



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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December 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

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maximum of 100 words and in a word
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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 10th 8:15 AM at SJ (Donna Dombrowski)

Wednesday Dec 11th 8:15 AM at SM (Robert & Jean Borski)

Thursday Dec 12th 8:15 AM at SM (Henry Groshek)

Friday Dec 13th 8:15 AM at SJ (Janet Spierings)

Weekend Dec 14th & Dec 15th

Saturday Dec 14th 4:00 PM at SJ (Max & Rose Trzebiatowski and deceased family)

Sunday Dec 15th 8:30 AM at SJ Parishioners of our two parishes

Sunday Dec 15th 10:30 AM at SM (Robert & Hattie Dombrowski)

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, Darlene 715-592-4443,
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"America you are beautiful... and blessed... The ultimate test of your greatness is the
way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If
you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, de-
fend life." St. John Paul II

DID YOU KNOW....

Instruments used by an abortionist are "Weapons of Mass Destruction".

From the desk of Bishop William Callahan

Brother James Miller

Brother James Miller—born and raised in central Wisconsin, martyred in Guatemala, and living today in the Heavenly Jerusalem—will be declared “blessed” this Saturday, December 7, in Huehuetenango Guatemala.

Like all others who have been declared “blessed” by the Church, Brother James was remarkable—indeed, heroic—in sanctity. He lived, served, loved, taught, and died after the example of Jesus. Through Brother James’s own flesh and blood, Jesus became Incarnate to those whom Brother James served.

Yet, even in his holy heroism, James Miller was one like us. He was born in Stevens Point, raised on an Ellis dairy farm, and graduated from Pacelli High School. In these and many other respects, Brother James was no different from you or me.

Brother James entered the novitiate for the Christian Brothers in 1962, and eventually taught at Cretin High School in Saint Paul. In addition to teaching religion, Brother James taught English and Spanish, coached football, and worked in the maintenance of the school building. “Brother Fix-it,” in fact, became his nickname from his ability and desire to work with his hands. He is often depicted today with wrench in hand!

Brother Miller would go on to take final vows as a Christian Brother in 1969. He would serve as teacher, director, and even builder of schools, both in Nicaragua and in Guatemala, serving the poor in need of his—and Christ’s—care.

On February 13, 1982, Brother James Miller was shot multiple times and killed by three unknown gunmen. He was doing what God had made him to do. Standing on a ladder, attending to his school’s building, Brother Fix-it was restoring God’s kingdom—ordered, beautiful, and at the service of those in need—out of the rubble of a fallen, sad, and sinful world.

The ordinary ladder upon which he died, a tool of work in a mundane world, is, by God’s design, an extraordinary image of his own elevated path to heaven. In some ways, this ladder, like the wrench in his hand, signifies his own life: an ordinary boy with Wisconsin roots rises to an extraordinary man of faith in Guatemala and radiates a blessed image of Jesus from heaven.

A “beatification,” such as James Miller will receive on Saturday, is not simply another step along the road to an official declaration of “Saint.” To be declared “blessed”—which is what the ceremony of “beatification” does—is to be declared joyful, blissful, and happy. Being like Jesus makes us happy, and Brother James, in the service of Jesus to his people, was a happy, blessed man. Such is the lesson worth pondering in James Miller. Do the seemingly small things well—coach football, fix the fence, teach the children—and Jesus can radiate through you. And make you joyful.

Because Blessed James Miller was one like us, we can aspire to become one like him. In light of his beatification, reflect upon your own life: Where were you born? What are you doing today to further God’s kingdom in the ordinary life around you? How are you working for heaven? From Wisconsin to the Heavenly Jerusalem, let us live our ordinary lives in an extraordinary way.

Blessed Brother James Miller, pray for us!



Stewardship

A way of living

SJ Contributions

Total Contribution from December 1, 2019
\$3,360.75 Contributions Totals
\$2,816.00 Envelopes
\$207.75 Offertory
Thanksgiving \$100.00
We Share On-Line Contributions \$237.00
Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$4,800.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution from December 1, 2019
\$2,113.00 Contributions Totals
\$1,095.00 Envelopes
\$151.00 Offertory
Thanksgiving \$297.00
We Share On-Line Contributions \$570.00
Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$25.00

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.

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 \$4,420 in gift cards and earned \$210 for our parish. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sales will be on December 15th and January 5th. For large or special orders, please call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

SJ SCRIP Update Total sales: \$3,395, Local: \$450
The parish earned: \$171.73 Perhaps this Advent season we can spread a little more love by caring for and spending some time with those society may have forgotten. Let’s pay it forward this Christmas.

Parish News...

ADVENT PRAYER FOR SECOND WEEK

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become all that we were created to be, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Advent Material is available at the entryways at SJ & SM. Are you ready?? Let us prayerfully prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec 24, 2019

St James 4:00 PM

St Mary 6:00 PM

Dec 25, 2019

St Mary 9:00 AM

Dec 31, 2019

St James 4:00 PM

Jan 1, 2020

St Mary 9:00 AM

Advent Reconciliation

December 15, 2019 at St Mary 3:00 PM

"Ye Olde Madrigal Feast" featuring the Midwest's Merry Carolers Madrigal Troupe will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15th at St. James Church in Amherst, WI. Cocktail hour begins at 5 pm with the four course meal and interactive show beginning at 6pm This is a great way to gather with friends and family, partake in a delicious meal and experience uplifting entertainment during the holiday season. There are remaining seats available for this event for only \$40 per person Tickets may be purchased by calling 715-572-3406.

If you are volunteering to help in the kitchen or waiting tables at the Madrigal Dinner in Sunday, Dec. 15 please wear a black top and slacks and arrive by 4 pm to the dining room at St. James.

Thank you for your service!

Attention parents of children 4 thur 8 yrs of age During this Advent season we are offering Children's Liturgy of the Word to children ages 4-8 who attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Fancher. It's a wonderful way to prepare the children for the birth of Jesus. This will take place Sunday, November 24-Sunday, December 22

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

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 or 785-633-5206. Next meeting December 6th. We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas!

FROM ANNUNCIATION TO CHRISTMAS – *"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government."* Thomas Jefferson Our Baby is now 37 weeks in utero. Baby's due date is very close. Check out display to see if our baby is mature enough for the outside world. Help us name our baby. Write down a name for a baby Girl or Boy on slips of paper by display. See our Crib & Creche display as we prepare for the birth of Jesus & our baby. To honor the birth of Jesus, let us reach out & help a young mother who chose life for her child. 'Client's needs list' available at display. Items will be donated to First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Stevens Point who provide pregnancy & parenting support. "Every child is precious & loved by God

St James PCCW will be sponsoring 4 families through the bootstrap program. Items needed are listed on the board displayed in entrance. Please take a lightbulb tag. Bring back item and place in gathering space.

St. James PCCW will meet on Monday December 9, 2019 at 7PM in the Gathering Space. Rosary at 6:45PM. We will be discussing what items are still needed for the four families we have adopted this Christmas, and also setting our calendar for next year. All Ladies of the Parish are invited and encouraged to attend. Any Questions Call Karen Jastromski 715-824-2475 PCCW President.

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 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

GENESIS TO JESUS

What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell?

Come join us Saturdays after 4:00 PM Mass at St James in the gathering space to explore Genesis to Jesus together.

To log on: stpaulcenter.com

Click upper right profile icon that looks like a person's torso.

Enter:

Username: sjsmevangelization@gmail.com

Password: **WeBelieve**

Click on "Studies and Tools" bar and click on "Journey Through Scripture" then scroll down to Genesis to Jesus. Click on Play icon and/or Watch now

Upcoming EVENTS

Monday Morning Mass October through December will be celebrated at St. Stephen Parish. Mass time is 8:15 a.m.

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

Cookie Walk held at St. Peter Parish, Stevens Point on Saturday, December 14th, 8:30 til Noon (or sold out). Look for the Gingerbread Man and Mrs. Claus!! Plenty of cut-outs, holiday cookies and candy

Bake & Craft Sale - Dec. 14th & 15th St. Bronislava Parish, Plover We have baked goods and crafts available to purchase. Get what you need for the upcoming festivities! Sales will start after all Masses; Sat. 4:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am & 10:30 am. Proceeds will go to: St. Bron's Works of Charity, Interfaith Food Bank & the Pacelli Infant program.

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

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.