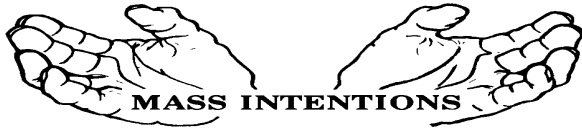




St. James & St. Mary Mt. Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Monday Christmas Day Dec 25th 9:00 AM

(Herman Laskowski)

Tuesday Dec 26th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Special Thanksgiving)

Wednesday Dec 27th 8:15 AM at SM

(Fred Shulfer)

Thursday Dec 28th 8:15 AM at SM

(Deceased Members of Frymark & Dombrowski Families)

Friday Dec 29th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Alvin & Susan Jastromski, Ronald Jastromski)

Weekend Dec 30th & Dec 31st

Saturday Dec 30th 5:00 PM at SM

(Intention of Ceil Ostrowski)

Sunday Dec 31st 8:30 AM at SJ

(Parishioners of our two parishes)

Sunday Dec 31st 10:30 AM at SM

(Margaret Bembenek)

Sunday Dec 31st 4:00 PM

(Florian Wojciehowski)

Monday Jan 1st 9:00 AM at SJ

(Carl Repinski)

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

December 24, 2017
4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas

Dear Parishioners,

As we look forward with great expectation and anticipation to Christmas Day, let us rejoice that our newborn Savior Jesus Christ is "God with us." He lived among us so that we could enter into this most intimate relationship with Him.

Jesus became one with us so that we could become one with Him. As we share during this Advent and Christmas season in our beautiful liturgies, good feelings, delicious meals and kind words to one another let us acknowledge that in everything we say and do that Jesus is our refuge, our shepherd, our love—Emmanuel (God with us).

May our newborn Savior always be that radiant light that gives us hope even in the dark moments of our lives.

On behalf of our staff I wish you a Christmas full of peace, gratitude, joy and love.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Hackel



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!

Financial Report

SJ Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions December 17, 2017

\$3,144.35 Total

\$1,255.00 Envelopes

\$154.35 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$1,735.00

SMMC Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions December 17, 2017

\$3,923.50 Total

\$2,400.00 Envelopes

\$258.50 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$1,265.00

ON-LINE GIVING



Is available for all parishioners of St James and St Mary's Parishes. Make your donating simple, safe & secure. Go to: sjsmcc.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: \$5,205

Local sales: \$675

SJ earned: \$264.80

Thank you to all who participated! Merry Christmas to all!

St. Mary SCRIP Update:

Last weekend we sold \$8,554 in gift cards and made \$375 for our Parish. Since July 1st, we have sold \$73,559 in gift cards and earned \$3.113. A BIG thank you to everyone who has participated! Our next sale will be January 6th & 7th.

Parish News:

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)

Server Training

Our next Altar Server training session will be Wed., January 17, 2018 from 5 - 6:15 pm at St. James. Anyone in 4th grade or above is eligible to serve. If interested, please contact Theresa Shulfer at 715-592-4477. Please join us!

SMMC PCCW Thank you to all who have purchased Rada Cutlery through our recent fund raiser. We will resume selling in the St Joseph's room at St Mary's about the middle of January. If you need to place an order sooner go to <http://bit.ly/2yi6ig6> or contact Kathy Somers at 715-824-3770 or Dorothy Shaver at 715-445-4623. Thank you for your support.

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, please contact Shawn at [715-824-2300](tel:715-824-2300). Individual meetings can be arranged. God bless! Cindi and Shawn

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.



Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, DC

The deadline for the "Early Bird" registration is Jan 3. All of the information can be found on our website at: <http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>

Scouts: 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 1st** If you are a catholic scout in a non-Catholic chartered unit and need info please contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee at catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com.

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**

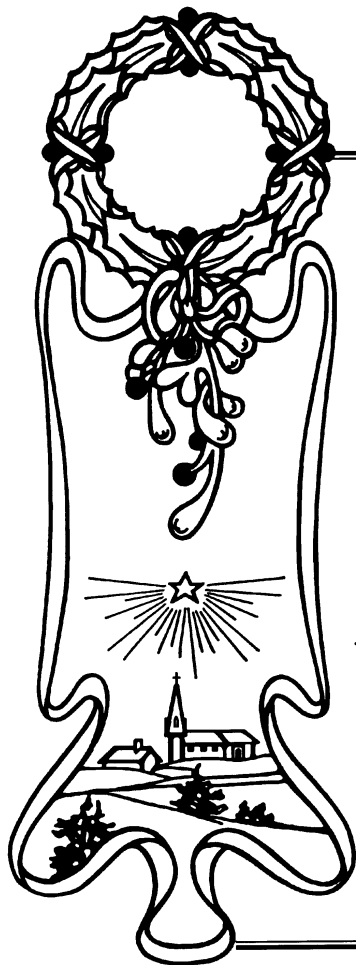
Grades 6 – 8 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at **St. James**

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 Monday, January 8th 6:30 at St James.

Come join us.



We Wish You All

*A glad and peaceful
Christmastide*

*With all its memories sweet;
May hope and love and
joy be yours*

*With kindly friends to greet;
The echo of the angel's song,
The star's clear guiding light,*

*The **Christ** child in your
heart and home,
To make this
Christmas bright.*

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.

Help Refugees this Christmas

This Christmas, consider donating to help the millions of persons and families who have been displaced by the violence in Syria and Iraq. Here are three excellent Catholic organizations you can choose from. Catholic Relief Services – www.crs.org Knights of Columbus – www.kofc.org (click on "Give Through Us") Aid to the Church in Need – www.churchinneed.org

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!