



ST. JAMES  
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISHES

453 S. Main St.  
P.O. Box 280  
Amherst, WI 54406

– Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor –

Office Hours: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Tuesday—Friday

Parish Website: [sjsmmcc.weconnect.com](http://sjsmmcc.weconnect.com)

[myparishapp.com/download](http://myparishapp.com/download)

– Senior Priest, Fr. Bob Pedretti –



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## January 12th - The Baptism of the Lord

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### Parish Staff

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**Send your Ambo announcements  
into office via email by Wednesday**

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Please send your request via email by  
midnight Monday. Please refrain to a  
maximum of 100 words and in a word  
document.

### Church Councils

**Pastoral Council**

Borski, Cindi SM  
Lea, Shawn SM  
Piesik, Steve SM  
Zinda, Judy SM  
Juris, Michael SJ  
Griggs, Lauren SJ  
Kwiatkowski, Randy SJ  
Shulfer, Michelle SJ  
Spierings, Don SJ

**Finance Council**

Doll, Mark, SM  
Patoka, Gilbert SM  
Stratton, Sharon SJ  
Trzebiatowski, Sandy SJ

**Committees Chairperson Co-chairs**

**Family Life:** Laura Gould & Tiffany Ostrowski

**Sacred Worship:** Judi Marquard & Barb Groholski

**Social Concerns:** Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat &  
Pat Zielinski

**Education:** TBA

**Stewardship:** TBA

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday Jan 14th 8:15 AM at SJ Communion Service

Wednesday Jan 15th 8:15 at SM Rosary Only

Thursday Jan 16th 8:15 AM at SM Rosary Only

Friday Jan 17th 8:15 AM at SJ (Carl Repinski)

**Weekend Jan 18th & Jan 19th**

Saturday Jan 18th 4:00 PM at SJ (Irene Hintz)

Sunday Jan 19th 8:30 AM at SJ (Janet Spierings)

Sunday Jan 19th 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.

**Contacts for prayer chain** Laurie [plhintz5@gmail.com](mailto:plhintz5@gmail.com), Darlene 715-592-4443,  
Barb 715-824-3649

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and  
proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy *unborn life*." - St. John Paul II

**DID YOU KNOW....**

"Abortion Fact: The United States Supreme Court ruling of January 22, 1973, (Roe vs  
Wade and Doe vs Bolton) struck down the laws in all 50 states, allowing abortion – for  
any reason – up to the moment of live birth. The father of the child, even if he is married  
to the mother, has no legal right to prevent the abortion."

## From the Diocese of LaCrosse Chancery Newsletter

Do you know what "MouseTrapping" is? MouseTrapping is technology that predators are now utilizing to lure children into pornographic sites. How is this done? Predators purchase domain names for popular toys, games, movies, music, etc. When a child enters the website seeking information about their favorite toy, game, music, etc. they are lured into pornographic sites. These sites loop the child from one image to another making it very difficult for the child to exit out of the site.

Whenever the user tries to leave the site by closing the browser window and going to a new URL, the site that is mousetrapping will automatically open a new browser window with its URL or not allow the browser to go to a new URL. Some mousetraps will only open a limited number of new browser windows and will eventually let the user leave the site; the other mousetraps will open new browser windows ad infinitum, and the only way to get out of the trap is to press "Ctrl+Alt+Del" to end the task or reboot the computer if that fails.



## Stewardship

*A way of living*

### SJ Contributions

Total Contribution from January 5, 2020

\$3,029.00 Contributions Totals

\$1,627.00.00 Envelopes

\$242.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$637.00

Solemnity of Mary Envelopes \$523.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$7,800.00

### SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution from January 5, 2020

\$2,823.00 Contributions Totals

\$1,513.00 Envelopes

\$630.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$385.00

Solemnity of Mary Envelopes \$295.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$25.00

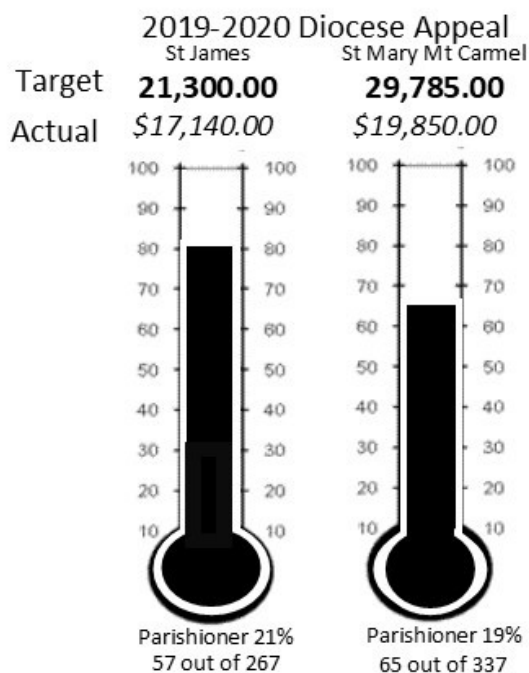
***Please discard your envelopes from 2019 if you have any left -- 2020 Contribution Envelopes are out -- St. James are in the gathering space and St. Mary's are in the back of the church.***

***If you are wishing to receive a contribution statement from your parish, please contact the office via email or phone 715-824-3455***

*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](http://sjsmcc.weshareonline.org)*

### SCRIP NEWS

SMMC Scrip Update Last weekend we sold \$4,030 in scrip cards and earned \$179 for our parish. For the calendar year of 2019, we sold \$121,550 in gift cards and earned \$5,317. Money earned is used to help pay our Catholic Schools Assessment. A BIG thank you and God bless you to all who have participated in our gift card sales! Our next sale will be on January 19th.  
thanks



## *Parish News...*

**Sunday Social** Join us at St. James for food and fellowship on Sunday, January 12 after the 8:30 AM Mass.

**PICNIC MEETING** will be held at St. Mary's on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the results of the recent survey. We encourage all Chairmen to make plans to attend this important meeting. All are welcome.

**SACRED WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held at St. James, on Saturday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m. We welcome all members of the SWC as well as anyone with a desire to help our parishioners grow in faith & love of God

**The Pastoral Council** members are elected by the parishioners to represent the parishioners. The duty of the council is to collect ideas, concerns and suggestions and bring them forward for consideration. At council meetings, reports from the Sacred Worship, Family Life, Social Concerns, and Education committees are read, discussed, and if needed suggestions offered to guide based upon parish needs and concerns. Pastoral Council members are listed in the bulletin. Reach out to them. It is important for the spiritual growth of our parishes.

## *Thank You!*

**ADORATION TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR THANK YOU SO MUCH** to all who gave of their time to be with Jesus as we ushered in the New Year. What a perfect way to close out 2019 & to ring in the New Year by spending quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, giving praise & worship to our Lord, who came into this world to save us through His death on the cross. There is no greater love than that. May our Lord send special blessings to you and your family

**FROM ANNUNCIATION TO CHRISTMAS** THANK YOU - THANK YOU for giving to young mothers in need. We had an incredible response from both parishes to 'Fill the Crib' and we know that many will be touched by your kindness. Items will be donated to First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Stevens Point who provide pregnancy & parenting support. May God bless you abundantly.

**ST JAMES PCCW** To all who helped make four family Christmases a truly blessed one, with all your prayers, your thoughts, food and gifts. The reason for the season was honored.

**Calling All Moms** Join us the First and Third Friday of each month from 9:30-11:30am at St James gathering space for Fellowship, Prayer, and Coffee. Moms and kids of all ages welcome! Questions? Contact Misty at [mistyprater@gmail.com](mailto:mistyprater@gmail.com) or 785-633-5206.

## *Diocese News...*

**Recalling Roe vs Wade** is month of Pro-Life Prayer, Action, Penance For timely events, news, links and action items, visit the Diocesan Respect Life website [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life).

**Is your marriage drifting apart?** Retrouvaille is designed to give you the tools you need to restore joy and hope to your marriage. The next retreat in our area will be February 14-16, 2020 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. "We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage ...It was wonderful." See more comments from program participants at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org). For more information, call 877-922-HOPE (4673) Fully Confidential; or go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>

**Feed My Starving Children** MobilePack Feb. 21-22, 2020 – Stevens Point Through a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event at the Stevens Point Airport, Noel Hangar, on February 21-22, 2020, our community will provide 108,000 nutritious meals for God's starving children around the world. We invite you to join us! We need 545 volunteers to pack meals and help raise \$26,000 for this MobilePack™ event. Adults and children 5 years and older will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Volunteer registration will open online in January. Event Coordinator is Michelle Shulfer: 715-346-2780, [mshulfer@uwsp.edu](mailto:mshulfer@uwsp.edu) Thank you!

**Discerning a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate?** If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, there will be a Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 4, 2020. The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate. Email [kray@diolc.org](mailto:kray@diolc.org), or call 608.791.2665.

# Faith Formation...

## CCD Class Schedule

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

## Catechist Needed:

The Faith Formation Program is looking for a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for this second semester which begins now in January. Classes are at St. James 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays. All materials are provided.

If you are interested or have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Ann Hemmy. Email address is [smsjdre.plc@gmail.com](mailto:smsjdre.plc@gmail.com) or call 715-316-7056.

## CCD Upcoming

CCD Upcoming:

January 22nd No Class

March 25th: No Class – Spring Break

April 8th: No Class – Holy Week

April 18th (Saturday): First Communion Retreat for 2nd graders at St. James

April 15th: 8th grade parent meeting 7:45 p.m. St. James Church

April 22nd: 10th grade Parent/Sponsor/Student Dinner 6:30 p.m. St. James

April 22nd: Last Class

April 26th: First Communion 8:30 a.m. St. James; 10:30 a.m. St. Mary

## *St. Paul's Biblical Center.*

LOGIN INFO HERE :

[stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)

Username

[sjsmevangelization@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmevangelization@gmail.com)

Password WeBelieve

## Upcoming EVENTS

**Ponczka Sale:** St. Mary-Torun, 5589 Dewey Drive, Stevens Point is now taking orders for their annual Ponczka Sale which will be held on Saturday, February 1. Order now to make sure you can get your tasty Ponczka! Cost is \$8.00 per dozen for unfilled and \$8.50 per dozen for prune or raspberry jelly-filled. Place your order by calling [715-344-9665](tel:715-344-9665) or [715-575-1719](tel:715-575-1719), by emailing [ponczka@toruncatholic.org](mailto:ponczka@toruncatholic.org) or online at [www.toruncatholic.org/ponczka](http://www.toruncatholic.org/ponczka). All orders can be picked up on February 1 from 3-6 p.m.

**St. Joseph Parish Christmas Light Recycling** Feeling frustrated by your strings or ball of Christmas Tree lights? Are your strings of holiday lights missing bulbs, broken or tangled? Are you tired of using the same lights? Don't throw them away! We have an easy solution for you. Bring them to the St. Joseph for recycling. The copper inside the strings can be turned in for cash. The greater the weight of the copper, the more cash the parish receives! It's an easy way to help! St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point, will be accepting lights until January 15, 2020. Place the lights in the red box in the Gathering Space. Thank you

**MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP GRAY** Saturday, February 1st, all men are invited to a retreat focusing on the theology and spirituality of the Sacred Heart devotion. Bishop Donald Hying of the Madison Diocese will be the featured speaker. Activities during the day include morning Mass with the Bishop, small group discussion, Rosary, Confession, and adoration. The Saturday retreat begins at 8:00am, and concludes by 3:30pm, and will be held at Camp Gray in Reedsburg, WI. Overnight accommodations are available. To learn more about the retreat or register, visit <https://www.baraboocatholic.org/>, or contact Becky Thompson at the St. Joseph Parish office 356-5353. The cost for is \$35 or \$40 (after 1/27/20) and includes continental breakfast and a grilled-steak lunch. Assistance is available.

**Knights of Columbus Clubhouse** - Monthly Breakfast Sunday January 26th, featuring all your favorites, including sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, home-fried red potatoes, juice, coffee and all-you-can-eat-pancakes.

**That Man is You (TMIY)** begins again Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Polonia. For more information contact Tom Glavin at 715-321-4349.

**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.