



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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myparishapp.com/download

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August 18, 2019 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Education

Social Concerns

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday Aug 20th 8:15 AM at SJ (Harleigh Firkus)

Wednesday Aug 21st 8:15 AM at SM (Dolly Carr)

Thursday Aug 22nd 8:15 AM at SM (Michael Wierzba)

Friday Aug 23rd 8:15 AM at SJ (Barb Sternik)

Weekend Aug 24th & Aug 25th

Saturday Aug 24th 5:00 PM at SM (Mary Raflik)

Sunday Aug 25th 8:30 AM at SJ Parishioners of our two Parishes

Sunday Aug 25th 10:30 AM at SM (Robert & Hattie Dombrowski)

Confession Schedule St. James Saturday 9:00 am

St. Mary Saturday 4:00–4:45 pm — Anytime 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,

The Catholic Church is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. Jesus Christ established this Church nearly 2,000 years ago and it is 1.2 BILLION members strong today. Since then, no other institution or organization has fed, educated, cured, cared or ministered to more people as we serve God and neighbor.

My life has been so enriched by our Catholic faith that I discerned God calling me to become a priest for His people. I love being healed and fed in the sacraments, reading the stories in the Bible, studying the dignity of the human person in the context of morality, working with the poor and entering into fruitful dialogue with fellow believers. Being Catholic is awesome!

RCIA is an ancient tradition in the Church in which a person is introduced and exposed to the richness of our prayer, history, worship, beliefs and morality. It is a process where you will grow in faith and wisdom on the path to full communion with the Catholic Church. It culminates on the greatest feast of the year—the Easter Vigil—in which Baptism (if necessary), Confirmation and first Communion take place.

Anyone not already baptized (in any Christian denomination) or not already confirmed Catholic is a candidate for RCIA. If this is you, why wait any longer to join the largest family in the world?

We will be starting RCIA in the next month. We already have three individuals from our two parishes have come forth and expressed their excitement to enroll. If you or anyone you know who would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church please call the office and set up an appointment, thanks.

God bless & peace,

F. Hackel

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**

Confession schedule

Beginning the weekend Sept 7 & Sept 8th

Saturday, 3:15 PM at St James

Sunday, 9:45 AM at St Mary

Or by appointment

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



Stewardship

A way of living

SJ Contributions

Total Contribution August 11, 2019

\$2,218.10 Contributions Totals

\$1,645.00 Envelopes

\$128.10 Offertory

Assumption of Mary \$20.00

We Share On-Line Contributions \$425.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$3,400.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution August 11, 2019

\$2,877.00 Contributions Totals

\$2,328.00 Envelopes

\$474.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$75.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$25.00

SJ Scrap Metal Fund Raiser Totals: \$9,362.58

SM Scrap Metal Fund Raiser Totals: \$822.48

Mission Priest If making a donation to the Mission, please make your check payable to your Parish. One check from each parish will be sent to the Diocese and then forwarded on to the Mission.

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. Our next sale will be on Aug 31st & Sep 1st.

St. James Scrip Update: \$2,070

Local: \$400. Consider purchasing your back to school supplies with SCRIP. Stop by to ask us how or call Michelle Shulfer 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.” Psalm 139:13

Our Baby is now **21 weeks**. We are in the **second trimester!** See the growth & development of our Preborn Baby during their 19th, 20th & 21st week of life. 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. In the **21st week**, if a baby is born prematurely, up to 63% survive. At this time, baby’s ears are getting better at picking up sounds. 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’!

Did you Know: Terrorists have killed 3715 Americans since 1973.

Abortionists have killed 60,942,000 Americans since 1973. (Guttmacher)

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.

The Blue Army will meet on Tuesday, August 27 at St. Mary’s at 6:00 P.M. to recite the rosary. Everyone is welcome. Questions: call Judy Kizewski 715-592-4410.

\$\$ 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**.

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.

Necessary Parenting Conversations Many parents are concerned about the future of the next generation. They want to ‘course correct’ their children when they head down the wrong path, but aren’t sure how to do so confidently. If you share this concern, we invite you to become part of a webinar series called **Necessary Conversations**. In this five-part discussion, we will study many delicate issues and develop strategies to navigate each one with this end in mind: to help our children set the right course. Register today at: twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar/. This series is brought to you by **Teaching the Way of Love**, your source for Catholic Parenting.

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.

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 schedule 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.