



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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May 12, 2019 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Family Life
Sacred Worship
Education
Social Concerns

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday May 14th 8:15 AM at SJ (Ray & Veronia Groholski)
Wednesday May 15th 8:15 AM at SM (All Souls Day)
Thursday May 16th 8:15 AM at SM (Sylvester & Caroline Litza)
Friday May 17th 8:15 AM at SJ (Mary Fonti)

WEEKEND MAY 18TH & MAY 19TH

Saturday May 18th 5:00 PM at SM (Harleigh Firkus)
Sunday May 19th 8:30 AM at SJ Parishioners of our two Parishes
Sunday May 19th 10:30 AM at SM (Dorothy Groshek)

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 re-
quest confidential, names are included only if you so desire.

Contact:

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

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen
to entrust
the human person to mothers in a
special way.
We thank and praise you for the
gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and
compassion,
for their intuition and
encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh
them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-
hearted
love and gratitude.

Amen.



SJ Contributions

Total Contribution May 5, 2019
\$2,778.48 Contributions Totals
\$1,708.00 Envelopes
\$163.48 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$907.00
Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$10,642.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution May 5, 2019
\$2,426.21 Contributions Totals
\$1,870.00 Envelopes
\$366.21 Offertory
We Share On-Line Contributions \$190.00
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

SCRIP NEWS

SMMC Scrip Update: The weekend of May 5th, we sold \$4,820 in gift cards and earned \$198 for our parish. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sale will be on May 18th and 19th. For large or special orders, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update: Total sales: \$1,800 Local: \$50. Happy Mother's Day!

Parish News...

Coffee & Donut Social – Sunday, May 12th

Join us on Sunday **May 12th**, after the St. James 8:30 Mass, for our monthly coffee and donut social in the St. James Gathering Space. This is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat with Mom on Mother's Day. All are welcome!

The Blue Army Group will meet at St. Mary's to recite the rosary on Tuesday, **May 21** at 6:00 P.M. Please join us to honor Mary during the month of May. Questions, call Judy Kizewski at 715-592-4410

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.

Sacred Worship: Music ministry. Amherst's Got Talent! It doesn't matter if you are 10, 50 or 70. If you have a musical ability there is no better way to glorify God than by using the gifts He gave you. Interested in singing but don't want to sing alone? We'll make sure you sing with another. Play an instrument? We could use you too! Contact Michelle at 715-592-4477 if interested in music ministry.

St. James PCCW will be honoring our High School Graduates on Sunday May 19, 2019 after the 8:30 Mass in the Gathering Space. Everyone is invited to come and dine with us and to congratulate our Seniors. We will be serving a light Brunch with Cake.

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).

From Annunciation to Christmas – Our Baby is now 7 weeks. Please check out our display which shows the amazing growth & development of our pre-born baby during their 5th, 6th & 7th week of life. In the 5th week, little hands & feet are emerging from the developing arms & legs. In the 6th week, our baby turns away if touched near mouth. Brain waves are detectable. In the 7th week, our baby can kick, swim & have hiccups. Displays are in the St. Joseph area & in the back of Church & there you will see pictures of the actual preborn baby growing week by week. God's perfect design for each & every child. "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart". Jeremiah 1:5. Info regarding the 'Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act' are available at each display. Contact your U.S. representative, urging them to sign the discharge petition to allow a vote to protect a baby born alive during an abortion. You may also visit the website: www.sba-list.org

SMC Church Picnic – Sunday, July 7th

Next Picnic Meeting will be held on:

Monday, May 20 at 6:00 pm. We encourage all Chairmen to attend this important meeting. All parishioners are welcome to come & be a part of the planning & prep work for our big event.

Flyers to Advertise our Picnic: Please take flyers, available at the entryways, & distribute to area businesses.

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.

Prizes needed: Cherry Tree needs prizes for adults – Baskets & Silent Auction need a variety of prizes – Children's games need New toys for children such as bubbles, books, school supplies, small toys, coloring books or any larger New items suitable for children. Please leave items in the St. Joseph room. Thank you for your support!

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.

St. Mary's is looking for some new servers. Children 3rd grade and older and adults that are interested in helping serve at the mass are all welcome to join. We will be holding a training session soon so please contact us if you are interested. Trish Cohen cohen@wi-net.com

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.



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 pre-pared 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.dioc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

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

St. Adalbert & St. Mary-Torun would like to invite the youth of your parish to a few exciting opportunities VBS

Children ages 4 through 11 are invited to join us **June 17-21, 2019** at St. Adalbert School as we share our faith through activity, song, and fellowship. Registration information can be accessed at www.roshotlcatholic.org/vbs or by calling 715-344-2599.

Steubenville teens currently in grades 8-12 are welcome to join us **July 26 through 28** as we head to Steubenville in St. Paul, MN. The ministry team for this exciting weekend includes Chris Mueller, Jackie Francois Angel, Jimmy Mitchell, Paul George, Sonar, & Fr. Agustino Torres. The cost will be \$215 which includes meals & lodging while at the conference and well as the cost of the bus. For more information call 715-344-2599 or email parish@roshotlcatholic.org.

Director of Youth Ministries for St. Joseph/St. Stephen/St. Peter Parishes, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Seeking an individual to work full time with youth for a combined ministry position beginning July 1, 2019. The successful candidate will be responsible for planning, developing and implementing catechetical, sacramental preparation, relational and service programs for middle and high school teens. Applicants should enjoy working with youth and must be organized, self-motivated, and proficient in computer and communications skills. Work nights and weekends are balanced with regular agreed upon office hours. Certification or experience in Catholic youth ministry preferred. Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Religious Studies/Theology or Education are a plus. For more information, contact Renee Schneeberg, St. Joseph Parish Office, 1709 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-1617 x101. Submit résumé and cover letter to rschneeberg@stjoespoint.org by May 28, 2019.

Saint Bronislava Parish, Plover has an immediate opening for a full time Administrative Assistant who is responsible for providing administrative support to the pastor and works in conjunction with other parish staff and volunteers. Applicants must possess strong organizational and computer skills. Proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher is required and working knowledge of social media platforms is desirable. Prior office experience and knowledge of the Catholic Faith is helpful. Interested persons should send an application or letter of interest stating experience to:

Business Office
St. Bronislava Parish
P.O. Box 158
Plover, WI 54467
Email: businessoffice@stbrons.com

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.