



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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August 11, 2019 – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Barb Groholski Co-Chairs

Education

Social Concerns

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday Aug 13th 8:15 AM at SJ Betty & Ray Przekurat 59th Anniversary

Wednesday Aug 14th 8:15 AM at SM (Doris Wiesbrod)

Thursday Aug 15th 8:15 AM at SM (Ruth Hansen)

Friday Aug 16th 8:15 AM at SJ (Mary Fonti)

Weekend Aug 17th & Aug 18th

Saturday Aug 17th 5:00 PM at SM (Renee Pauloski)

Sunday Aug 18th 8:30 AM at SJ (Virginia & Joe Kwiatkowski)

Sunday Aug 18th 10:30 AM at SM Parishioners of our two Parishes

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:

Laurie - plhintz5@gmail.com

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

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Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

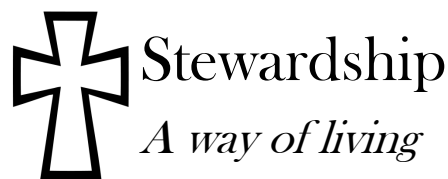
Wednesday August 14, 2019 6:00 PM at St James
Thursday August 15, 2019 8:15 AM at St Mary
Thursday August 15, 2019 12:00 PM at St James

Saturday Evening Mass Schedule Change

Beginning Weekend September 7 & 8, 2019
Saturday Evening Mass will be at
St James Parish at 4:00 PM thru Palm Sunday

All Saints Day Mass Schedule

Friday November 1, 2019 8:15 AM at St James
Friday November 1, 2019 6:00 PM at St Mary



SJ Contributions

Total Contribution August 11, 2019

\$2,570.76 Contributions Totals

\$1,766.00 Envelopes

\$147.76 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$657.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$3,250.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution August 11, 2019

\$2,812.00 Contributions Totals

\$2,127.00 Envelopes

\$375.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$310.00

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: Last weekend we sold \$7,625 in gift cards and earned \$334 for our parish. A big thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sale will be on August 17th & 18th. For large or special orders, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update: Total sales: \$990 Local: \$450. Thanks to all who participated! If you are in need of back to school supplies, we have an assortment of gift cards to choose from. This is a great way to support your parish with items you would purchase anyway. Stop by the table in the Gathering to find out how or 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 **20 weeks**. We are in the **second trimester!** See the growth & development of our Preborn Baby during their 18th, 19th & 20th week of life. 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. In the **20th week** up until about the 32 weeks, the baby feels pain more intensely than at any other time in development. 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.

Praying book club Our next gathering will be on Thurs, **Aug. 15, 5:30 pm at St. James**. We are finishing Sherry Weddell’s book, ***Forming Intentional Disciples***. Weddell describes the 5 thresholds of conversion people experience as they explore & develop a relationship with Christ. The thresholds are 1) **Initial trust** - a person is able to trust or has a positive association with Jesus, the Church, a believer, or something identifiably Christian 2) **Spiritual curiosity** - desiring to know more about Jesus 3) **Spiritual openness** - a person acknowledges to self and to God that they are open to the possibility of a personal & spiritual change 4) **Spiritual seeking** - a person actively seeks to know more about God & seeks to know if they can commit to Christ in His Church 5) **Intentional discipleship** - a person makes a conscious decision to “drop one’s nets” and follow Jesus. They reorder their life to live accordingly & become an obedient disciple.

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

ATTENTION members of the joint SMMC and SJ Social Concerns Committee! Please plan to attend an important meeting on Sunday, August 25 after the 10:30 am mass at St. Mary. The meeting will last approx. 1/2 hour & topics include the Feed Your Starving Children project and various updates & new projects. New members for the committee are always welcome.

Diocesan News...

Watch the movie Unprotected Sexting pressure. The Hook-up culture. Teenage depression. How did the culture become so toxic for women? And how did one man foresee this all so clearly 50 years ago? This powerful new film reveals the devastating effects of 50 years of the sexual revolution, and the counter-cultural movement today that is rising from its ashes.

Care for caregivers In partnership with Shalom World TV, Nourish for Caregivers is excited to announce the release of its new 12-episode faith-based TV series, Be Nourished! shalomworldtv.org/benourished. Nourish is a Christ-Centered Ministry that supports the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. Often caregivers feel alone and isolated; and, Be Nourished has proven effective at addressing this challenge.

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: diolc.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.

\$\$ 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

Catechist Meeting

There will be a meeting for all catechists on **Wednesday, August 21st 6:30 p.m.** at St. James.

CCD Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents of students enrolled in St. James and St. Mary CCD program on **Wednesday, August 28th 6:30 p.m.** at St. James.

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!

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.

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.

HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE You are invited to participate in an event of historic significance for the Catholic Church of Central Wisconsin as a native son, Brother James Miller, is Beatified on **December 7** in Guatemala. A pilgrimage culminating with the Beatification Mass is being offered Dec. 4-9, departing from Plover. The Beatification will be celebrated in Huehuetenango, where Brother James was martyred in 1982. Places of significance to faith and history, as well as the beauty of Guatemala and its people, will be featured on the pilgrimage, including daily Mass. Meals, lodging and transportation are included in the cost. Pilgrimage brochures are available at area parishes, as well as in the top banner of the Diocese of La Crosse web site (diolc.org). If you have questions, contact Fr. Tom Lindner at frtom@stanneswausau.org.

**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.