

ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 17, 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:
Tues-Fri 8 am @ St. Peter
Weekends:
Saturday 4 pm @ St. Peter
Sunday 7:30 am @ St. Peter
9:00 am @ St. Casimir
10:30 am @ St. Peter

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

MON-THURSDAY:
8:30am - 3:00pm
Friday: by appt. only

LIVE-STREAMED MASS:

Sunday @ 10:30 am

Website: 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

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:

**I HAVE COME TO SET THE
EARTH ON FIRE, AND HOW I WISH
IT WERE
ALREADY BLAZING!**



Luke 12:49-53

REMINDER:

On August 28th The Diocese will be recording several masses in the morning at St. Peter's for TV. Please check your calendars and if possible join us for one or more of these masses.

Date: Aug 23/24th	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	SCRIP Sellers
SAT 4:00 PM	1) Cherye Rolnicki 2) Nicholas Evert	Paul Koch Bill Kolodziej	Mathias Gebeau Dick Glinski	Deacon Ray Don Rolnicki	Larry & Karen Proulx
SUN 7:30 AM	1) Donna Bemowski 2) Rick Zupan	Bob Govett Bob Bernas Noah Wilmlink	Andrew & Matthew Schoenecker	Deacon Ray Mary Makuski	Carol Bernas
SUN 10:30 AM	1) Angel Gebeau 2) Cindy Heitzinger	Carl Knuese Matt Bablitch	Mathias, CJ & Gloria Gebeau	Deacon Ray Cheryl Kehl	Lori Dombrowski
St. Peter Parish Weekly Finance Report Env/Offertory (Aug 9/10): \$ 6,607.00 Candles (Aug 9/10): \$ 100.25 B&G: \$ 280.00 SCRIP (Aug): \$ 212.30 YTD: \$ 43,377.69					

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Director of Religious Educ. (DRE)**

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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.

**Word's from
Fr. Balraj**



Dear Brothers and Sisters
in Jesus Christ,

Greetings and prayerful wishes to you all!

With immense joy and a grateful heart, I thank God for the blessing of serving in this parish during my orientation, under the guidance and support of our loving pastor, Fr. John A. Potaczek.

Allow me to share a little about myself. I am Fr. Balraj Thotta Saminathan. I was born on December 10, 1974, and ordained to the priesthood on April 17, 2005. My beloved parents have gone to their eternal home in heaven. I have five siblings—one elder sister and four younger brothers. I belong to the Diocese of Chingleput, Tamil Nadu, India. I arrived in the United States on June 5th, and, to complete my initial formalities, I stayed for a time with Fr. Arivu in Black River Falls.

I sincerely thank Bishop Gerard Battersby, the shepherd of the Diocese of La Crosse, for granting me this opportunity to serve. I am also grateful to Fr. David Kunz, the former Vicar for Clergy, and to Fr. Sam Martin, the present Vicar for Clergy, for their guidance and support.

In my short time at St. Peter's Parish in Stevens Point, I have been filled with gratitude to God for this beautiful opportunity. I cherish every moment here. This is a parish with a loving pastor, a beautiful church, and a caring, faith-filled community.

I have seen that the parish is well-organized and vibrant in every way. The deep spirituality of this community is especially inspiring—the way parishioners participate in the Holy Eucharist, their devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the time they spend in Eucharistic Adoration is truly uplifting. Much of this is the fruit of the dedicated leadership of Fr. John A. Potaczek.

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**Mass Intentions
For the Week**



MONDAY, August 18
5:30 pm @ St. Bronislava

TUESDAY, August 19
8:00 am †Mary & Rudolph Meshak

WEDNESDAY, August 20
8:00 am †Barbara Klasinski

THURSDAY, August 21
8:00 am †Chester Zelinski

FRIDAY, August 22
(The Queenship of the Virgin Mary)
8:00 am †Mary Glodoski



SATURDAY, August 23
4:00 pm †Chris Copes

SUNDAY, August 24
7:30 am For the Families of St. Peter and
St. Casimir Parishes
10:30 am †Joe Piesik

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Recently, I have also had the privilege of visiting elderly members in nursing homes—an opportunity generously given to me by Fr. John. I always remind them that they are a great treasure to both the Church and society, rich in spiritual wisdom. They deserve our deepest honor and respect, for their sacrificial lives matter greatly. Even if they live alone, they remain close to the Lord.

In conclusion, I thank the Lord, Fr. John A. Potaczek, and the entire parish community for welcoming me with such warmth and love. Together, as one family in Christ, may we continue to cherish God's love and care in this beautiful parish.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Balraj Thotta Saminathan



CCD and Confirmation Prep Families, Grades 1-11
New to the area or have an incoming first grader?
 We'd love to have your family join our program.

Interested in being a Catechist or a Teacher's Aide?
 Help is needed in various grades! Just a love for Jesus and a desire to inspire others. Aides and substitutes are always needed. No prep time required!

We need:

- Small Group Leader for Grade 8 (Wednesdays)
- Substitute Teachers (Wednesday)
- Male Small Group Leaders in Confirmation Preparation. (Sundays)

Mark Your Calendars:

September 10— Grades 1-8 CCD Parent Night at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen.

September 20— NET Middle School Retreat from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph. Required for all students in Grades 6-8 in the CCD Program.

September 21— Confirmation Retreat beginning with the 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph. Required for all students being Confirmed in November.

October 5— Parent and Student Night for Confirmation Prep students at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph.

Holy Hill & Little Americka Fun!



51st Annual Pacelli Panacea

Join us **September 5-7** for Panacea at
 Pacelli Catholic High School
 (1301 Maria Dr, Stevens Point)
 for a weekend of carnival, games, rides, food,
 music, and family fun!

Live Music by the Gray Catz (Friday),
 Andy Shore (Saturday afternoon),
 Tailwater (Saturday evening),
 The Natural Talent/TNT (Sunday),
 and The Drovers (Sunday).

See you there!

Foster Grandparent Program

Volunteers are needed to help work with children in area schools

Looking for school volunteers who want to make a real difference!



The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) is ideal for income eligible people 55+ who enjoy children, have some extra time, want activity to keep young, and could use a tax-free stipend and mileage reimbursement each month. Each Foster Grandparent spends @7.5 hours or more per week in an area school assisting children, one-on-one and in small groups, with developmental and learning tasks such as reading, language, math and social skills. On-going training is provided, and no previous classroom experience is needed.

Please see the bulletin board flyer for more information, call the Foster Grandparent Program Coordinator at 715-346-1417 or rekowskij@co.portage.wi.gov

Congratulations



Kaitlyn and Dalton McHugh
Married August 9, 2025
St. Peter Parish

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

- Aug 16/17 — **Sacred Heart Parish Picnic**
Sacred Heart Polonia
Food/Refreshments/Music
Cornhole—Sat 6pm-11pm
Mass/Dinner/Polish Music/ and
Many more activities Sun 10—7pm
- Aug 21-23 — **Rummage Sale**
St. Wenceslaus 8am—4pm daily
(Located in the school directly
Behind the church) *See Flyer
- Sep 14 — **Not Just Another Car Show**
St. Mary's—Marion 10:30-2:30pm
Mass / Bake Sale / Raffles /
Silent Auction / Food all day
For Info: call 715-754-2028
715-754-5083
715-250-0702

St Peter's offers

Congratulations to
Al and Bridgid Pellatt
on their
76th Wedding Anniversary



celebrated
August 13th, 2025.



And wishes the couple many more happy
years together.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

Invites you to become involved & active. Join us for
our first meeting of the new season on

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH

6:30 PM / KOLBE HALL



Saint Casimir Parish

154 Years of Faith and Family
The 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025

Bulletin: Caden Strojny
Secretary: Lori Gollon
Bookkeeper: Rebecca Jones
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Phone: 715-344-9582

Saint Casimir Parish Support: 8/10/2025

Envelopes: \$ 794.00

Offertory: \$ 131.00



Happy Birthday:



Karen Danczyk (Aug. 23)

A Note From Father Todd

Dear St. Casimir Parish Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful farewell reception after the mass on March 16. It was wonderful to be able to say farewell to so many people. I also enjoyed the delicious cake as well. I am very grateful for the many farewell cards and gifts which I received. Everyone I read touched me very much. It was certainly great serving you all over these past 12.5 years. As I go west to Marshfield, please know that you will be in my prayers always. I will miss all of you. May God keep all of you united in his love always.

Gratefully,

Father Todd Mlsna

Mass Intention - Sunday, August 24, 2025

† Margaret and Henry Fisher

St. Casimir Parish Ministry Schedule

August 24, 2025

Commentator: Sally Bukowski

Lector: Renee Vaughn

Servers: Bernie King

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Ray

Ushers: Bernie Stoltz and Patty Flanigan

Hospice Information Session

Chaplain Mark will be holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, August 26, at 6:00pm at St. Casimir's to discuss hospice care. All are encouraged to attend and learn about this important topic and the services being offered.

Queenship of Mary

On August 22, the Church celebrates the Queenship of Mary, honoring her as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Crowned with grace and glory, Mary reigns not with power, but with a mother's love, always guiding us toward her Son. Her queenship reminds us of her unique role in salvation history and her constant intercession on our behalf. As Queen, she brings our prayers before the throne of God and watches over the Church with tender care.



Saint Mary, pray for us.



DIOCESE of LA CROSSE
Serving the 19 counties of West Central Wisconsin

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. 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. **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.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE
SEMINARIANS
2025—2026

Alex Radtke

Configuration (Theology II)
St. Agnes—Weston
Pontifical N American College

Ethan Marohl

Discipleship (College II)
St. Anthony's—Athens
Immaculate Heart
of Mary Seminary

**** Please pray for our
Seminarians**