piece Meal: \$14 2 Piece Meal: \$12 1 Piece Meal: \$10  
PB&J Kids Meal \$5 (Cash or Check ONLY)

All proceeds benefit Pacelli Catholic Schools

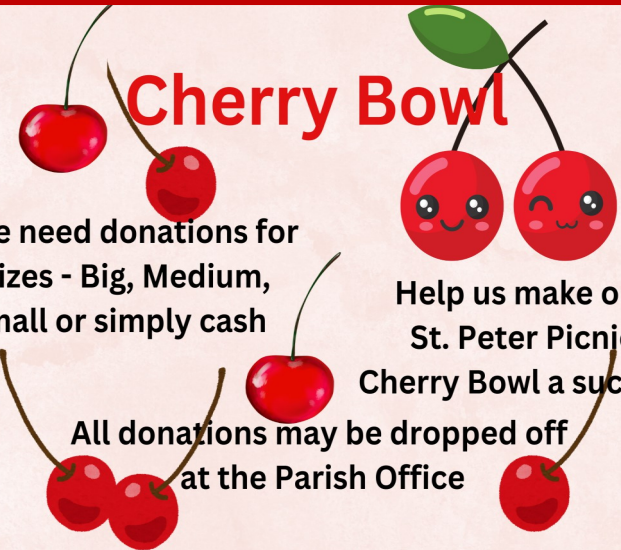
**Our Picnic is Coming !!!!**

**The dates have been decided:  
St. Peter Annual Parish Picnic  
June 14th & 15th.**

**Mark your calendar!**



**Cherry Bowl**



We need donations for prizes - Big, Medium, Small or simply cash

Help us make our St. Peter Picnic Cherry Bowl a success

All donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office



**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:  
Broccoli Cheese**

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

**UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS**

- 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 4 —Lenten Fish Fry  
Pacelli High School 4-7pm \*See Flyer
- 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 12 —Spaghetti Night (Spaghetti & Alfredo dinner)  
St. Ladislaus, Hatley 4:45pm-7pm \*See flyer
- 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.

**Chrism Mass Pilgrimage**

Tuesday, April 15



**Itinerary:**

7:15 a.m.—  
Bus departs St. Joseph, St. Pt.

Comfort stop in Tomah

Chrism Mass

Tour of Cathedral

Pass through the Holy Doors  
at the Cathedral and the Shrine

Lunch & Free Time at the  
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 p.m.—  
Arrive at St. Joseph

**Cost is \$35/person**

Includes Bus and Lunch.  
Children must attend with parents or guardians.



**To Register for Busing:**  
Online at [www.PointCatholicFaith.or/pilgrimage](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.or/pilgrimage)

**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 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 30, 2025

Bulletin: Caden Strojny  
Bookkeeper: Rebecca Jones  
Email: [secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org](mailto:secretary@stcstp.diocparish.org)  
Phone: 715-344-9582

## Saint Casimir Parish Support: 3/23/2025

Envelopes: \$ 1,770.00

Offertory: \$ 159.00



## Happy Birthday:



Joyce Hojnacki (March 31)  
Pat Gollon (March 31)  
Frank Napiwocki (April 2)  
Gayle Stevenson (April 2)

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday, a name that comes from the Latin word for “rejoice.” It reminds us that even in a season of repentance and sacrifice, there is room for joy. The rose-colored vestments used at Mass today are a visual sign of encouragement as we draw closer to Easter.

Today’s Gospel tells the story of the Prodigal Son—one of the most powerful parables of forgiveness and mercy. It reminds us that no matter how far we stray, God is always ready to welcome us back with open arms. The father in the story does not wait for explanations or apologies. He runs to meet his son with joy, just as God rejoices when we return to Him with a sincere heart.

As we enter this new week, may we take time to reflect on our own journey of repentance and healing. Lent is not about perfection, but about returning to the One who loves us unconditionally. Whether we identify

more with the younger son who left or the older son who struggled to forgive, the invitation is the same: come to the table, rejoice in God’s mercy, and continue walking toward Easter with hope.



## Sunday, April 6, 2025—Fifth Sunday of Lent

† Norbert Levandowski



## St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

April 6, 2025

Commentator: Pat Gollon

Lector: Renee Vaughn

Servers: Elroy Ziolkowski and Oliuia Folck

Eucharistic Minister: Bonnie Ziolkowski

Ushers: Bernie Stoltz and Patty Flanigan

## 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



## 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.
- If the Mass intention is for a family member and you would like to bring up the gifts, please inform one of the ushers before Mass begins. We are happy to be starting this tradition again.

## Events

- The 2025 Lenten Parish Mission for the Stevens Point Parishes will be held from MARCH 30–APRIL 3 starting at 6:30PM at St. Stephens. Fr. Sakowski will discuss and help us discover what it means to be a “Pilgrim of Hope” during this Jubilee Year.
- The Chrism Mass Pilgrimage will take place on April 15. Please call the St. Joseph Parish Office (715-341-1617) if you have any questions or would like to register.



## **Catch the Fire of the Spirit, Grow in your Faith —Join Lay Formation!**

Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation Institute cycle that begins in the fall of 2025. Deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a community of learners, catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and let Him make you a contagious witness to Christ! See the complete information and application form at

[diolc.org/lay-formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation).

Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call 608.791.0161.

## **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](mailto: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](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). **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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).