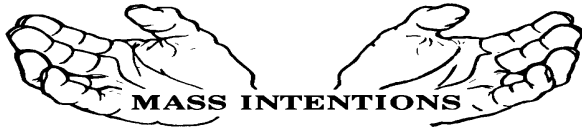




**St. James &**  
**St. Mary Mt.**  
**Carmel**



**8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule**

**Monday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 at SJ**

(Carl Repinski)

**Tuesday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:15 AM at SJ**

(Julian Wierzba)

**Wednesday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:15 AM at SM**

(Gerald Gagas)

**Thursday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM at SM**

(All Soul's Day Mass)

**Friday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM at SJ**

(Laura Toftum)

**Weekend Jan 6<sup>h</sup> & Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM at SM**

(Parishioners of our two parishes)

**Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM at SJ**

(Jean Firkus)

**Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM at SM**

(Charles Sopa Jr.)

**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**

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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

**December 31, 2017**

**Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph**

Dear Parishioners,

A Happy New Year to all of you and your family!! I want to take a moment to thank all of you who sent me Christmas cards and expressed your Christmas wishes through kind words and your generous gifts. I am also grateful for all who made this Christmas so very special...from all the ministries at the Christmas Masses to the music that was beautifully sung and played by our wonderful musicians. A special thanks to all who did a beautiful job in decorating our churches. I am appreciative for all the little things that many of you have contributed to this year's Christmas Season.

Peace!

*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 23, 2017

\$1,881.00 Total

\$1,569.00 Envelopes

\$2.00 Youth Envelopes

\$190.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$120.00

Total Christmas Donations To Date - \$1,955.00

Crib Donations \$41.00

Grand Total for Christmas Weekend

December 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 25<sup>th</sup> - \$3,877.00

### SMMC Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions December 23, 2017

\$5,505.00 Total

\$4,918.00 Envelopes

\$437.50 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$150.00

Total Christmas Donations To Date - \$5,460.00

Grand Total for Christmas Weekend

December 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 25<sup>th</sup> - \$10,965.00

## 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](http://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:**

Scrip Update: our next sale will be on January 6th and 7th. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Scrip program. For questions or special orders call Pat Zielinski at [715-824-3762](tel:715-824-3762)

## **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/2yj6ig6> 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!

**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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto: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](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**

### 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.

### The JPII 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 JPII Young Adult Facebook group for more social events or email [jp2portagecounty@gmail.com](mailto: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!