



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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May 19, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Please refrain to a maximum of 100 words and in a word document.

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Family Life

Sacred Worship

Education

Social Concerns

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday May 21st No Mass at SJ Due to Paul Tautge's Funeral

Wednesday May 22nd 8th 8:15 AM at SM (Hubert & Margaret Megal)

Thursday May 23rd 8:15 AM at SM (Harry & Alice Bushman)

Friday May 24th 8:15 AM at SJ (Special Intentions)

WEEKEND MAY 25TH & MAY 26TH

Saturday May 25th 5:00 PM at SM (Florian Wojciehoski)

Sunday May 26th 8:30 AM at SJ (Sylvester & Caroline Litza)

Sunday May 26th 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:

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"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



Banns of Marriage

Elizabeth Stuczynski & Peter Parry

Lindsey Makuski & Lucas Esser

Ashley Herek & Tony Kettenbeil

Brooke Trzebiatowski & Elliot Brook



SJ Contributions

Total Contribution May 12, 2019

\$1,732.00 Contributions Totals

\$1,388.00 Envelopes

\$269.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$75.00

Rose Sale/Right to Life Donations \$150.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$10,642.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution May 12, 2019

\$4,198.25 Contributions Totals

\$2,845.00 Envelopes

\$278.25 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$1,075.00

Rose Sale/Right to Life Donations \$282.00

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: 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: Total sales: \$1,020. Local: \$150. Thanks to all who participated!



DAA Reminder: the end of the **Diocesan Annual Appeal** year is 6/30/19. All payments must be received and deposited in the Diocesan office by **6/30/2018**. Any payments received after 6/30/19 will be applied toward next year's appeal. Please remember to send your payments directly to: Diocese of La Crosse, Attn: Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

Parish News...

All Parish Offices will be closed Monday, May 27th in observation of Memorial Day.

The Blue Army Rosary group will meet to recite the rosary on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 P.M. at St. Mary's. 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.

SMMC CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, July 7th

Picnic Meeting: 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 - Volunteers willing to make telephone calls
 - 3 - 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).

From Annunciation to Christmas – Our Baby is now 8 weeks. Please check out our display which shows the amazing growth & development of our Preborn Baby during their 6th, 7th & 8th week of life. 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. In the 8th week, our baby can begin to hear. Electrocardiogram (EKG) resembles adult pattern. View pictures of an actual preborn baby growing week by week in our displays located in the St. Joseph area & in the back of Church. See 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

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 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.

\$\$ Scrap Metal for Cash \$\$

SPRING CLEAN UP/ RECYCLE SCRAP FOR

CASH All items, metal, automotive only batteries, & electrical wiring, appliances Can be dropped off at **8619 CTY RD B in Amherst WI.** All proceeds after sale being designated to St Mary or St James. Place in between the concrete retaining barriers. For help with heavy or large objects, or to schedule a **FREE** vehicle pick up please call **715-347-5295.**

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 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 go to www.dioclc.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 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.

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 in 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 dioclc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@dioclc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

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.roshotcatholic.org/vbs.

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.

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.