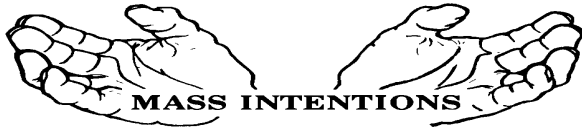




# St. James & St. Mary Mt. Carmel



## **8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 8:15 AM at SJ**

Intentions of Barb Groholski

**Wednesday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:15 AM at SM**

(Charles Sopa Jr.)

**Thursday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 AM at SM**

**Thanksgiving Day**

Special intentions of Marge Iwanski

**Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM at SJ**

(Darlene Kropidowski)

## **Weekend Nov 25<sup>th</sup> & Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM at SM**

Parishioners of our two Parishes

**Sunday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM at SJ**

(Leonard T. and Leonard A Shulfer)

**Sunday Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM at SM**

(Evan & Clayton Sopa)

## **Immaculate Conception and Christmas**

### **Season Mass Schedule:**

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> **Anticipation of the Immaculate Conception**

Thursday, St Mary at 7 PM

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> **Immaculate Conception**

Friday, St James at 8:15 AM

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Eve Mass**

St Mary at 4:00 PM

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Eve Mass**

St James at 7:00 PM

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day Mass**

St James at 9:00 AM

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> **Anticipation of the Solemnity of Mary**

**St Mary** at 4:00 PM

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> **Solemnity of Mary**

St James at 9:00 AM

If you wish to serve at any of these Masses  
Please sign up on the bulletin boards provided

## **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.

### **Pastoral Council**

Juris, Michael SJ

Kwiatkowski, Randy SJ

Lea, Shawn SM

Piesik, Steve SM

Prater, Jacob SJ

Shulfer, Michelle SJ

Spierings, Don SJ

### **Finance Council**

Patoka, Gilbert SM

Stratton, Sharon SJ

Stuczynski, Dave SM

Trzebiatowski, Sandy SJ

**November 19, 2017**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." In today's Gospel parable, this man represents God, and the servants represent us. The story makes a clear point about the importance of putting the gifts God has given us to good use. Unlike the first two servants, the third servant chose not to make a return on his "talent." Thus we can understand the frustration of the master. He trusted this servant, and the fellow let him down. Remember, this all began with an act of trust when the master handed over care of his things. The fact is that the third servant did not take good care of what he was given.

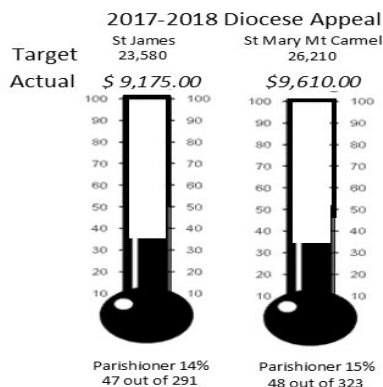
What have we been given? Some gifts from God we all share in common: life and salvation. But others differ from person to person. We each have our own set of "talents": our personal skills, our material blessings, our education, family background, and so on. Some have more, and some have fewer. But the point is that we are called to make the most of what we have, whatever that may be.

Perhaps the starting point for making a return on God's investment in us is to recognize that what we have is really his! In a sense, our gifts and skills, even our lives, are all "on loan" from God. He is generous in sharing his life and his blessings with us. And, like the parable's master, he is quick to praise and reward our efforts. But when we choose to be "wicked, lazy" servants, taking everything for granted and not using our gifts for God's glory, then "even what [we have] will be taken away." What we bury underground is as good as gone. So let's bring our gifts into the light of day by sharing them with others and making the best possible use of all we've received.

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**Advent Reconciliation:**

Communal Service December 19<sup>th</sup> at St James 6:30




# Financial Report

**SJ Weekly Contributions**  
**Total Contributions November 12, 2017**  
**\$1,781.86 Total**  
**\$1,281.00 Envelopes**  
**\$170.86 Offertory**  
**We Share On-Line Contributions 330.00**

**SMMC Weekly Contributions**  
**Total Contributions November 12, 2017**  
**\$2,609.81 Total**  
**\$2,065.00 Envelopes**  
**\$394.81 Offertory**  
**We Share On-Line Contributions \$150.00**

St James is looking for volunteer money counters. It usually only takes about an hour on Tuesday Mornings. Please consider 'taking a turn'. Call the office.

**ON-LINE GIVING** 

Is available for all parishioners of St James and St Mary's Parishes. Make your donating simple, safe & secure. Go to: [sjmmcc.weshareonline.org](http://sjmmcc.weshareonline.org) select the parish you wish to contribute to and click on it. Select your type of donation and finish the set up. If there are problems or questions please call the office at 715-824-3544 or We-share online direct at 800-950-9952

**SCRIP NEWS**

**St. James SCRIP Update:**  
 Total Sales: \$1,150  
 Local: \$350 SJ earned: \$51.75  
 Are you considering placing an order for the holidays? All orders received by Nov. 26 should be available for pick up at the annual craft/bake sale on Dec. 2 & 3. Please stop by to fill out an order form in the Gathering before or after Mass.

**St. Mary SCRIP Update:**  
 Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for results. Our next sale will be on December 2nd & 3rd. Scrip cards make excellent Christmas gifts. For more info, or to place orders call Pat Zielinski at [715-824-3762](tel:715-824-3762).

## ***Parish News:***

November 23<sup>rd</sup> **Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 AM Mass at St Mary

**The office will be closed Nov 23 & Nov 24**

**All scouts** wishing to earn their Religious Emblems for the 2016-2017 year should be working on them at this time all applications are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are a catholic scout in a non-Catholic chartered unit and need information please contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at [catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com](mailto:catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com) or call 608-782-4911

**The St. James Annual Craft/Bake** will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 8:00am-4:00pm and Sunday December 3rd from 8:am-1:pm. There will be an assortment of cookies and Baked Goods. Other homemade goodies and many basket raffles along with a beautiful quilt raffle. Also, sandwiches will be sold at a small charge. Please join us for this fun event and visit with parishioners and others.

Hope to see you there!

**ANNUAL COAT DRIVE**- Warm coats can warm hearts! Many people will go without a warm coat this winter...You can help! If you have any new or gently-used winter coats that could be donated, please place them in the Coat Collection Box located in the back of SMMC church. Again, this year, there is a particular need for children's coats. All coats will be dry cleaned and then donated to those in need. Collection dates will be from November 18 - December 17.



**St. Mary's PCCW Coming Soon!** Just in time for the holidays! 100% Made in America stainless steel Rada Cutlery. Very reasonably priced quality knives and utensils. Purchase individually or gift sets. Contact: Dorothy Shaver [715-445-4623](tel:715-445-4623) or Kathy Somers [715-824-3770](tel:715-824-3770)

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** SMMC will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 13, immediately following the 8:15 am Mass. Please come to help if you are able.

**Diocesan Parish History Book:** This 350-page book including the history and photos of each parish with diocesan history will be available this fall 2017 for \$33. Discover the Catholic Faith of the people of West Central Wisconsin through the stories shared by its many parish communities in this first-ever coffee table book with pull outs.

### **Knights of Columbus, Council 1170 Breakfast and Bake Sale**

Join us for our monthly, Knights of Columbus, Council 1170 breakfast, Sunday **November 26<sup>th</sup>** Serving from 8:15 am until 11:00 am at the KC Clubhouse, 401 W Clark St. We are also having a special bake sale with proceeds supporting our various charity programs Featuring a delicious menu of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage/ham, our famous home fried red potatoes, desserts and refreshments. Cost is only \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children this includes juice , coffee and sales tax. You won't go away hungry.



### **Send a prayer intention to Bishop Callahan**

On Thursday **December 7, 2017**, Bishop Callahan will be inviting you to share a prayer intention via an automated phone message. If you have a particular intention for which you would like him to pray, follow the prompts at the end of his message. If you miss the call or would like to leave an intention at a later date call [608-352-9565](tel:608-352-9565) or visit [www.dioc.org/pray](http://www.dioc.org/pray) to submit your prayer intention online.

### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. All of us, in some way or another, have benefitted from their many years of service in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes. *Often they received little to no pay*, and now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the national Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medication, nursing care, and more. The collection for this campaign will be at holy Mass the weekend of **December 9-10**. Thank you for your support! *Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aids senior religious and their communities.*

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](mailto: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

### **CCD Reminders:**

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – No Classes Thanksgiving Break

November 29<sup>th</sup> – Classes Resume

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church–

First Reconciliation

St. James & St. Mary 2<sup>nd</sup> graders

### **Adult Faith Formation Study:**

Monday at 6:30 PM at St James gathering space.

Please, come and join us!



## *Upcoming* EVENTS

**St. Joseph Parish** is actively seeking a full time custodian (30-40 hours per week) Job responsibilities include all cleaning of parish buildings, care of grounds, and general light maintenance of parish facilities. If interested contact Rene at the St. Joseph parish office 715-341-1617 x101.

### **The renowned Vienna Boys Choir**

will perform a concert of sacred music at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, at 7 p.m. on Monday, **November 20**. Tickets are \$30 apiece and are available from the Viterbo University Box Office and on the Viterbo Fine Arts Center, <http://www.viterbo.edu/fac>. The Vienna Boys Choir has been considered one of the finest vocal ensembles in the world for more than five centuries. The Cathedral is located at 530 Main Street in downtown La Crosse, WI. For more information call (608) 782-0322.

**The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Cookie Walk** will take place at St Joseph Parish in Stevens Point on Saturday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** starting at 9:00 am until sold out. Cookies are sold by the pound or in pre-packaged containers. Please come to visit our "Cookie Wonderland" for numerous tasty choices.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish** is holding their annual Christmas Fair Saturday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-9pm and Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to 1pm**. Along with the craft items there will be a free bucket raffle consisting of donated crafts from each vendor. The drawing will be held at the end of the fair. You do not need to be present to win. Lunch will be available for sale. Come enjoy the holiday spirit, a delicious lunch and go gift shopping in our craft area. Our Mass schedules are Saturday 7pm & Sunday at 8:30am & 10:00am. Questions can be directed to Mary at [715-340-7217](tel:715-340-7217).

**Women...come join us at the Womens' Advent Retreat Dec. 7-10, 2017** Jesuit Retreat House...Oshkosh Welcome, women of all ages, to a weekend of peace and prayer at this Advent retreat. Lynn Reesman, will guide us, helping us to find the Spiritual gifts of this season, and how to carry its meaning through out the year. Give yourself a spiritual Christmas treat, one that can strengthen us. For reservations call Jesuit Retreat House 920-231-9060 or e-mail [office@jesuitretreathouse.org](mailto:office@jesuitretreathouse.org)