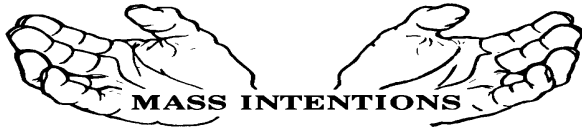




St. James & St. Mary Mt. Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Jan 9nd 8:15 AM at SJ
(Emily Wierzba)

Wednesday Jan 10th 8:15 AM at SM
(Fred Shulfer)

Thursday Jan 11th 8:15 AM at SM
(Natalie Kaminski)

Friday Jan 12th 8:15 AM at SJ
(Jerry Iwanski)

Weekend Jan 13th & Jan 14th

Saturday Jan 13th 5:00 PM at SM
Intention of Ceil Ostrowski

Sunday Jan 14th 8:30 AM at SJ
(Jean Firkus)

Sunday Jan 14th 10:30 AM at SM
(Parishioners of our two Parishes)

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!



Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor

Catholic Central Office

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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.

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 7, 2018
Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

How is your New Year's resolution(s) going and have you combined your New Year's resolutions with your Catholic Faith? New Year's resolutions are oftentimes forgotten the moment the clock strikes midnight and not further thought is given. I want to offer a list that will keep us thinking about the New Year and even one of them:

Prayer - Add more prayer to your daily life. There are many ways to pray. Traditional prayers like the Rosary, talking to our Lord, admiring his wonderful creations, quieting yourself in the presence of God through centering prayer are only a few ways to enrich your life with daily prayer. Our parishes offer a daily prayer book... request one at the fraction of the normal cost and read it daily.

Faith Formation - No matter how old you are (children and adults alike), there are religious education programs designed to deepen your faith knowledge and formation. It is not too late to join the Study of the Mass group currently in session. Please consider joining the CCD program to teach the faith and at the same time strengthen your own understanding of the faith we love.

Be Active and Get Involved - Going to Mass on Sunday is only part of being a Catholic Christian. There are so many ministries within the Catholic Church and all of them need volunteers to keep them running. Are you aware of the ministries are offered within your parish? What interests you? Do you see a need within your parish that's not being met? Are you aware of committee meetings, date, time and location? If you see a need that is not being addressed you might just be able to initiate bringing a new ministry into your parish community.

Attend Mass - Of course we should always try to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, but daily Mass is celebrated in most parishes. Try to attend Mass as often as your schedule will allow. What better way to start the day than with our Lord?

Take Your Christianity with You - Don't leave it in the church pew when you leave Mass. Strive to live as Jesus commands us to do so. By enriching your Catholic faith through going to Mass, attending faith formation programs, spending time with our Lord in daily prayer and being involved in your parish community, you will have more knowledge and tools to accomplish this goal.

Peace!

Fr. Haebel



SJ Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions December 31, 2017

\$2,321.10 Total

\$1,735.00 Envelopes

\$89.10 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$497.00

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God \$250.00

SMMC Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions December 31, 2017

\$2,564.00 Total

\$2,168.00 Envelopes

\$6.02 Youth Envelopes

\$284.98 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$105.00

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God \$264.50

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

Available by request. 1. Sign-up sheet in the entrance of churches, 2. Call or stop in the office 715-824-3455, 3. Email the office at catholiccentral54406@gmail.com. We will prepare your statement and either mail or email to you. It's that simple.

SCRIP NEWS

St. James SCRIP Update:

Totals for 12/24 & 12/31 sales: \$3,971

Total earned: \$189.52

Local Sales: \$900

For the month of December sales totaled \$14,392 earning SJ \$698.39. Thank you to all who support SJ through this program!

St. Mary SCRIP Update:

Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for results. Our next sale will be on January 20th & 21st

Parish News:

Open Invitation to All - SJ and SM 4 Committee Meetings

The next 4 Committee Meeting for SJ and SM parishes will be on Tuesday, **January 9th** 6:30 p.m. at St. James. Please consider becoming an active member of one of our 4 committees: Sacred Worship, Family Life, Social Concerns, or Education. All are welcome to attend! If you are interested, but unsure, please attend to learn more about the activities of each of these committees.

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](tel:715-600-4145).

SMMC PCCW Thank you to all who have supported our recent RADA Cutlery sale. We hope you and your loved ones are enjoying these amazing products. We will be selling again in the St Joseph's room before and after masses on January 27 and 28, February 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](tel:715-824-3770) or Dorothy Shaver [715-445-4623](tel:715-445-4623).

Sesquicentennial Anniversary books!!

They have arrived!! They will make a great Christmas gift!! 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!

Grief Share Along with the winter cold and snowy, icy roads comes time to take a recess from offering Grief Share sessions. We just concluded the 12 week series. The program will take place again in the spring. New and former participants should look for details about time, dates, and location later this winter in the church bulletin. In meantime, if you have or someone you know has a need for support, contact Shawn at [715-824-2300](tel:715-824-2300). Individual meetings can be arranged. God bless!

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.

Disaster Relief

As we come to the end of 2017 we want to say thank you to all who have joined us in the mission to serve others and help those in need in our communities through time, treasure and talent. You have helped us keep our homeless facilities' doors open, house many who were ready to move out of homelessness, and meet with individuals and families to discuss how to sustain a live-able financial situation. We were able to help build families through pregnancy support and adoption, assist immigrants in the quest to stay together as family, and work with families who are living with disability issues. We were a conduit between our diocese and areas hit hard by disaster in 2017. Through our affiliation with Catholic Charities USA, we were able to send over \$378,000 from our diocese to support victims from Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Every day we see new requests coming through our door. Your continued support helps us to provide assistance with basic human needs and continue to offer hope to so many who feel hopeless. As Pope Francis stated, " Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal them with concrete acts of love." Your support through prayer, volunteerism, and donations is greatly appreciated.

HELP NEEDED to Take down Christmas Decorations at SMMC on Wednesday, January 10, after morning Mass. Please come to help if you are able.

Altar Server training session

Wednesday, **Jan 17** at 5 pm. Please contact Theresa Shulfer [715-592-4477](tel: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.

Prayer Chain contact for SJ:

Darlene Jakusz
[715-592-4443](tel:715-592-4443)

Cards of Love Contact:

Sandy Konkol
[715-498-9942](tel:715-498-9942)

Communion for the sick, elderly & homebound contact:

Mary Jane Jastromski [715-824-5640](tel:715-824-5640)

Prayer Chain contact for SM:

Barb Groholski [715-824-3649](tel:715-824-3649)

Laurie Hintz - phintz@wi-net.com

Communion for those unable to attend Mass contact:

Jim or Deb Sniadajewski @ [715-824-6747](tel: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 Monday, January 8th 6:30 at St James.

Come join us.



Upcoming EVENTS

St. Joseph Parish 1709 Wyatt Ave St. Point, WI Holiday Light Fundraiser Feeling frustrated by your strings or ball of Christmas tree lights? Are your strings of holiday lights missing bulbs, broken or tangled? Are you tired of using the same lights? Don't throw them away! We have an easy solution for you! Bring them to St. Joseph Parish for recycling. The copper inside the strings can be turned in for cash. The greater the weight of the copper, the more cash the parish receives! It's an easy way to help! The St. Joseph Parish Office will accept lights until **Jan 14th**. Place the lights in the red box in the Parish Gathering Space. Call Renee at 715-341-1716 x101.

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

The JP11 Young Adult Group of Portage CCounty 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 JP11 Young Adult Facebook group for more social events or email jp2portagecounty@gmail.com with any questions.

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. Share the incredible ability to see this long standing Passion Play, offered only every 10 years!