

Faith Formation

Schedule:

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

CCD Reminders:

Wednesday, Apr. 17th – No Class; Holy Week

Wednesday, Apr. 24th – 2019-2020 Registrations Due for returning families

Last Class for grades 1-5

Sunday, Apr. 28th – First Communion 8:30 a.m. @ St. James and 10:30 a.m. @ St. Mary

Mite Boxes

St. James and St. Mary CCD students will once again be participating in the Lenten Mite Box Program as laid out by the Diocese of La Crosse Mission Office. We are asking the students to hang on to their boxes throughout the Lenten season. On Holy Thursday students from both St. James and St. Mary are encouraged to bring their boxes to the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Mary. Prior to the Washing of Feet they will be invited to come forward with their boxes and witness the Washing of Feet up front.

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Are you a couple wanting to experience a more joy-filled marriage? Take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ. Register today at: diolc.org/marriage/domestic-church-evangelization-retreat/.

The Diocesan School of Biblical Studies Series VI (2019-2023)

A serious 4 year study of all 73 writings in the Catholic canon of scriptures. The Bible School has run successfully in the Diocese of La Crosse for 20 years. The class runs from 9 AM - 3:30 PM, one Saturday per month through the academic year. Teachers are Michael Lopez-Kaley, PhD and Fr. Mark Pierce. Tuition is \$300 to cover noon meal, stipends, & facility costs. For more information visit <https://diocesanschoolofbiblicalstudies.weebly.com/>

Pro-Life: Urge U.S. House to Allow a Vote on Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Send a message to your U.S. Representative to urge them to sign the discharge petition to allow a vote on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This law will ensure babies born alive during an abortion receive the same care and medical treatment that would be given to a child born premature. For more information and other alerts, visit website of Susan B. Anthony List (www.sba-list.org).

Reminder: Farmer Hotline for Help & Hope

Currently, there is a crisis in farming: historic low margins and high rates of suicide. There is help and hope. The Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection's Wisconsin Farm Center offers a hotline for farmers looking for advice – everything from financial to succession planning for the future. The hotline is available weekdays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-800-942-2474.

Upcoming EVENTS

Holy Thursday Vigil Knights of Columbus Council 1170

will be holding their Holy Thursday Vigil Thursday **April 18th** at St Joseph's Church (**change in location**) from 9:00-10:00 pm.

St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Ave is holding an Easter Eggstravaganza on **April 20**. The Easter egg hunt begins promptly at 12:15 p.m. and is followed by games, crafts and prizes in the Parish Family Center. Join us for the fun filled activity! We are also looking for volunteers from any parish to help out. Contact Linda Wenzl at 715-344-3906 or signup at St. Joe's in the Gathering Space.

Portesi Pizza Night – All you can eat Pizza – at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse will be held Wednesday, April 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. The price is \$6 per person and includes coffee, milk or water and sales tax. The cost for kids ages 5-11 is \$4, and free for those 4 and younger. Come, celebrate that your taxes are done for this year. Open to the public 401 W Clark St.



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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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
– Senior Priest Fr. Bob Pedretti –



April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday April 16th Chrism Mass in La Crosse/Communion Service at SJ

Wednesday April 17th 8:15 AM at SM (Julius & Regina Rzentkowski)

Holy Thursday April 18th 7:00 PM at SM (Ray & Verona and deceased family members)

Good Friday April 19th 1:00 PM at SM no intention

WEEKEND APRIL 20TH & 21ST

Holy Saturday April 20th 8:00 PM at SM (Emily Wierzbza, Living and deceased family members)

Easter Sunday April 21st 8:30 AM at SJ Parishioners of our two Parishes

Easter Sunday April 21st 10:30 AM at SM (Mary Fonti)

Confession Schedule St. James Saturday 9:00 am

St. Mary Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm — Any time 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:

Laurie - plhintz@wi-net.com, Darlene - 715-592-4443 or Barb - 715-824-3649

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.

Palm Sunday

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.

Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm @ St. Mary
There will be Adoration until 10:00 pm
Practice for servers will be at 5:00 pm
Good Friday: 1:00 pm @ St. Mary
Practice for servers will be at 11:00 am
Easter Vigil: 8:30 pm @ St. Mary
Practice for servers will be at 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. James
10:30 am @ St. Mary

The Chrism Mass: Tuesday **April 16th** at St Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. We will depart from Holy Spirit Parish Parking lot at 6 a.m. travel to the cathedral. Stops will be made for breakfast and lunch. The cost will be \$10 for the trip. Space is limited. To reserve your space go to www.poindeanery.org/chrism or leave a message at 715-303-7780



SJ Contributions
Total Contribution April 7, 2019
\$2,564.25 Total
\$1,821.00 Envelopes
\$168.25 Offertory
We Share On-Line Contributions \$575.00
Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$10,642.00

SMMC Contributions
Total Contribution April 7, 2019
\$2,641.00 Total
\$2,095.00 Envelopes
\$461.00 Offertory
We Share On-Line Contributions \$85.00
Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$575.00

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**

SCRIP NEWS

SMMC Scrip Update: SMMC Scrip Update: Last weekend we sold \$7,480 in gift cards and earned \$341 for our Parish. A big thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sale will be Easter Sunday. We will not be selling gift cards on Holy Saturday. If you need cards, and will not be at Mass on Easter Sunday, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762 to place your order. We will arrange delivery of your cards.

SJ SCRIP Update: Total sales: \$1,210, Local sales: \$750.

Parish News...

Protect Your Children: Safeguard your Home Internet access is both a blessing and a burden. That is why it has to be monitored 24/7 to ensure that the dark side of the web doesn't impact you or your children. Learn how to monitor and limit internet porn and other harmful information by texting the word 'secure' to 66866. Click the link that is sent to you and sign up for 7 practical ways to manage anyone's devices and internet access

Conversations in the Kitchen: There will be no "Conversation in the Kitchen" the Wednesday after Easter. Let us Rejoice in our Risen Lord!

From Annunciation to Christmas – March 25 was the Annunciation; where the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive, through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, & give birth to God's Son. A display to show the growth & development of a pre-born baby to coincide with Mary's pregnancy from now until Christmas can be seen at St. Mary's in the St. Joseph room & in the back of the Church. Please check out the display to see how an unborn baby develops week by week. It is amazing to see the transformation! It truly is a miracle from God!

The Blue Army will meet to recite the rosary on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 P.M. at St. Mary's. Everyone is welcome. Questions, contact Judy Kizewski @ 715-592-4410.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month begins in April. Let's keep all victims of abuse in our prayers, "May survivors of abuse experience God's profound love for them, and receive comfort and healing."

SMMC Church Picnic – Sunday, July 7th

Raffle Tickets are available in Church. Help us distribute, please take your envelope & those of family & friends. Return money & ticket stubs in collection basket at Church.

Help is Needed to fill Important Positions:
1-Lead Chairman for dinner

2-Someone familiar with Microsoft Office Programs

3-Volunteers willing to make telephone calls

4-Extra help during final week, day of & day after picnic

Praying Book Club: We are reading V. Flynn's book "The 7 Secrets of Confession". One of the big takeaways so far is the sacrament of reconciliation is about healing! Feel free to ask anyone in the club why that is. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 25th at 5:30 pm in the St. James's Gathering. All interested in reading this book or joining our discussion are welcome to join us! Contact Michelle at 715-600-4145 for more information.

As Lent continues, we are reminded of our mission to pray for those in need and of our alms-giving efforts. At the start of Lent, you hopefully took home a Rice Bowl from the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to use as a collection box. You may be wondering about this organization and its causes. For 75 years, CRS has been providing funding & compassion to the very poorest in more than 100 countries. Taken from the website www.crs.org: "Your donation to CRS will feed hungry families, provide health care and clean water, help farmers to grow better crops, protect orphans & vulnerable children, and allow for immediate response to emergencies". CRS meets all 20 of the strict Charity Standards set by charity watchdog groups that confirm the percentage of funds going directly to programs and more. 94% of the money CRS spends goes directly to programs that benefit the poor overseas.

PASSION PLAY GERMANY TRIP

An initial meeting was held to discuss a proposed parish trip to Germany for July 16-July 25 2020. There is enough interest to move forward. So enrollment is open. Details of the itinerary & cost can be found in the entrance way of both churches. Most important is that people joining our group plan to attend a meeting on **Monday, April 15** at St. James starting at 6:30 pm. This is a once-in-every ten years trip due to the performance of the Passion Play in Oberammergau. The 10-day agenda includes Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Garmisch, the German Alps, Castle Neuschwanstein, Munich & more. If you cannot attend this important meeting, please contact Cindi at 715-570-0755.

Grief Support Program resumes: Members of our community are once again being offered the opportunity to participate in the healing process of Grief Share. This will be the sixth offering of the program & our 3rd year as facilitators. A common misconception about a grief support program could be that it is mainly for widows/widowers. When in fact, this particular program addresses the struggles & needs of everyone who is tackling grief: the passing of a sibling, a parent, a child, a grandparent, a grandchild, a friend, a spouse. Another misconception might be that the program requires lots of sharing/talking. When in reality, participants may or may not choose to discuss their journeys. The 90-minute sessions include viewing a video based on various themes of grief and follow-up which often involves Bible reflections & workbook activities. If you are dealing with the death of a loved one whether recent or not so recent, please consider joining us for the initial session which takes place on **Tuesday, April 16** in a private meeting room at the Jensen Community Center in Amherst from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sessions will continue each week on **Tuesday evenings** at the same time and place **until the end of June**. Look for the weekly schedule by the Grief Share display in the back of the church. There is no cost for participants & no need to register. You may contact Shawn (715-570-5082)(715-824-2300) or Cindi (715-570-0755) with any questions or visit www.griefshare.org for more details. Together & with God's grace we can ease the pain of grief.