



ST. JAMES  
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISHES

453 S. Main St.  
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**– Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor –**

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

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**– Senior Priest, Fr. Bob Pedretti –**



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## December 29th 2019 - The Holy Family of Jesus

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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  
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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 Dec 31st 8:15 AM at SJ (Special Intentions for healing)

Tuesday Dec 31st 4:00 PM at SM (Special Intentions)

Wednesday Jan 1st 9:00 at SM (Anita Gosh)

Thursday Jan 2nd 8:15 AM at SM (Natalie Kaminski)

Friday Jan 3rd 8:15 AM at SJ ( Donna Dombrowski)

**Weekend Jan 4th & Jan 5th**

Saturday Jan 4th 4:00 PM at SJ (Harleigh Firkus)

Sunday Jan 5th 8:30 AM at SJ (James Kesler)

Sunday Jan 5th 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**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope” *Romans 15:13*

**DID YOU KNOW....**

“At the Annunciation, the angel told Mary she would conceive and bear a son. A woman found to be pregnant outside of marriage, at that time, would be stoned to death. Mary knew this, but was obedient to God’s will and chose life for her child.”

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you for all of your Christmas prayers and generous gifts to me.

*F. Hechel*



### **Solemnity of Mary Schedule**

Holyday of Obligation

**Dec. 31, 2019**

St. James 4:00 PM

**Jan. 1, 2020**

St. Mary 9:00 AM



## Stewardship

*A way of living*

### **SJ Contributions**

Total Contribution from December 22, 2019

\$2,226.00 Contributions Totals

\$1,476.00.00 Envelopes

\$645.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$105.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$7,800.00

Christmas Envelopes \$2,273.00

Christmas Offertory \$382.00

### **SMMC Contributions**

Total Contribution from December 22, 2019

\$7,010.00 Contributions Totals

\$3,405.00 Envelopes

\$3,470.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$135.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$25.00

Christmas Envelopes \$6,358.00

Christmas Offertory \$1,326.00

### **2020 Contribution Envelopes**

are out and ready to be picked up – St James are in the gathering space and St Mary's are in the St Joseph's room. Please remember these envelopes are for 2020 not this year.

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 [sjsmmcc.weshareonline.org](http://sjsmmcc.weshareonline.org)

### **SCRIP NEWS**

**SMMC Scrip Update** Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sales will be on January 5th. For large or special orders, please call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

**SJ SCRIP update:** Total sales: \$4,180

Local: \$600 Parish earnings: \$191.83

Thank you to all who support our parishes through this program!

## *Parish News...*

ADORATION TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR.... Have you signed up?? What a perfect way to close out the year giving thanks to God for His many blessings & to ring in the New Year with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament asking for His special blessings upon you & your family. Adoration will begin on Dec. 31 at 5:00 pm at SMMC in the St. Joseph room. We will close with Benediction on Jan. 1, just prior to the 9:00 am Mass. Sign-up sheets are available at SJ and SM. We need three people to sign up for each 1 ½ hour time slot. "We need to have someone in Adoration at all times – participants should remain with Jesus until the next shift arrives". We welcome all to come & spend quality time with our Lord. How would you answer Jesus if He asked you, "Can you not spend 1 ½ hour with me for all that I've given you?"

**Christmas Wafers, 'Oplatki'** are available at the entryways at SJ & SM. Take a Christmas wafer home to pray & share with family & friends as you come together during the Christmas season. A beautiful way to welcome Jesus into your celebration.

**FROM ANNUNCIATION TO CHRISTMAS – We have a GIRL, her name is ELIZABETH MARIE.** Thank you to all who wrote down names for our baby. Have you taken time to read last weekend's bulletin insert: "PRAYING WITH JESUS IN THE WOMB"? This is a powerful reflection of our Creator who became one of us, & how his life began in the womb of his mother, Mary. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us give praise to God for the miraculous gift of new life. To honor the birth of Jesus, let us reach out & help a young mother who chose life for her child. Items will be donated to First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Stevens Point who provide pregnancy & parenting support. A 'Client's needs list' is available at the crib display. Help us to 'Fill the Crib'. Our 'Crib' display will continue until the Epiphany where the Magi came bearing gifts for the New Born King.

**The Blue Army** will not be meeting for the months of December, January, and February. We are grateful to all those that came to pray the rosary with us. May Our Lady protect everyone until we meet in the spring. We wish all the parishioners from St. Mary's and St. James a Blessed and Joyful Christmas

**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.

**Picnic Survey** St. Mary's parishioners will be receiving a letter in the mail asking for your input on the future of our picnic. Please take a few minutes to fill this out and return it. If you do not receive it in the next week or two, or if you have any question please contact Gilbert 715-824-3612.

**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. Next meeting December 6th. We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas!

**The Social Concerns Committee** is sponsoring a non-perishable food drive. Items given will be donated to area food pantries. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please place your checks in the collection basket in an envelope marked "food drive". Checks should be made out to either St Mary

## *Diocese News...*

**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) Mt Carmel or St James. Thank you!

# 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

## CCD Upcoming

December 18th – January 1st: No Class – Christmas Break

January 8th: Classes Resumes

THANK YOU!

As we enter into the Christmas season, we would like to thank our weekly catechists for sharing their time and talent to educate our young people in the Catholic faith. Many thanks to Karen Yenter, Michelle Glodowski, Karen Stuczynski, Melanie Anderson, Judi Marquard, Theresa Shulfer, Michelle Shulfer, Hana Hrmova, Jodi Glodowski, Liz Glodowski, Maggie Trzebiatowski, Mary Stuczynski, Bill Laidlaw, James Otremba, and Cindi Borski.

With the rebuilding of the St. James basement, the catechists have been extremely accommodating – sharing classrooms, teaching in the gathering space, choir loft, and copy room. They have faced these challenges with smiles.

We are very grateful for their dedication to the ministry of teaching the youth.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

*May God grant you the light in Christmas,  
which is faith:*

*The warmth of Christmas which is love;*

*The radiance of Christmas which is Purity;*

*The righteousness of Christmas which is Justice;*

*The belief in Christmas which is truth;*

*And the ALL of Christmas which is Christ!—John  
Byrom—*

## Upcoming EVENTS

**Thurs Morning Mass** Beginning December 5, St. Stephen Parish will change the time of the Thursday morning Mass from 8:00 am to 6:30am

**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

**New Year's Eve Dinner** Knights of Columbus Clubhouse New Year's Eve Dinner, Dec. 31, with serving from 5 until 8 p.m. The menu consists of a combo plate of a 6 oz. steak, 4.5 oz. chicken Cordon Bleu and a skewer of shrimp, along with a baked potato, vegetable, roll, full salad bar, coffee and ice cream for dessert. The cost is \$18 per person including beverage and sale tax. There will be a New Year's Eve toast every hour to recognize the New Year in another part of the world. Come prepared to have a good meal at a great price and enjoy the toasting festivities. The bar will be open at 4:30 p.m., with multiple drink specials all night long chosen by our bar manager, Perry Pazdernik. There will also be a prize drawing for gifts to win at the door. See you there! – This event is open to the public

**March for Life! Chicago**, Jan. 11, 2020 Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah. See [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) for 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 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.