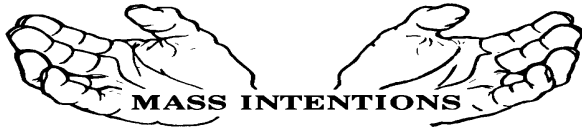




**St. James &**  
**St. Mary Mt.**  
**Carmel**



**8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM at SJ**  
 (David Dombrowski)

**Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM at SM**  
 (David Zinda)

**Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM at SM**  
 (Alfons & Joanne Ostrowski)

**Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM at SJ**  
 (Bill Dombrowski)

**Weekend March 10<sup>th</sup> & March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM at SM**  
 (Julius & Regina Rzentkowski)

**Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM at SJ**  
 Parishioners of our two Parishes

**Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM at SM**  
 (Brian Groholski)

**Winter weather:**

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, then Masses and other events for St James & St Mary are also cancelled. If a cancellation occurs on a Tues., then all money counting will take place when school resumes. Please watch the local new stations WSAW (7) and WAOW (9) for Tomorrow River School closings

**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

**March 4, 2018**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

March 4, 2018 3rd Sunday of Lent

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up sin -- our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

**Easter Sunday Memorial Flowers:** Would you like to remember your loved ones this Easter? Celebrate the new life in Christ with Easter lilies in the sacristy. Donate towards the flowers! Envelopes are provided in the back of church.

**Triduum Contribution Envelopes:** Please use your parish's Triduum envelopes during Holy week, to insure proper documentation of your contribution. All Offertory monies will go to the church hosting the Triduum. Special note to St James parishioners. There was a mix up at the printers, your Triduum envelopes are behind the Easter envelope in your box.

**Ambo Announcement Deadline:** Please have all announcement for the weekend Masses into the office by Thursday 12:00 for approval.



**SJ Weekly Contributions**

**Total Contributions February 25, 2017**

**\$917.57 Total**

**\$655.00 Envelopes**

**\$142.57 Offertory**

**We Share On-Line Contributions \$120.00**

**SMMC Weekly Contributions**

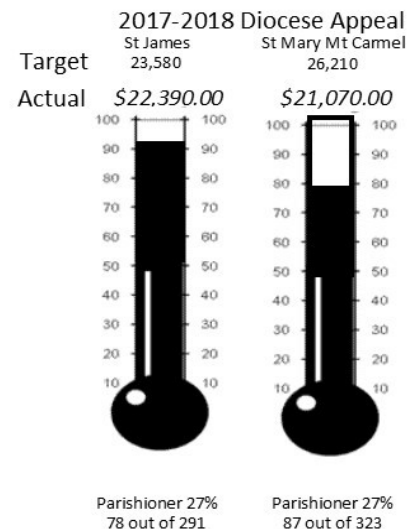
**Total Contributions February 25, 2017**

**\$2,907.00 Total**

**\$2,415.00 Envelopes**

**\$442.00 Offertory**

**We Share On-Line Contributions \$50.00**



**SCRIP NEWS**

**St. James SCRIP Update:**  
Total sales: \$1,175, Local: \$100.

**SMMC SCRIP Update:**  
Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for the results. Our next sale will be March 17th and 18th and April 7th and 8th. Thank you for supporting our Parish by using Scrip gift cards.

## **Parish News:**

### **LENTEN MISSION HELD AT SMMC:**

Co-hosted by St. James & St. Mary of Mt. Carmel  
**THEME of Mission: 'Growing in Holiness'**  
**DATE: Sunday, March 4 – Tuesday, March 6, 2018**  
**TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 PM – Rosary at 6:00 PM**  
Please give a **warm welcome** to our Mission Speaker, **Father Samuel Martin**, who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend. We are honored to have Father Martin here to help us on our journey through Lent & towards our ultimate goal of heaven. Father will help us to understand how God provides Spiritual Help, that we may persevere & 'go the distance'. Join us & spend precious time with our Lord and learn how you can 'Grow in Holiness'. Invite a neighbor, relative or friend to join you for our mission.

### **Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Supper**

Stations of the Cross for St. James and St. Mary are held at St. James at 5:30 p.m. Thursday evenings during the Lenten season. Following the Stations at 6:00 p.m. all are invited to a Lenten Soup Supper (free will donation). A variety of soups will be available along with crackers and/or bread. Speakers have been invited to share information on various topics following the soup supper at 6:30 p.m. Alane Flora from Brookdale Senior Living Solutions will be the presenter. Her topic: Stress Management & 10 Ways to Boost Your Mental Health.

### **LOOKING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS AT SMMC**

We are looking for new young people to join our servers group at SMMC. Anyone who is 4th grade or older is welcome to join. Maybe you have a child who is thinking about it but not sure what it all involves? We would love to meet with them and show them all a server gets to do during a mass. Please contact Adam and/or Trish Cohen at [715-824-6840](tel:715-824-6840) or [cohen@wi-net.com](mailto:cohen@wi-net.com).

**SJ & SM Music Ministry** Got talent? Jesus is calling you to share it with others! Contact Michelle Shulfer at 715-592-4477 or Jim Sniadajewski at 715-824-6747.

**There is need for more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors** at both St. James and St. Mary Parishes. If you are interested in either of these ministries call Jim or Deb Sniadajewski at 715-824-6747.

### **50th Jubilee Celebrations**

Each year, we ask for your help in securing the names, addresses and phone numbers of those couples in your parish who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during this calendar year of 2018. Please sign up at the church entrance.

### **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!

### **Praying Book Club**

Calling all those who wish to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus & each other through reading, faith sharing and prayer. A selection of Catholic faith based books will be recommended for starters. If interested in daytime meetings, contact Murt Spierings at 824-5561. For more information or to inquire about evening meetings contact Michelle Shulfer at [715-600-4145](tel:715-600-4145).

**Chrism Mass:** Make plans to join the Stevens Point Deanery on Tuesday, March 27 to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. We will depart from the Holy Spirit Parish parking lot at 6 a.m., travel to the Cathedral, and make a stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe before returning home. Stops will be made for breakfast and lunch. The cost will be \$10 for the trip, with breakfast and lunch purchases made individually. Space is limited and is first-come, first-serve. To reserve your space register online at [www.pointdeanery.org/chrism](http://www.pointdeanery.org/chrism) or by leaving a message at [715-303-7780](tel:715-303-7780).

**Volunteers Needed:** St James is still in need of 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. Coffee and dessert are provided. Please call the office at 715-824-3455 to volunteer.

**SMMC – MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED:** St. Mary is looking for volunteers to help count money on Tuesday mornings at SJ following the 8:15 am Mass. It takes about an hour or so to count the money. Counters are placed in groups and are scheduled to count only once in every 5 weeks. If you are interested and would like to help out, please call the office at 715-824-3455 or call Arlene Trzebiatowski at 715-824-5809. A special Thank You to all the folks who have volunteered their time to help count.

### **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 Mondays at 6:30 at St. James. Come join us.

### **Lenten Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Beginning the first Sunday in Lent, February 18<sup>th</sup> through Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> children ages 4 to 7 from St. James and St. Mary parishes are invited to participate in the Lenten Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. James. The children do not have to be signed up or attend from week one to participate. The children will listen to the Lenten gospel readings which have been adapted to their level. They will also do a weekly activity. This activity is sponsored by members of the parish 4 Committees.

### **Service Hours Opportunities:**

Help with clean-up after the Thursday evening Lenten Soup Suppers at St. James. Supper begins at 6:00; speaker at 6:30. Clean-up approximately 6:30pm-8:00pm. Two students needed each Thursday during Lent (Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>). Call 715-824-3455 to sign up.

**Fish Frynder**, a place where people can find when and where a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal is taking place throughout the diocese.

Go to <http://diolc.org/fishfrynder/>

## ***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. \$8.00

**St Bronislava. Plover Sunday, March 4th**, Serving 8:30 a.m.-Noon. The Holy Name Society will hold its all-you-can-eat breakfast. Menu includes buttermilk pancakes, potato pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is \$7:00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12, and free for ages 4 and under.

**Knights of Columbus Famous Fish Boil & Fish Fry:** **March 9** and **March 23rd**. 5-7 pm. Colby Lions Shelter.

**Save the Date: March 10**, for the St. Joseph Parish Italian Meal. The St. Joseph Day Celebration is hosted by the parish Holy Name Society and Parish Family Life Committee. Menu: Enjoy this homemade Italian feast served to you at your table. Meal to include chicken alfredo, or meatballs in marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and coffee or milk. All of this great food and conversation for only \$8.75, kids 5-10 \$4.00, under five free. Serving from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Mike Daniels for more information at 715-340-4857.

**JOIN US:** Providing important information about End-of-Life Planning & Protecting Your Assets, **March 12<sup>th</sup>** 1:00-3:00 p.m. Holiday Inn Convention Center, 1001 Amber Ave, St. Point Seating is limited / RSVP 715-344-4595. Brought to you by Hougum Law, Epilogue Planning and Pisarski Funeral Homes.

**Do something special this Lent: Feb 14 - March 25**, you're invited to join others for 40 Days for Life. It is a world-wide initiative for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. See 40daysforlife.com for its website. You may have noticed this vigil in past years with volunteers praying, walking and carrying poster signs to help spread the word about this important community outreach. There will be a kick-off rally with speaker & potluck from 6-8 pm on **Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** at St. Bronislava. For info contact: Jim Havlovick at 715-544-0447 or Gary Oudenhoven at 715-321-2283. Instructions on how to sign up for vigil hours will follow.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual:** St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner Sunday, **March 18** • Serving 11 am-2 pm at the old St. Patrick's Building. Proceeds Go Toward the Social Hall Building Project.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST - THINK SPRING!** Sunday, **March 18** - St. Peter Parish, downstairs in Kolbe Hall Serving 8:00 - Noon Featuring Potato & Buttermilk Pancakes, Hash Browns, Sausage. Participate in the Basket Raffle! Adults \$7, 6-12 yrs \$4, Under 6 Free. Sponsored by Family Life Committee.