



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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August 4, 2019 – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sacred Worship Judi Marquard &

Barb Groholski Co-Chairs

Education

Social Concerns

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday Aug 6th 8:15 AM at SJ (Michael Wierzba)

Wednesday Aug 7th 8:15 AM at SM (Mary Fonti)

Thursday Aug 8th 8:15 AM at SM (Stanley & Marcie Turzinski)

Friday Aug 9th 8:15 AM at SJ (Darlene Kropidowski)

Weekend Aug 10th & Aug 11th

Saturday Aug 10th 5:00 PM at SM (Steve Borski)

Sunday Aug 11th 8:30 AM at SJ Parishioners of our two Parishes

Sunday Aug 11th 10:30 AM at SM (Stanley & Stacia Pacocha & deceased family members)

Confession Schedule

St. James Saturday 9:00 am

St. Mary Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm — Any time by appointment

Anointing of the Sick If you or a loved one is in need of the Anointing Sacrament especially before a hospital procedure please contact the office for an Anointing.

Eucharistic Adoration: St. James, after Mass on first Fridays of the month. And at St. Peter, Stevens Point, every Wed 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Thurs.

United Prayers to Heaven Prayer Chain: If you or anyone you know is in need of prayers, please let us know. We will keep your name & prayer request confidential, names are included only if you so desire.

Contact:

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Dear Parishioners,

As we continue the cleanup after the storm for our two parishes we are seeing a slightly changing landscape of fewer trees at St. Mary and St. James. St. James is in full swing of a church basement restoration project with hoped for additional projects that will transform the basement classrooms for our CCD students from both our parishes in time for this fall. I hope that all will see this time of destructive winds of mother nature to be turned into opportunities of rebuilding and growth for our parishes.

So too I am excited about the new group of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates who are entering into full communion in the Catholic Church this coming Easter Vigil. I am once again looking forward to teaching the faith to these individuals this coming fall. In the past, I have held the RCIA classes after the 5pm Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary. I am looking at making a slight change to our weekend Mass schedule to better serve the RCIA and Adult Faith Formation program for this fall.

After consultation of both St. Mary and St. James Pastoral Council members, I have decided to strike a compromise that will hopefully satisfy both parishes and their needs. I have presented to them my desire to bring the RCIA Faith Formation program to St. James by having a **4pm Saturday evening Mass at St. James** for the duration of the RCIA Program from **September thru Palm Sunday**. The RCIA Faith Formation classes will immediately begin after the 4pm Mass in the Gathering Space at St. James with ease of access to the kitchen for a small meal during the RCIA class. **St. Mary** will be assured to have the regular **5pm Saturday evening Mass** for the remaining timeframe **from Divine Mercy Sunday through the Labor Day Weekend**. With this change, that benefits both parishes, Christmas 4pm Mass will be at St. James. St. Mary will have a later Christmas Vigil Mass which will be determined in the near future. The Triduum will still remain at St. Mary as in the past. I believe this is a balanced compromise that both parishes can agree upon as we continue to grow our membership with new Catholics coming into the faith and into our church families.

We indeed are seeing a changing landscape around us which entails new growth and continued strengthening of the faith we have in God and in each other. I pray that the above news will bring both new excitement and a continued growing together between our two parishes as we see God as the center of all that we do for the Glory of God's Name and the building up of God's Kingdom.

Peace!

F. Hackel

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, Aug 14th 6:00 PM at St James
Thursday, Aug 15th 8:15 AM at St Mary
Thursday, Aug 15th 12:00 PM at St James



SJ Contributions

Total Contribution July 28, 2019

\$1882.21 Contributions Totals

\$1090.00 Envelopes

\$142.21 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$115.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$2,950.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution July 28, 2019

\$1668.50 Contributions Totals

\$1315.00 Envelopes

\$353.50 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$75.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$25.00

SJ Scrap Metal Fund Raiser

Totals: \$8,864.80

SM Scrap Metal Fund Raiser

Totals: \$822.48

Please Remember: Any cash or loose checks that are received are put into the offertory. To ensure your contributions are included on your yearly contributions statements please use your contribution envelopes or make your contributions on line at

sjsmcc.weshareonline.org

SCRIP NEWS

SMMC Scrip Update: Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for results. Thanks to everyone who participates in our Scrip sales!

St. James Scrip Update: Total sales: \$2,700
Local: \$250 Parish earnings: \$121.63
Thanks to all who support our parish through this program. Stop by the Gathering to purchase cards for businesses to frequent. For large or special orders, call Michelle at 715-592-4477.

Parish News...

From Annunciation to Christmas – “For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my Mother’s womb.”

Psalms 139:13

Our Baby is now **19 weeks**. We are in the **second trimester!** See the growth & development of our Preborn Baby during their 17th, 18th & 19th week of life. In the **17th week**, the baby’s senses, smell, vision, touch, taste & hearing are developing & he/she may be able to hear his/her mother talk. In the **18th week**, he/she has unique waking & sleeping patterns & even has a favorite position to sleep in. In the **19th week** life-saving surgery has been successfully performed on babies at this age. Check out the displays to view the pictures of our preborn baby growing week by week. See the miracle of God’s precious gift growing in utero. A baby is truly a ‘Gift from God’!

We are in the process of forming the joint Family Life Committee for SMMC and St. James. Co-chairs have stepped forward but we are seeking more involvement from members of St. James. The role of this committee is to foster Christian family life in parish activities such as hospitality, youth activities & youth ministry, marriage enrichment, vocations to consecrated life and other family-centered events. Are you interested in being more active in growth of family events? Please plan to attend a meeting **after Sunday’s 8:30 a.m. mass at St. James on August 11** to find out more. If you cannot attend, but are interested, please contact Laura at 715-347-6884.

Sacred Worship Committee Meeting will be held at St. James on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 6:30. Please join us if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

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 (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.dioc.org. 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 Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or dkunz@dioc.org

St. James Parishioners Annual Building/Maintenance

Contribution. Each year, in your contribution boxes, there is an envelope designated as “Building/Maintenance” with a \$50.00 suggested donation printed on it. This year the envelope is dated July 7th. We have a list of maintenance items that need to be addressed caused by a difficult winter, as well as on-going issues related to excess water and seepage in the Church basement. We will need to address these issues, and we should consider adding to the maintenance fund to address future needs of our beautiful Church. As a reminder, St. James does not hold an annual fundraiser, instead we ask our parishioners to reflect and prayerfully consider making this additional Building/Maintenance donation annually to keep up with increasing costs and general building repairs. All donations are greatly appreciated and greatly needed.

Finally, if you have been following the weekly contribution summary in the bulletin for St. James, you’ll note that we have been averaging roughly \$10,000 per month in contribution revenue. Unfortunately, that is not enough to cover our annual expenses and we have needed to withdraw money from our savings account for the past few years. Father Hackel and the St. James and St. Mary’s Finance Councils are looking for interested parishioners to join a “Focus Group” on stewardship (with stewardship including not just financial, but just as importantly our time and talents). If you are interested in joining this Stewardship focus group, please contact Father or contact any of the Finance Council members printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of our Parishes and God Bless

Diocesan News...

Grow in Faith Together as a Married Couple Experience a more joy-filled marriage. Take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony’s Spirituality Center on **September 12-15th**. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ. Register today at: dioc.org/marriage-enrichment/. For more information, call 608-791-2673. Financial scholarships are available. Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2384465065120475/> Please share this on your parish Facebook.

The USCCB has launched a new website highlighting the importance of prevention, protection and accountability in response to the ongoing effort to eradicate clergy sexual abuse. This new site serves as a resource detailing the steps the American bishops are taking to confront this crisis. On the site, readers can browse through the layers of the Holy Father’s Motu Proprio, the 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and its progress, as well as numerous resources to address any instance of clergy sexual abuse. Explore the website by visiting: usccbprevention.org

\$\$ Scrap Metal for Cash \$\$

SPRING CLEAN UP/ RECYCLE SCRAP FOR CASH All items, metal, automotive only batteries, & electrical wiring, appliances Can be dropped off at **8619 CTY RD B in Amherst WI**. All proceeds after sale being designated to St Mary or St James. Place in between the concrete retaining barriers. For help with heavy or large objects or to schedule a **FREE** vehicle pick up please call **715-347-5295**.

CCD Registration

Returning Families

St. James and St. Mary CCD families: Registration packets for the upcoming CCD year were sent home with your student in April. If you have not submitted your family's registration form for the upcoming CCD year, please do so as soon as possible. If your packet has been misplaced, please email Ann Hemmy sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com and a new packet will be emailed to you.

Please send your registration along with your fee to: Catholic Central Office, P.O. Box 280, Amherst, WI 54406

New Families

Please pick up a new family packet from Central Office, 453 S. Main St., Amherst or email Ann Hemmy sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com and a packet will be emailed to you.

Catechist Needed:

Good news! We have a volunteer to teach 3rd grade CCD for the 2019-2020 year.

We are in need of a volunteer to teach 7th grade 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays at St. James.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Ann Hemmy. Email address is smsjdre.plc@gmail.com or call 715-316-7056.



Upcoming EVENTS

You are invited to St. Mary's I.C. Parish – Custer, Annual Church Picnic AUGUST 25th. Held at Arnott Lions Park, County J (East of Stevens Point). 10:00 a.m. Mass – Music by Polka Pak; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Chicken & Beef Dinner catered by Bob's Catering; Music & Dancing – 12 noon-6:30 p.m. Polka Pak and Cynor Classics alternating; 2:30 p.m. CASH BINGO. Hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Prayer Service. The Knights of Columbus of Polonia invite all to join them as they share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life as they participate in the meaningful pilgrimage of the Silver Rose. The Silver Rose Prayer service will be held on Friday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 7375 Church Street, Polonia. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary centered occasion for the Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Following the prayer service, a light supper will be served. All are welcome!

Mother Teresa India Festival September 14, 2019 3-7 pm at Pacelli High School

Learn about India customs and enjoy an Indian meal while helping raise funds to help the less fortunate in India. The event includes dancing, workshops, booths, children's games, Colorfest Walk and so much more. Tickets can be purchased in the gathering space after masses, in the church office or at Pacelli High School. **Interested in helping out by volunteering?** Anyone age 10 and up can volunteer and will receive free admission. Contact Dennis at 715.305.1960 or indiamissionjoy@yahoo.com for more information.

Join Father Tom Lindner on Pilgrimage to Guatemala for the Dec. 7 Beatification of Brother James Miller

James Miller was born into a family of farmers near Stevens Point on September 21, 1944, attended Pacelli High School, and joined the De La Salle Christian Brothers in 1959. He served as a missionary in Nicaragua and then Guatemala, where he was shot and killed by 3 hooded men on Feb. 13, 1982, during Guatemala's civil war. Pope Francis decreed that he died a martyr for the Faith and has set his beatification for Dec. 7, 2019 in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. For details on this extraordinary pilgrimage with Father Tom Lindner, visit <https://www.ctscentral.net/trips/guatemala/beatification-pilgrimage-to-guatemala/>.

There is a program that is being organized to promote safety in the homes. The event is being held at the Lincoln Center on September 24th from 9:00 to Noon. I'm wondering if you all would be willing to put a small spot in your church bulletins to help promote this great event to keep our community members safe. If you are interested please reply to me and I can get you more information.

**ARE YOU ANY OF THE BELOW IF SO PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
AT PH: 715-824-3455**

- ♦ ***Interested in joining the parish?*** Please stop by or call the office for Registration Papers
- ♦ ***Engaged to be Married?*** Marriage arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding, contact the office
- ♦ ***Are you Expecting a Child?*** contact the office to scheduled a baptismal class.
- ♦ ***Do you know someone that is Homebound:*** please contact the office for us to add them to the schedule for visits or to receive Holy Communion.