

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
Grades 6 – 11 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at St. James

CCD Reminders:

Wednesday, Apr. 10th – Gr. 10 Parent/Sponsor/Student Dinner 6:30 p.m. @ St. James

Grades 6-10 Only Last Class

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.

Lenten Children's Liturgy of the Word

Beginning the first Sunday in Lent, through Palm Sunday, **April 14th** children ages 4 to 7 are invited to participate in the Lenten Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. James and St. Mary. Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place during the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. James and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary. The children do not have to be signed up or attend from week one to participate.

The children will listen to the Lenten gospel readings which have been adapted to their level. They will also do a weekly activity. This activity is sponsored by member of the parish 4 Committees.

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/>

Upcoming EVENTS

40 Days for Life. Do Something Special for Lent: Join others this year for the 40 Days for Life campaign in St. Point. It is a world-wide initiative to create public awareness to help end abortion. **March 6th-April 14th** begins one-hour prayer vigil shift Mon-Fri, 7AM-7PM at the north side of St. Point on the public sidewalk at 200 Division St. For more details <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/stevens-point>.

Lenten Confessions at Franciscans Downtown: Fr. Placid Stroik, OFM is available for confessions: **April 11**, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fish Frys: St. Adalbert Parish, 3305 St. Adalbert Road, Rosholt, Annual Fish Frys will go every Frid through **April 12**; serving from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

40 Days for Life Update Did you miss participating in the 40 Days for Life vigil due to work or school? No problem! **We will have a special children's and working person's opportunity**, in conjunction with the closing rally, on Sat, **April 13th** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the vigil site, 200 Division St between 6th Ave and Maria Drive. Any questions, call Jim 715 544-0447 or Gary 715 321-2283.

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.



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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P.O. Box 280

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– 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 7, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Please refrain to a maximum of 50 words and in a word document.

Church Councils

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Stratton, Sharon SJ

Trzebiatowski, Sandy SJ

Committees Chairperson

Family Life

Sacred Worship

Education

Social Concerns

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday April 9th 8:15 AM at SJ (Harleigh Firkus)

Wednesday April 10th 8:15 AM at SM (Leonard Herman)

Thursday April 11th 8:15 AM at SM (All Souls Day)

Friday April 12th 8:15 AM at SJ (Donald & Charlene Krabbe)

Weekend APRIL 13TH & 14TH

Saturday April 13th 5:00 PM at SM (Stanley & Marcia Turzinski)

Sunday April 14th 8:30 AM at SJ (Harleigh Firkus)

Sunday April 14th 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 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.

Dear Parishioners,

As winter gives way and the snow recedes from the landscape we too long for new spring in our parishes. Throughout this past year both Pastoral Councils have been discussing the implementation of the four Committees (Family Life, Sacred Worship, Education & Social Concerns) in our parishes. One may ask, "Where did the Committees come from?" Back in the mid-1980's, then Bishop John Paul, in conversation with the presbyterate and lay faithful of the diocese the "On Consultation in the Parish and the Deanery" document was promulgated throughout the diocese. If you wish to read the document a digital version can be accessed through the diocesan website. Here is the link: <https://diolc.org/files/On%20Consultation%20in%20the%20Parish%20and%20Deanery.pdf>

I would like to share with you the paragraph on page 22-23:

It is suggested that the following be the permanent committees of the parish pastoral council: the Agenda Committee, the Family Life Committee, the Sacred Worship Committee, the Catholic Education Committee, and the Social Justice Committee...

As stated above, the main four Committees are an extension of the Pastoral Councils. Parish vibrancy, the level of life in a parish and its people, can be measured by the extent that these committees are utilized and embraced.

In this new springtime, it is my hope that our parishes will assist the Pastoral Councils in their goal to implement the four committees in our parishes. It is my hope that all will embrace the idea of the four committee model and live out the mission of all parishes in service of God and His Church.

Peace! Fr. Hackel

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 March 31, 2019

\$1,644.00 Total

\$1,026.00 Envelopes

\$201.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions

\$417.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$10,642.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution March 31, 2019

\$3,872.00 Total

\$3,322.00 Envelopes

\$390.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions

\$160.00

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: Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for results. For large or special orders, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

SJ SCRIP Update: Check back next week for an update.

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: Looking for the Lenten Soup Suppers? We have an alternative this year. Whether you've reached a turning point in your life, you find yourself hungry to learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ, or you are just curious, this is for you! Join us for conversations in the kitchen to encounter Jesus through the Gospel of John. One hour sessions will be held on Wed through lent in the St. James kitchen at 4 pm and 6:30 pm. Please join us!

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!

St James PCCW will meet on Monday **April 8**, 2019 in the Gathering space at 7 P.M. Rosary at 6:45 P.M. We will be finalizing plans for the Graduation gathering and Girls Night out, and any other activities you want to have. Hope you can join us. All Ladies of the Parish are Welcome to attend. Your Input is important to us. Any questions call Karen Jastromski at 715-824-2475.

SMMC ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, July 7th We need your HELP -- As we move forward with this year's Picnic, we are in need of volunteers to fill important positions. Would you be willing to help out in the following areas?
Lead Chairman for the dinner – work with hired cooks to order & prepare food. **Need someone familiar with Microsoft Office Programs** – update list of parishioners with job assignment & donation for dinner. **Need someone familiar with Microsoft Office Programs** – transfer info from parishioner list to postcards **Volunteers willing to make telephone calls** reminding folks of their job assignment. **Help with clean up on Monday** – need many more volunteers for this

NEXT PICNIC MTG WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 8TH AT 6:00 PM.
All Chairmen are asked to attend in preparation for this year's picnic. All parishioners are welcome. Do you have suggestions or would you like to get more involved – Please attend this meeting. We Thank all those who attended our last meeting bringing great ideas & suggestions for future picnics. At our Post Picnic meeting to be held on July 15, we will discuss these suggestions at length & make decisions on how we will move forward in the future.

The Stevens Point Deanery Open Assembly meeting will be held at St Mary of Mt Carmel Parish. Mark your calendar! Thur, **April 25th** Registration at 6:00pm, program at 6:30pm. All ladies from our parish and the parishes in our Deanery are invited. As we make plans for our centerpieces, we need 8 X 11 photo frames and tall thin bud vases. If you have either frames or vases to donate, drop them off at church in the St Joseph's room or call Dorothy Shaver 715-445-4623 for pick up. Need by **April 10th**.

Praying Book Club Our Lenten read is "7 Secrets of Confession" by Vinny Flynn. If interested in joining us for discussion, contact Michelle at 715-592-4477.

Adoration: Need a break from the busyness of life? Come to the fountain of peace, Christ Jesus present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be held on Sun evenings through Palm Sunday 6-7 pm at St. James (no adoration on March 31st).

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.

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.

Has a trip to Germany been on your "bucket list"? Did you know that an extraordinary event takes place only one year/season every decade in the village of Oberammergau, S. Germany? It's the infamous Passion Play depicting the life and death of Jesus. Because 2020 is the year of the event, we are offering a parish trip to interested parishioners. It's imperative that we reserve spots soon if we want to participate in this once in a decade event. Curious? Interested? Plan to join us for an informational meeting on TUESDAY, **APRIL 15** at St. James beginning at 6:30 p.m. You will learn about the 9-day agenda which includes Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Munich & more, the July 2020 dates for the trip, the cost & accommodations. A bonus is that a German-speaking group leader with 30 years of travel experience will coordinate this parish trip. If truly interested, but unable to attend this important first meeting, please contact Cindi at 715-570-0755.