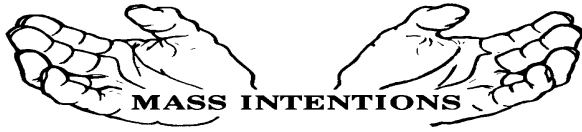




St. James & St. Mary Mt. Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Jan 16th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Freda Herman)

Wednesday Jan 17th 8:15 AM at SM

(Thomas P. Ehr)

Thursday Jan 18th 8:15 AM at SM

(Brian Groholski)

Friday Jan 19th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Mary & Kurt Henning)

Weekend Jan 20th & Jan 21st

Saturday Jan 20th 5:00 PM at SM

(Regina Maves)

Sunday Jan 21st 8:30 AM at SJ

(Parishioners of our two Parishes)

Sunday Jan 21st 10:30 AM at SM

(Fred Shulfer)

Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor

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Confession Schedule

St. James Saturday 9:00 am

St. Mary Saturday 4-4:45 pm

Any time by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

St. James, after Mass on first Fridays of the month.

St. Mary, Saturday following first Fridays 4pm-5pm and

every third Sunday 6pm-7pm of the month.

WINTER WEATHER:

In the case of inclement weather.....



There will be no morning Mass

There will be no money counting on

Tues if the public school cancels.

CCD classes will not take place.

Please, check your Parish App for all updates. Stay Safe!



Pastoral Council

Borski, Cindi SM

Griggs, Lauren SJ

Juris, Michael SJ

Kwiatkowski, Randy SJ

Lea, Shawn SM

Lorsung, Pat SJ

Piesik, Steve SM

Prater, Jacob SJ

Shulfer, Michelle SJ

Spierings, Don SJ

Zinda, Judy SM

Finance Council

Patoka, Gilbert SM

Stratton, Sharon SJ

Stuczynski, Dave SM

Trzebiatowski, Sandy SJ

January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyday Stewardship

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

-Tracy Earl Welliver,

Sesquicentennial Anniversary books!!

They have arrived!! These books are given to each family as a gift from your parish...the book costs the parish \$33. A donation will gladly be accepted. Make your check out to your respective parish!



SJ Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions January 7, 2017

\$1,845.50 Total

\$1,269.00 Envelopes

\$96.50 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$480.00

SMMC Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions January 7, 2017

\$1,670.75 Total

\$1,231.00 Envelopes

\$359.75 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$80.00

DAA Tax Statements:

2017 Tax Statements will be going to the printers at the end of this week. This will give us plenty of time to meet the January 31, 2018, mailing deadline. We expect that the Tax Statements will be in homes before the January 31 date.

SCRIP NEWS

St. James SCRIP Update:

Total sales: \$1,360

Local: \$ 350

Total earned: \$60.43

St. Mary SCRIP Update:

Last weekend we sold \$6,010 in gift cards and made \$259 for our Parish. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sale will be On January 20th & 21st. For special or large orders, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

Parish News:

Employment:

St. James Parish is currently seeking a person to clean St. James Church, gathering area, bathrooms, and kitchen and, also shovel the walkways during the winter months. The job involves emptying trash, disinfecting bathrooms, vacuuming rugs, dusting, and mopping floors, shoveling and salting the sidewalks. Hours may vary. If interested, please pick up an application from Central Office, 453 S. Main St., Amherst. You must 21 years or older to apply.

Altar Server training session

Wednesday, **Jan 17** at 5 pm. Please contact Theresa Shulfer 715-592-4477 if you are interested in becoming a server. Anyone in 4th grade or older is welcome to join us. Current Altar Servers please watch the bulletin for an upcoming refresher training session in February.

Music Ministry

Have you been known to sing out in the car to and from work? Have you ever played an instrument? Are you looking to get involved in our community? We could use your gifts to praise our Lord. Please contact Michelle Shulfer at 715-600-4145.

SMMC PCCW Thank you to all who have supported our recent RADA Cutlery sale. We hope you are enjoying these amazing products. We will be selling again in the St Joseph's room before and after masses on Janu 27 and 28, Feb 24 and 25 and March 17 and 18. If you would like to place an order before those dates, please call Kathy Somers 715-824-3770.

2018 Contribution envelopes are now available in the gathering space at St James and on the tables in back of St Mary. Please remember as of **December 31, 2017, you need to discard all unused envelopes from 2017**. Thank you for all your past support, your generosity is what helps keep our parishes alive and thriving.

Volunteers Needed: St James is still in need of a couple more volunteer money counters. It takes about a hour on Tuesday morning following the 8:15 am Mass. Please consider taking a turn and helping the parish out. Coffee and dessert are provided. Please call the office at 715-824-3455 to volunteer.

The Blue Army will meet to recite the rosary on Thurs, Jan 18 at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's. If it is below zero or snowing, it will be cancelled. For questions, contact Judy Kizewski at 715-592-4410. Everyone is welcome.

Grief Share Along with the winter cold and snowy, icy roads comes time to take a recess from offering Grief Share sessions. We concluded the 12 week series. The program will take place again in spring. New and former participants should look for details about time, dates, and location later this winter in the church bulletin. If you have or someone you know has a need for support, contact Shawn at 715-824-2300.



You Can Heal Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. They may not know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This non-profit program has spread world-wide bringing forgiveness and renewed love and trust in marriages. For more information or to register for the upcoming program in Central Wisconsin beginning with a weekend on February 9-11, 2018, call 1-877- 922-HOPE (4673), or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com Fully confidential!

Prayer Chain contact for SJ:

Darlene Jakusz
715-592-4443

Cards of Love Contact:

Sandy Konkol
715-498-9942

Communion for the sick, elderly & homebound contact:

Mary Jane Jastromski 715-824-5640

Prayer Chain contact for SM:

Barb Groholski 715-824-3649

Laurie Hintz - plhintz@wi-net.com

Communion for those unable to attend Mass contact:

Jim or Deb Sniadajewski @ 715-824-6747



Adult & Children Faith Formation

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

Grades 9 – 11 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **at the Jensen Center**

Adult Faith Formation Study:

The Adult Faith Formation study will resume on Mondays at 6:30 at St James.

Come join us.



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Upcoming EVENTS

CARD PARITES: St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Custer, will host 11 Card Parties, Jan 14th-March 25th, at 1:00 pm in our parish hall. Pinochle, Sheepshead or Smear, cash prizes to winners. \$8.00 donation at the door. Lunch Served. All are welcome.

Ponczka Sale:

St. Mary-Torun, St. Point is now taking orders for their annual Ponczka Sale which is on Sat, **Jan 20**. Cost is \$7.50 per dozen for unfilled, \$8.00 per dozen for prune or raspberry jelly filled. Place your order by calling [715-344-9665](tel:715-344-9665). All orders can be picked up on January 20 after 3 p.m.

Central Wisconsin Master Chorale: Calling all singers! The Master Chorale welcomes all singing talents and abilities. Beginning **Jan. 21**, practices resume at St. Paul Lutheran for the spring concert featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria". Text Carrie Gruman-Trinkner for more info at [920-750-9587](tel:920-750-9587).

The JPil Young Adult Group of Portage County

will not be meeting on January 8. Our meetings will resume in the new year on **January 22** at 7:15 in the Joseph Room at St. Bronislava in Plover; we meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month. All young adults are welcome to join us as we continue to delve into Church History! Check out our JPil Young Adult Facebook group for more social events or email jp2portagecounty@gmail.com

Vic Ferrari Concert:

St. Adalbert School, will sponsor the Vic Ferrari Band for a concert event on Fri, **Feb 2** at Lisa's Lakeside Ballroom, Hatley. Doors open at 6, with music beginning at 7:30 pm. All tickets include dinner, beer, wine and soda plus a chance to win cash prizes with a total value of \$2,000. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW** cost is \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. For more info visit www.rosholtcatholic.org/concert.

Rosary Society Steak Night! Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia Sat, **Feb 3rd**. Join Sacred Heart for their annual Steak and Raffle night. Tickets available at the Parish Office 715-592-4221.

Ponczka Bingo Party! Sacred Heart, 7373 Church Street, Polonia is holding their annual Ponczka Bingo Party, Sun, **Feb 11th @ 1:00 p.m.** There will be a bake sale, raffle, cherry tree, refreshments, food, and of course ponczki! Come join us for a fun filled afternoon of bingo.

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau: Fr. Al Burkhardt invites you to join him from **August 18-28, 2020** on a pilgrimage to visit Classical Europe: Budapest, Bratislava, Prague, Nurnberg, Rothenburg, Heidelberg, Rhine River Cruise, Neuschwanstein, and Oberammergau. The highlight of the trip is attendance at the Oberammergau Passion Play scheduled for 2020! Number is 40 participants which will be shared with a group hosted by Fr. Dennis Lynch. If you are interested in learning more about this pilgrimage, please attend a meeting at St. Anne Parish: February 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Learn about the Oberammergau Passion Play and the additional places that we will visit, cost and inclusions. Brochures will be available. If unable to attend the meeting but desire information, please call St. Anne Parish, 715-849-3930, X302