## ST. PETER & ST. CASIMIR PARISHES TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 22, 2021

Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of St. Peter and St. Casimir. Parish Office: 715-344-6115 at 800 Fourth Ave., Stevens Point

#### Website: stpeter.us Facebook: Saint Peter Catholic Church

#### Weekdays: 8:00am Tues-Friday

4:00 pm Saturday @ St. Peter 7:30 am Sunday@ St. Peter at St. Casimir 9:00 am Sunday 10:30 am Sunday@ St. Peter

#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Reconciliation:** Tues-Friday: 7:15-7:45 am

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm

Baptism or Marriage: Please call the Office.

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 and Holy Communion. Call the Parish: 715-344-6115 to make arrangements.

#### **CURRENT OFFICE HOURS**

8:30am - 3:00pm Monday through Thursday Friday 8:30-11:30am

LIVE-STREAMED MASS: 4:00PM Saturday Website: **stpeter.us** Facebook: 'Saint Peter Catholic Church'

#### MONDAY MASS ROTATION

Holy Spirit Parish 8:15 am **July-September** 

Sitting on the fence? Choose this day whom you wil Jo

**MONDAY, August 23** Monday Mass at Holy Spirit thru September @ 8:15am

**TUESDAY, August 24** 8:00 am + Veronica & Stanley Kozicki **+ Emily Bembenek** 

WEDNESDAY, August 25 8:00 am + Mary Jane Meshak **† Dave Katzmark** 

**THURSDAY, August 26** 8:00 am + Anthony Soroko **+ Josephine Laska** 

FRIDAY, August 27 8:00 am + Tony Wanta Special Intention: "in gratitude of favors granted"

**SATURDAY, August 28** 4:00 pm + Stanley & Agnes Czudec **† Bob Lassa** 

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 7:30 am + Rev. Leon Powell Families of St. Peter & St. Casimir Parishes

10:30 am <sup>+</sup> Donna Brillowski <sup>+</sup> Dr. Mike Klasinski

#### ENTRANCE: # 308 ALL THE EARTH

REFRAIN: All the earth, proclaim the Lord; sing your praise to God.

- 1. Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness. Come into God's presence singing for joy!
- 2. Know that the Lord, is our Creator. Yes, God is our Father, we are his own.
- 3. We are the sheep of the green pasture; for we are God's people chosen by God.

#### FIRST READING: from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

But the people answered. "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods. For it was the Lord. our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." The word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

#### Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

#### SECOND READING: from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 5:2a. 25-32 Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL: from the holy Gospel according to St. John

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life while the flesh is of no avail The words I have spoken to you are the Spirt and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall

we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

John 6: 60-69

#### **OFFERTORY: # 216 THE SUMMONS**

- 1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know And never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3. Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

#### COMMUNION SONG: #320 SHEPHERD OF SOULS, REFRESH & BLESS

- 1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Your chosen pilgrim flock With manna in the wilderness With water from the rock.
- 2. We would not live by bread alone, But by your word of grace, In strength of which we travel on To our abiding place.
- 3. Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread Your table in our heart.
- 4. Lord, sup with us in love divine; Your body and your blood, That living bread that heav'nly wine. Be our immortal food.

#### RECESSIONAL: # 272 TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

- 1. Take up your cross, the Savior said, If you would my disciple be; Take up your cross with willing heart, And humbly follow after me.
- 2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill your weak spirit with alarm; My strength shall bear your spirit up, And brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And let your foolish heart be still; The Lord for you accepted death Upon a cross on Calv'ry's hill.

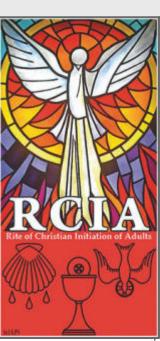
#### **PRAYER** to ST. MICHAEL

Holy Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host,

By the divine power thrust into hell satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

AMEN.



Do you feel Jesus calling you to learn more about your Catholic faith?

Are you someone who was baptized

Catholic as a child, but have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist? Have you fallen away from practicing the faith, but

now have a strong desire to return? St. Peter's will offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. RCIA sessions focus on the teachings & experience of the church as founded by Jesus Christ. Individuals will be prepared to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. To inquire about the RCIA program, please call the Parish Office: 715-344-6115



#### Results are in for the Burger Nights & FUNDAY SUNDAY!

Due to the help of our volunteers and community patronage, our clear profit was **\$8,967.77 !!!!** Again, sincere thanks to ALL who contributed to this success.

#### OCTOBERFEST Planning Meeting Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 pm. at the Rectory Conference Room

Our Octoberfest event will be held at District 1 which is in the "old Trig's building," in the same strip mall as Olympia Restaurant, at the far south end, nearest to Family Video.

The Fundraising Committee will meet on August 24th. If you wish to involve yourself, your ideas and time to commit to the success of Octoberfest, please feel welcome to attend this informative meeting. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updated details.

In the meanwhile, please Save the Date & invite your friends:

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 2021 for ST. PETER OCTOBERFEST!

Homemade German and Polish Menu, Basket Raffle, Polka Music and more!

The Packers don't play until that evening, so your Sunday afternoon is wide open! Don't miss out on the unique food and genuine FUN!



Magnificat Subscribers: The September editions are available for you to pick up from the Sacristy. Thank you!



Please keep in mind St. Peter's when writing your will or when a loved one dies. A Memorial Gift is a beautiful gift of remembrance.



### Save the dage!

SEPTEMBER 26,2021 St. Peter's Octoberfest at District 1 Brewing Co.



This event will feature a BASKET RAFFLE! If you can help us out, please do so by donating gift cards or cash so that we can prepare some eye-catching baskets! Drop donations off at the office or in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "OCTOBERFEST DONATION" Danke schön !

#### Foster Grandparent Volunteers Needed

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. Under the supervision of a teacher, each Foster Grandparent spends 7.5 hours or more per week assisting children, one-on-one and in small groups, who need extra help in areas such as school readiness, reading, social skills or mentoring. On-going training is provided, and no previous classroom experience is needed.

For more information, contact the FGP Coordinator at the Aging & Disability Resource Center, 715-346-1401 or toll free, 1-866-920-2525.

#### CALLING ALL FARMERS, BAKERS &CRAFTERS!

We are counting on YOU for the 2021 Pacelli Panacea Farmers' Market. Please consider donating homemade baked goods and canned goods, floral bouquets, or kitchen themed crafts at Pacelli Catholic High School on Friday, September 10th from 8am until noon. If you don't bake, we will gladly accept any baking supplies as well! Please contact TINA LEPAK @ Pacelli Catholic High School with any questions 715-341-2442 or email her at: tlepak@pacellicatholicschools.com. THANK-YOU!!!

# As Disciples, should we be unworthy servants?

One of the teachings of Jesus advises:

"So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty" (Luke 17:10).

Why does Jesus advise his disciple to call himself/herself as "Unworthy servant"? This certainly affects one's self-esteem. Having done one's duty, is it fair to consider oneself unworthy? When a person's self-esteem is disturbed or damaged in one way or other, the person would certainly be distressed. Self-image and self-prestige are very important for anyone. How does, then, Jesus justify his statement?

During the time of Jesus on earth, servants were always kept in the bottom layer of the social-hierarchy. Their duty was to obey what was commanded. Thus, they had very little respect in the society. Jesus would not desire to keep his disciples in the bottom level; rather he wants to raise their status to become adopted sons and daughters of his heavenly Father. Moreover, being created in the image of God, everyone is considered precious and valuable in the mind of Jesus. Hence he says: "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God? Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12:6-7).

The reason why Jesus asks his disciples to consider themselves "unworthy servants" is that in fulfilling our duty, we should not fulfill it for getting just the approval and appreciation of the master; rather Jesus wants us to fulfill our tasks, in order to be true to our conscience and to God. Of course, in the expectation of our modern mind-set every achievement or victory deserves recognition and applause. Nonetheless, it must be noted that human appreciation may change from time to time depending on the emotional condition of the master and so the servant may try to render his duty not honestly but just to get the appreciation of his/her master. In the mind of Jesus, it is more important to get a real appreciation from God, the divine Master, whose reward is permanent and ever-lasting, than trying to get the appreciation of the human master.

Thus, Jesus says that an unworthy servant is not a worthless human person; on the contrary, he is the one who serves worthily; being a worthless servant is the path to being a worthy disciple.

God bless you Fr. Arul Joseph V.





"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration." (Pope John Paul II) God gives us every breath and second of our lives, why not give Him back 1 hour in Adoration?
24 HR. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Begins Wednesday after 8:30am & ends with Benediction before 8:00 Mass on Thursdays. Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed at 3:00 pm. For more info: Marianne Koch 715-341-6732 Renee Vollert 715-344-9119



Collections for non-perishable food items to be donated to Operation Bootstrap are taken up the first FULL weekend of each month. Our parish's next collection will be Sept. 4th/5th. Operation Bootstrap has requested to please donate non-perishable food like cereal, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables etc. They have expressed that they have no staff available to go through clothing items at this time, so please avoid donating clothing items for now.

Your concern and generosity is much appreciated.

#### Rural Life Day - September 22

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo.

Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish.

For a flyer or brochure, visit diolc.org/rurallife. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.



#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

\$48.51

DATE: 08/15/ 2021

### ENVELOPES & OFFERTORY YEAR to DATE \$ 9,338.00 \$ 70,397.87

АСН \$ 368.97

Beginning in September, every 3rd weekend of the month, we will take up a second collection to pay towards our debt from the 2020/21 Diocesan Annual Appeal Campaign shortfall (\$5,960)





#### DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR RE-PORTING 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/safeenvironment/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.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

<u>St. Peter's Pastor</u>: Rev. Arul Joseph Visuvasam v\_aruljoseph@hotmail.com or **715-344-6115** 

Associate Pastor: Rev. Todd Mlsna frtoddmlsna@aol.com or 715-252-8157

<u>Deacon</u>: Ray Heitzinger Lay Ministry Coordinator rheitzinger@outlook.com

Administrative Assistant: Mishelle O'Shasky 715-344-6115 stpeters@pacellicatholicschools.com

Parish Secretary: Nancy Koch

715-344-6115 bulletin-secretary@pacellicatholicschools.com

Director of Religious Education: Deacon Ray Heitzinger dre-stpeters@pacellicatholicschools.com

RCIA Coordinator 715-344-6115

Music Director:

715-344-6115 715-401-0775 715-344-0736 715-341-5834 715-344-3455 715-344-8220

Maintenance: Jeff Patton

Aug. 28/29	LECTORS	USHERS	SERVERS	Eucharistic Ministers
4:00 pm	Nancy Koch	Mateo, Paul, Dick G.	Mark, Tiana, Lucas	Paul, Cherye, Don
7:30 am	Lee Petersen	Bob B., Bob G.	Matthew, Andrew, Dick G.	Pam, Mike, Donna B.
10:30 am	Matt Bablitch	Bernard H., Dick G.	Aiden, Chase, Mathias	Matt, Eve, Cheryl K.

#### PARISH COMMITTEES:

Pastoral Council:	
Fr. Joseph	715-344-6115
Deacon Ray	715-630-1275
Calvin Friedenfels	608-260-5427
Gladys Glodoski	715-344-2811
Ryan Jeidy	715-252-0158
Shelly Korger	715-347-5288
Mary Makuski	715-344-3359
Fay Schultz	715-344-7839
Gerry Weber	715-344-8220
Rick Zupan	715-544-4321

DAA Coordinator (Diocesan Annual Appeal) : Matt Bablitch 715-401-0775 Family Life:Gladys Glodoski 715-344-2811

<u>Finance Council:</u> Fr. Joseph
Matt Bablitch
Jim Gies
Debra Jakusz
Joe Niescior
Gerry Weber
Bldg. & Grounds:
Ben Gebeau
<b>Eucharistic Adorati</b>
Maxianna Kach

Ben Gebeau715-340-1172haristic Adoration Co-Coordinators:<br/>Marianne Koch715-341-6732Renee Vollert715-344-9119

Justice & Peace: Shelly Korger 715-347-5288

Picnic Committee:				
Gies, Jim	715-344-0736			
*Niescior, Joe	715-344-3455			
(responsible to call for meeting)				
Skrzeczkoski, Mary	715-342-0645			
Weber, Gerry	715-344-8220			
Rosary Society / Linda Strosin				
	715-344-7647			
Sacred Worship				
Mary Makuski	715-344-3359			
Secular Franciscan Order / Bob Crane				
	715-204-9663			
Holy Name Society				
Gene Kemmet	er 715-344-2598			

#### St. Casimir Parish - August 22, 2021 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time** St. Casimir Parish : 203 Casimir Rd. Stevens Point, WI St. Casimir's Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays 8:00 -1:00pm / 715-344-9582 A Back-to-School Prayer Ministry Email: saintcasimirparish@gmail.com SCHEDULE SUNDAY MASS TIME: 9:00am Dear Lord, Watch over our children as **NEXT SUNDAY MASS INTENTION:** August 29th they begin their new school 9:00am Aug.29th: 22nd Sunday in OrdinaryTime year. Bless them with joy at † Andrew Gollon seeing friends, excitement at Commentator: new experiences, and a love of Pat learning. THANK YOU FOR YOUR Lector: CONTINUED SUPPORT Guide and protect all who Ken Of OUR PARISH! learn, replacing fear with joy, Servers: Adult Envelopes & Offertory: \$ 995.00 anxiety with peace, and Bernie tiredness with energy. Student Envelopes: \$ 5.00 Eucharistic Minister: Give wisdom, patience, and joy Pat HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to teachers as they serve their students. Keep all schools and Ushers: Karen Danczyk: August 23rd families safe from harm. Amen. Kurt, Caden Suzette Pukrop: August 25th



St. Peter/St.Casimir, Stevens Point, WI

B 4C 01-0483

