



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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myparishapp.com/download

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September 8, 2019 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Pat Zielinski

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday Sept 10th 8:15 AM at SJ (Deceased members of the Kirsling Family)
Wednesday Sept 11th 8:15 AM at SM (Doris Weisbord)
Thursday Sept 12th 8:15 AM at SM (Maynard Konkol)
Friday Sept 13th 8:15 AM at SJ (Barb Sternik)

Weekend Sept 14th & Sept 15th

Saturday Sept 14th 4:00 PM at SJ (Harleigh Firkus)
Sunday Sept 15th 8:30 AM at SJ (Robert E. Lea Jr.)
Sunday Sept 15th 10:30 AM at SM Parishioners of our two Parishes

Confession Schedule: St. James, Saturday 3:15 PM
St. Mary, Sunday 9:45 AM. Or 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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- Catholic Radio – Relevant Radio – 93.9 FM
- Christian Radio – The Family – 88.5 FM

Quote of the week:

If you are too busy to see God, then you are too busy!

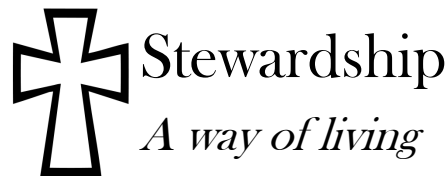
It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

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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 September 1, 2019

\$2,039.00 Contributions Totals

\$1,746.00 Envelopes

\$136.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$157.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$3,750.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution September 1, 2019

\$3,361.00 Contributions Totals

\$2,255.00 Envelopes

\$616.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$490.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$25.00

Mission Priest Collection SM -- \$991.74

Mission Priest Collection SJ -- \$419.00

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

SM Scrap Metal Fund Raiser Totals: \$857.48

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 \$5,010 in gift cards and earned \$226 for our Parish. THANK YOU to everyone who participated. Our next sale will be on September 15th. For large or special orders, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update: Total Sales: \$2,825 Local: \$375. Thanks to all who participated! Gift cards are available before and after Masses in the Gathering space. For special or larger orders call Michelle at 715-592-4477.

Parish News...

From Annunciation to Christmas – “All human life – from the moment of conception & through all subsequent stages – is sacred, because human life is created in the image & likeness of God.” **Saint John Paul II**

Our Baby is now **24 weeks**. See the growth & development of our Preborn Baby during their 22nd, 23rd & 24th week of life. In the **22nd week**, the baby is 11 ¾ inches & 1 ¼ lb. Hair is visible on head & body. In the **23rd week**, baby's wrinkled skin will begin to smooth out with more baby fat. In the **24th week**, he/she has started to inhale & exhale small amounts of amniotic fluid, which is essential for the development of his/her lungs. 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.

Did you Know:

The number of American babies killed by abortion each year is roughly equal to the number of U.S. military deaths in all U.S. wars combined.

THE ROSARY will be prayed before the 4:00 pm Mass at St. James beginning at 3:30. Please join us. If you would like to lead the rosary, please call the office & leave your name & telephone number.

Our 2019 Picnic Report is available at the entryways. Thank you to all who made our picnic a huge success.

St. James PCCW will be meeting this coming Monday **Sept. 9**, at 7 PM with Rosary at 6:45PM. All Ladies of the Parish are invited to attend. We need ideas on table decorations and what to serve at the upcoming open Deanery meeting being held at our Parish on Thursday Oct.24, 2019. We will meet in the gathering space. Hope to see you there. Thanks and Blessings - Karen Jastromski PCCW President.

SMMC & SJ Sacred Worship Committee will meet at St. James on Thursday, **September 12** at 6:30 pm. Committee members & those interested in joining are welcome.

The Blue Army will meet to recite rosary at St. Mary's on Tuesday, September 10 and Tuesday, **September 24** at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call Judy Kizewski 715-592-4410.

Attention St. James and St. Mary's altar servers On Saturday, **September 28th** we will meet for a combined server training and refresher course. Anyone interested in becoming a server will be trained and experienced servers will be refreshed on changes and the importance of what we do as servers. We will be at St. James starting at 9:00 AM and end with a potluck at about noon. If there is a funeral at St. James, we will meet at St. Mary's. Please contact Trisha Cohen or Theresa and Tim Shulfer if you would like more information or will not be able to come to this training cohen@wi-net.com tmshulfer@gmail.com.

Ahoj! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Hana Hrmova and I am a Global Outreach exchange student from Slovakia. Global outreach is a Catholic high school program which gives students from Eastern Europe the opportunity to study in the US, grow in their faith and build a community of love. The goal of the program is to form young dynamic Catholic servant leaders. I would be glad to talk with you more about my mission here. Join me after the 4pm Mass at St. James on Sept. 7 and after both Masses on Sunday, **September 8**.

Grief Support Program resumes: Members of our community are once again being offered the opportunity to participate in the healing process of Grief Share. If you are dealing with the death of a loved one, whether recent or not so recent, please join us on Tuesday evenings from **October 8 through Nov.12**. From 6:00-8:00 p.m. for 6 consecutive or Cindi (715-570-0755) with any questions or visit www.griefshare.org for more details.

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: 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.

\$\$ 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**.

Faith Formation...

CCD Class Schedule:

CCD Classes for all grade levels for both St. James and St. Mary students will begin on Wednesday, September 11th.

Grades 1 – 5 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at St. James

Grades 6 – 11 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at St. James

CCD Upcoming:

September 25th: 2nd grade parent meeting 5:00 p.m. St. James Church

September 30th & October 1st: Confirmation Interviews

October 19th: Grade 11 Confirmation Retreat

November 3rd: Confirmation 1:00 p.m. at St. Bronislava, Plover



Upcoming EVENTS

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.

SMM Rummage sale Sept 19-21 A rummage sale will be held **Sept. 19-21** at St. Mary Magdalene in the Religious Education Wing. The sale will be 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sept. 19 and 20, and 8 a.m. until noon on Sept. 21. Also on Sept. 21 will be the “bag sale”. For more information contact Carol at 715-258-2088 ext. 101.

St. Bronislava “Roast Pork Dinner” Saturday, October 5, 2019

Serving from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Proceeds support Social Concerns Grant Outreach.

Heart Threads Wednesdays, **Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23**, 6:30 - 8 PM

Ascension St. Michael's Hospital Spiritual Services will be offering grief support for anyone grieving a pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or neonatal death.

St. Joseph Parish's Holy Name Society is hosting their ninth annual pig roast **October 12, 2019**. Want to spend a night without cooking and spend some time with friends and family?

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 ftom@stanneswausau.org.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed at St. Michael's Hospital Jesus has called all disciples to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, invite the stranger in, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, and visit the sick. (Matthew 25:34-36). There is a need for volunteers to bring Holy Communion to patients at Ascension St. Michael's Hospital. Those interested in sharing the presence of Christ with patients, please contact Chaplain Bonne in Spiritual Services: 715-346-5358.

All are welcome to 'come and see' Steve Angrisano at Holy Spirit Parish's Spirit Nights September 23, 24, and 25. Join us at 6:30 each evening to hear, sing, share and rejoice! Steve will share, through story and song the messages of “Encountering Jesus”, “Responding to God's Mercy”, and “Being a Missionary Disciple. For more information email: contact@holyspiritstevenspoint.org or call 715-344-9117.

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.