



# ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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## April 28, 2019 — Divine Mercy

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### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM at SJ (Regina Groshek)

Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 8:15 AM at SM (Leonard Herman)

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:15 AM at SM (Steven Borski)

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:15 AM at SJ (Evelyn Pionkowski)

### WEEKEND MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> & MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM at SM** (Harleigh Firkus)

**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM at SJ** Parishioners of our two Parishes

**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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A Happy Divine Mercy Sunday to all of you!

The Easter Celebration continues as we witness the young members of our parishes making their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion!! You can read their names under the Faith Formation column on the back of our bulletin. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders along with their parents have been awaiting this moment all year and I can say with confidence that our students are very much prepared!

Thank you to Karen S., Karen Y. and Ann Hemmy for preparing these young minds and hearts for such a beautiful Sacrament. Above all, thank you to all our parents for choosing Baptism and our Catholic Faith for their children and most recently Confession and now this weekend the Holy Eucharist! May our children and their families continually hunger for the Word made Flesh in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Another congratulatory word to our RCIA Candidates who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil!! We pray for Liz, Dale & James as they give thanks to God for leading them to the Catholic Faith. May they live out their newfound love for God and the Church they have joined and forever praise God by their words and the way they live in the world!

#### **PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below.

On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."

#### **SJ Contributions**

**Total Contribution April 18-21, 2019**

**\$3,148.01 Holy Week Contributions Totals**

**\$220.00 Holy Thursday Envelopes**

**\$330.00 Good Friday Holy Land Collection Envelopes only**

**\$2,289.00 Envelopes Easter Weekend**

**\$424.01 Offertory Easter Weekend**

**We Share On-Line Contributions \$215.00**

**Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$10,642.00**

#### **SMMC Contributions**

**Total Contribution April 18-21, 2019**

**\$5,763.66 Holy Week Contributions Totals to St Mary**

**\$260.00 Holy Thursday Envelopes**

**\$269.66.00 Offertory Holy Thursday**

**\$1,024.00 Good Friday Holy Land Collection Envelopes and Cash**

**3,749.00 Envelopes Easter Weekend**

**\$1,380.00 Offertory Easter Weekend**

**We Share On-Line Contributions \$105.00**

**Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$1,075.00**

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

#### ***SCRIP NEWS***

**SMMC Scrip Update:** Last weekend we sold \$2,665 in gift cards and earned \$119 for our Parish. Thank you to all who participated! Our next sale will be on May 4th and 5th.

**St. James Scrip Update:** Mother's day is just around the corner. Special order a gift certificate to The Wellness Spa (10%), Tiarah Day Spa (11%), Village Garden's (5%), Shulfer's Garden Center (5%), Michele's Restaurant (5%), or pick up her favorite from Ski's Meat Market (5%) and spend quality time as you prepare a meal together. Stop by in the Gathering space or call Michelle at 715-592-4477 to place an order.

# 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

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

**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.

**The St. Mary of Mt. Carmel** PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW) needs ladies from our parish to step into leadership positions. We are in need of persons to hold the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider this service to your parish. If interested, please contact Dorothy Shaver 715 445-4623 or Janice Sopa 715 824-5622.

## **SMMC Church Picnic – Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

**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** – It has been over a month since Mary conceived Jesus in her womb at the Annunciation. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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. In the 5<sup>th</sup> week, little hands & feet are emerging from the developing arms & legs. 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.

**Just in time for Mother's Day!** RADA KNIFE CLEARANCE SALE. Our last sale will be Sat. May 4 and Sun. May 5th. There is still a good selection.

**St. James** is looking for people like you to that are interested in assisting Father Hackel at the altar during Mass. We are inviting families to go through server training together if younger kids do not want to do it alone. At training, we go over the essentials for serving at Mass and practice what to do at the different parts of Mass. We have a brand-new video that can be watched at home before serving for Sunday Mass to refresh your memory from our training session.

Once a new server is trained, we will put them on the schedule with other more experienced servers. This will help them continue to learn and ensure they are not as nervous. When the servers feel they have a good grasp of serving, they can serve with friends or by themselves, whatever they are comfortable with.

If you are interested in serving or have questions, please contact Theresa and Tim Shulfer at 715-592-4477.



## Faith Formation

Congratulations to our First Communicants for both St. James and St. Mary Parishes as they receive our Lord for the first time this Sunday, April 28th in Holy Communion.



Thank you to Karen Stuczynski and the parents of the students for their work in preparing the students for this very special day.

	<b>Braeden Chandler</b>
<b>Elsie Berdan</b>	<b>Katherine Gould</b>
<b>Trent Glodowski</b>	<b>Ian Griggs</b>
<b>Owen Gregorich</b>	
	<b>Emerald Larsen</b>
<b>Maycee Herek</b>	<b>Ezekiel Prater</b>
<b>Madilyn Modrzewski</b>	<b>Matthew Wachowiak</b>
<b>McKenna Stremkowski</b>	
<b>Will Wiesman</b>	

## DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE NEWS



### 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.dioclc.org/ministries](http://www.dioclc.org/ministries) and click on "Leader of Prayer."

## DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE NEWS CONTINUED



**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](http://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

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:	St Maximilian Kolbe:
8:00 Mass	11:00 - 3:30 Adoration
9:00-3:30 Adoration	2:00 Reflection by Fr. Placid
12:30 - 3:30 Reconciliation	2:30 - 3:30 Confession
3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:30 Chaplet
3:30 Mass	4:00 Benediction

**St Bronislava. Plover** Sunday, **May 5th**, Serving 8:30 a.m.- Noon. The Holy Name Society will hold final all-you-can-eat monthly breakfast until next Fall. Menu includes buttermilk pancakes, potato pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is \$7:00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12, and free for ages 4 and under.

**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.