



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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June 2, 2019 – Ascension Sunday

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday June 4th 8:15 AM at SJ (Hubert & Margaret Megal)
Wednesday June 5th 8:15 AM at SM (Leonard Herman)
Thursday June 6th 8:15 AM at SM (Harry & Alice Bushman)
Friday June 7th 8:15 AM at SJ (Evelyn Pionkowski)

WEEKEND JUNE 8TH & JUNE 9TH

Saturday June 8th 5:00 PM at SM (Richard Miller)
Sunday June 9th 8:30 AM at SJ (Jim Domaszek & Arlene Domaszek-Koehl)
Sunday June 9th 10:30 AM at SM SJ 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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The Ascension of the Lord

What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before he ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you...clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they need to move. "He...raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfillment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before he ascends into heaven. Finally, "They...returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and his growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained them. Jesus trusted them to act in his name. They could trust him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!

Banns of Marriage



Elizabeth Stuczynski & Peter Parry
Lindsey Makuski & Lucas Esser
Ashley Herek & Tony Kettenbeil
Brooke Trzebiatowski & Elliot Bunker



SJ Contributions

Total Contribution May 26, 2019
\$1,482.86 Contributions Totals
\$1,223.00 Envelopes
\$184.86 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$75.00
Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$10,642.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution May 26, 2019
\$2,739.00 Contributions Totals
\$2,352.00 Envelopes
\$312.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$75.00
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

sjmmcc.weshareonline.org

SCRIP NEWS

SMMC Scrip Update: Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for results. Our next sale will be June 15th and 16th. For large or special orders, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762

St. James Scrip Update: Total sales: \$1,715 Local: \$75. Every year we've increased our earnings since we began the gift card program in Dec., 2015. We have one month left until the end of the fiscal year. Let's make this the best year! Father's day is just around the corner. Can you smell the grilling of steaks and ribs already? Mmm Mm!



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...

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.

Training for New & Current Lectors & EMHC will be held this weekend following each Mass. Training is for both St. Mary's & St. James. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please call the parish office or join us on June 1st or 2nd after Mass.

Achtung! Travellers registered for the 2020 trip to Germany. We'll meet Monday, June 10 at St. James at 6:30 pm for German lessons to learn functional phrases for restaurants & getting acquainted activities. Wie spassig!

SMMC Church Picnic – Sunday, July 7th

Picnic Meeting: Monday, June 17 at 6:00 pm.

This will be our final meeting before our big event. We ask all Chairmen to attend this important meeting. All parishioners are welcome. To have a successful picnic we need everyone's help. Please mark your calendar.

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.

From Annunciation to Christmas Our Baby is now 9 weeks. Please check out our display which shows the amazing growth & development of our Preborn Baby during their 7th, 8th & 9th week of life. 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. In our baby's 9th week, he/she may begin to suck their thumb. 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 the miracle of God's precious gift growing in utero. "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 or adults that are interested in helping serve at Mass are all welcome to join. We will be holding a training session soon contact us if 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 interested in serving, 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**.

CCD Registration

Returning Families

St. James and St. Mary CCD families: Registration packets for the upcoming CCD year were sent home with your student in April. If you have not submitted your family's registration form for the upcoming CCD year, please do so as soon as possible. If your packet has been misplaced, please email Ann Hemmy sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com and a new packet will be emailed to you.

Please send your registration along with your fee to: Catholic Central Office, P.O. Box 280, Amherst, WI 54406

New Families

Please pick up a new family packet from Central Office, 453 S. Main St., Amherst or email Ann Hemmy sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com and a packet will be emailed to you.

Catechist Needed:

We are already in the planning stage for the 2019-2020 St. James/St. Mary CCD program. Your assistance is needed in the planning. We have a need for volunteers to teach **grade 3**.

We need parents as catechists to ensure that your child is on the path for Confirmation. Many thanks go out to those parents that stepped up last year to ensure that their child was on schedule for Confirmation.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me. My email address is smsjdre.plc@gmail.com or call 715-316-7056.

Members of both St. James and St. Mary parishes have always generously given their time and talent to assist with the Faith Formation program. My prayer is that once again you will answer this important call to help in the faith formation of our young people as they are the future leaders of our church.

God Bless, Ann Hemmy, DRE

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.dioclc.org. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@dioclc.org

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 - 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.

Director of Youth Ministries for St. Joseph/ St. Stephen/St. Peter Parishes, St. 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, St. Point, WI 54481, 715-341-1617 x101. Submit résumé and cover letter to rschneeberg@stjoespoint.org by May 28, 2019.

Steubenville teens currently in grades 8-12 are welcome to join us **July 26 - 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. Cost \$215 includes meals & lodging while at the conference and well as the cost of the bus. For information call 715-344-2599.

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

St. Stephen Parish Family Fest: June 16.

All are invited to join the fun from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mass with polka music starts at 10:00 a.m. Listen to the music of Rich Raclawski and the Keepers of the Honky beginning at 11:00 a.m. Activities include Silent Auctions, Cash Raffle, Basket Raffles, Pull Tabs, Bake Sale, Kid's Games, Cherry Tree, and of course, great fun! Don't miss the fun. All activities will be held in the school building this year.

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.