



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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April 21, 2019 — Easter

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday April 23 rd 8:15 AM at SJ (Sylvester & Caroline Litza)
Wednesday April 24 th 8:15 AM at SM (Robert & Jean Borski)
Thursday April 25 th 8:15 AM at SM (Harry & Alice Bushman)
Friday April 26 th 8:15 AM at SJ (Evelyn Pionkowski)

WEEKEND APRIL 27TH & 28TH

Saturday April 27 th 5:00 PM at SM (Hubert & Margaret Megal)
Sunday April 28 th 8:30 AM at SJ (Harry & Jean Firkus)
Sunday April 28 th 10:30 AM at SM Parishioners of our two Parishes

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
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Easter Prayer

Lord Jesus, this Easter, may we remember why this season is celebrated above all others.

When we see eggs and rabbits, remind us of the joy brought by all new life, both through springtime in nature, and eternal life through your resurrection.

When we see bright ribbons and colors, may we remember the joy of this season, at the conclusion of Lent.

Above all, help us remember the greatest gift of all, your conquest of death and sin, which saved all of us from eternal death and opened heaven's gates for us all.

Amen

St James & St Mary's Easter Flowers in memory of:



SJ Contributions

Total Contribution April 14, 2019

\$2,564.25 Total

\$1,620.00 Envelopes

\$187.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$205.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$10,642.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution April 14, 2019

\$3,470.00 Total

\$2,845.00 Envelopes

\$370.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$255.00

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 sjsmcc.weshareonline.org

Low Sunday 2nd Collection: is a collection taken up by PCCW members to be directed to the Diocese of LaCrosse. It's always the Sunday after Easter. Available are print outs at the entrances to explain the many places and people these monies benefit. Thank you for your generosity!

SCRIP NEWS

SMMC Scrip Update: Gift cards on sale this Sunday. Check next week's bulletin for results. Our next sale will be on May 4th and 5th. For large or special orders, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

SJ SCRIP Update: Total sales: \$2,540 earning SJ \$133.40. Local sales: \$275. Thanks to all who participated! Our next sale will be April 28th.

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!

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.

SMMC PCCW invite all parish women from St James and St Marys to attend our Stevens Point Deanery Open Assembly on **April 25th**. Registration at 6:00pm with the program at 6:30pm. A light meal will follow. We are honored to serve as hostess for this meeting and we look forward to seeing you. Dining room set will take place after the 8:15am mass on April 24. Any questions please contact Dorothy Shaver, PCCW President 715-445-4623.

GERMANY, HERE WE COME! FINAL CALL TO ATTEND THE PASSION PLAY Meetings have been held to discuss a parish trip to Germany for July 16-July 25 2020. There is now limited space for this tour, with a few open spots for singles or couples. 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, May 6** at St. James starting at 6:30 pm. This is a once in a lifetime trip due to the performance of the **Passion Play** in Oberammergau, which will not take place again until 2030. If you cannot attend, please contact Cindi at 715-570-0755.

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 to work with Parishioner lists
 - 3 - Volunteers willing to make telephone calls
 - 4 - Extra help during final week, day of & day after picnic
- If you can help, please call the office, leave your name & telephone # & a committee member will contact you.

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. Jame'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.

Sessions of the grief support program (Grief Share) will take place each Tuesday evening at the Jensen Center in Amherst starting at 6:30 p.m. They will continue until the end of June. All are welcome. Questions can be referred to Shawn (715-570-5082) or Cindi (715-570-0755).

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."

From Annunciation to Christmas – Our journey began on March 25 at the Annunciation where Mary conceived Jesus in her womb. Let us continue this journey with Mary, as we watch the incredible growth & development of a pre-born baby. Our display shows a pre-born baby during their 2nd, 3rd & 4th week of life. It is at this time that the baby's heart begins to beat with baby's own blood, often different then the mothers. The Basic structure for the entire central nervous system (brain & spinal cord) has formed. Please check out the display to see pictures & more details in the miraculous growth of a pre-born child week by week. Displays are in the St. Joseph area & in the back of Church. Each child is a precious gift from God.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES-RICE BOWL PROJECT If you have not already done so, would you consider giving a monetary donation for the humanitarian work of CRS. Filled **Rice Bowls** can still be brought to church or money can be put in an envelope with CRS Lenten Rice Bowl written outside or in the memo portion of the check. Your donation will then be posted on your church contribution statement for tax purposes. The Social Concerns Committee thanks you.

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. 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

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway!

Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins fall of 2019. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See brochure, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in June

Applications are open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick, conducting a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on weekdays when a priest is unavailable, and leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. In nursing homes or healthcare facilities, when no priest is available, they may also conduct a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. Completion of the Lay Formation Institute is a prerequisite for acceptance into the Leader of Prayer program, and candidates must be sponsored by their pastors. For complete information, visit www.diolc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

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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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS Sunday, April 28 is Divine Mercy Sunday.

In St. Faustina's Diary entry 699, Jesus said I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday shall obtain complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment.

Local Parish events:

Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia:
8:00 Mass, 9:00-3:30 Adoration, 12:30 - 3:30 Reconciliation
3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:30 Mass

St Maximilian Kolbe:

11:00 - 3:30 Adoration, 2:00 Reflection by Fr. Placid
2:30 - 3:30 Confession
3:30 Chaplet, 4:00 Benediction

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.