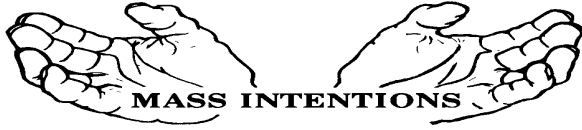




St. James & St. Mary Mt. Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday July 17th 8:15 AM at SJ
(Laverne Peterson)

Wednesday July 18th 8:15 AM at SM
(Charles Sopa Jr.)

Thursday July 19th 8:15 AM at SM
(Grace Shulfer)

Friday June 20th 8:15 AM at SJ
(John & Theresa Zdroik)

Weekend July 21st & July 22nd

Saturday July 21st 5:00 PM at SM
(John & Terry Clancey)

Sunday July 22nd 8:30 AM at SJ
(Frances Bannach)

Sunday July 22nd 10:00 AM at SM
Parishioners of our two Parishes

At Fatima, the Mother of God emphasized the vital importance of the daily recitation of the Rosary and signaled Her desire that all Catholics wear the Brown Scapular as a visible sign of their devotion. The Brown Scapular is a sacramental, one of the many items set apart or blessed by the Church to inspire devotion and increase holiness. The Carmelite Order, to which the Scapular belongs, originated on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land. The Scapular devotion was born on July 16, 1251 when Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock, general of the Carmelite Order, in response to his heartfelt prayers for assistance. Holding the Scapular before him, Our Lady spoke, saying:



“Take this Scapular. Whosoever dies wearing it shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and pledge of peace.”

Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor

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Confession Schedule

St. James Saturday 9:00 am

St. Mary Saturday 4:00 pm-4:45 pm

Any time by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

St. James, after Mass on first Fridays of the month.

St. Mary, every third Sunday of the month 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

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

July 15, 2018
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor.

The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored:

A word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; and what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text.

This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

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The Diocesan Office of Sacred Worship would like to express its sincere gratitude for the generosity of the parish communities of St. James in Amherst and St. Mary in Fancher for the sharing of their time and talent during the recent TV Mass Ministry recordings on Wednesday, June 6 at St. Bronislava Catholic Church in Plover. We also extend our appreciation to Very Rev. Daniel Hackel for the sharing of his ministry with us! May God bless you all for your time and kind assistance! Your TV Masses will broadcast on Sunday, July 15 and Sunday, July 22 on the following stations (check local listings for current times)...

*** Stevens Point Public Access Channel 984 – Saturday at 5:30pm**

*** Wausau Channel 12 (Cable & Satellite) – Sunday at 6:30am**

*** Wausau Antenna Channel 27.1 – Saturday at 6:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am**

*** Wausau Public Access Channel 980 - Saturday at 6:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am**

You can also view them on the Diocesan Website on the Friday afternoon preceding each Sunday at www.dioc.org/sacredworship.



SJ Contributions

Total Contributions July 7, 2018

\$2,810.00 Total

\$1,381.00 Envelopes

\$149.00 Offertory

Building Fund \$800.00

We Share On-Line Contributions \$480.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contributions July 7, 2018

\$2,686.00 Total

\$2,302.00 Envelopes

\$314.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$70.00

St. James Parishioners There is an extra envelope in our contribution boxes in July noted for Building Maintenance. It is our opportunity to contribute something extra to help with the increasing costs to maintain our beautiful church. Please consider an extra monetary contribution to go toward our Building Maintenance needs.

SCRIP NEWS

SJ SCRIP Update:

Total sales: \$825.

There will be a **Sales Tax Holiday August 1-5, 2018 on school supplies**. During this time the following items are non taxable:

- Clothing, is the sales price of any single item is \$75 or less.
- Computer purchased for personal use, if the price of the computer is \$750 or less.
- School computer supplies purchased by the consumer for personal use, if the price of any single item is \$250 or less.
- School supplies, if the sales price of any single item is \$75 or less.

Use SCRIP to purchase your back to school supplies. We have Walmart, Shopko, Best Buy, Staples, etc. always available. If you would like to place a larger order, call Michelle at 715-600-4145.

SMMC SCRIP Update:

Last weekend we sold \$3,385 in gift cards and earned \$144 for our Parish. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our next sale will be on July 21st & 22nd. For large or special orders, please call Pat Zielinski at 715-8245-3762.

SMMC PICNIC NEWS

A Huge Thank You to all who helped during our Annual Picnic. The hot & humid conditions were a challenge & yet you came to help during our big event. A Special Thank You to our parishioners & non-parishioners for giving of your time & energy to help during the days before, during & after. Your presence eased the load for so many others. We had a wonderful group of folks who enjoyed working side by side with their neighbors & friends. Thank you to all who donated their time, talent or treasure.

A Special Thank You to all the students & young folks who did an amazing job helping with the set up & preparation as well as helping during the picnic. We received many positive comments on how good it was to have your help. Your hard work was appreciated by many.

TO OUR PICNIC CHAIRPERSONS:

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU! You have put in so many long hours throughout the year & especially during the final days, the day of our picnic and the clean up after. You are an amazing group of devoted & giving folks who tirelessly work together to plan & orchestrate all that is needed for the success of our picnic.

May God Bless each & everyone who donated or helped in any way to make this year's picnic so successful. It was a joy to see everyone working together for the good of our Parish Community. Please mark your calendar: **Next year's picnic will be held on July 7, 2019.**

Picnic Yard Signs – Please **RETURN** all yard signs. Place in the entryways of Church. Return even if *damaged*.

The Feasts of St. Mary of Mount Carmel and St. James the Greater: To celebrate the Feasts of St. Mary of Mount Carmel (July 16th) and St James the Greater (July 25th) we will have a cook-out on Wednesday, July 25th 12 noon at St James. There will be hot dogs, chicken, coleslaw, and chips.

THANKS to all who participated in the pictorial directory and those who helped out at the sessions. ELDERLY, or those unable to have pics taken, can submit a digital picture/jpeg format or a hard copy photo. The company is limiting the number of such entries we can have. So get a picture to Murt or Jan ASAP.

Oh, come let us adore! Please join us this summer on Wednesday mornings at St. Mary's for Holy Half Hour. We will gather every Wed, except July 4, through Aug 22. We will begin approximately 8:45 am, immediately following Wed morning Mass, and will have Benediction 30 min later. Holy Half Hour is geared toward children, but all are encouraged to come. Please call Kim Andrich at 715-570-5923.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Attention all elementary school age students- come aboard the Vatican Express this summer for **VBS July 23-26** 9am-12pm at St. James. Parents, please pre-register your children. Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School July 23-26 9am-noon. We're looking for help with supervision, snacks, and/or leading short lessons (script and support provided!). Call Jen Berdan at 715-321-3350 to register or volunteer. Thank you! **Deadline for registration if Tues July 17th.**

PICNIC YARD SIGNS: Please **RETURN** all yard signs. Place in the entryways of Church. Return even if *Damaged!* Found after Picnic: A pair of ladies Sunglasses. Please call the office at 715-824-3455.

Hymnals: There will be a meeting this week to discuss the unified hymnal for our two parishes. If you are interested in attending the meeting please contact Central Office 715-824-3455 before noon on Tues. July 17th for details.

SAVE the DATE: Aug. 4th & 5th St. James Back to School Clothing Swap. Here's how it works: Bring your clothing Sizes K-12 in washed condition that you no longer need or have outgrown, including shoes, sports gear, Spirit wear, backpacks, etc. Drop off at entrance of church (St. James) now thru Aug 1st then stop in the parish center Aug. 4th & 5th to browse and select what others have brought in, and take home what you can use!

SMMC Restoration Committee welcomes two new members. Laura Przekurat and Joe Anderson are joining this group, and we thank them for sharing their time and talent. Other members on the committee are Fr. Dan, Pete Suski, Peter Ostrowski and Pat Zielinski. Dave Stoltz will continue to act as a consultant from the Buildings and Grounds Committee. We are looking for someone who has a background in creating Needs Assessment Reports to help write a report which will be submitted to the Diocese. Please note that all the supporting documentation for this report will be generated by the Restoration Committee, and we are looking for an individual to present it in such a way that will be most acceptable to the Diocese. Contact Fr. Dan if you are interested.

CCD Registration

Returning Families

St. James and St. Mary CCD families: Registration packets for the upcoming CCD year were sent home with your student in April. If you have not submitted your family's registration form for the upcoming CCD year, please do so as soon as possible. If your packet has been misplaced, please email Ann Hemmy sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com and a new packet will be emailed to you.

Please send your registration along with your fee to: Catholic Central Office, P.O. Box 280, Amherst, WI 54406

New Families

Please pick up a new family packet from Central Office, 453 S. Main St., Amherst or email Ann Hemmy sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com and a packet will be emailed to you.

Thank you!

Catechists Are Needed:

As we are approaching the mid-way point of summer and the back-to-school displays are beginning to pop up throughout the stores, St. James/St. Mary CCD program is gearing up for the 2018-2019 CCD year. Your assistance is needed in the planning. We have a need for volunteers to teach **grades 6 and 8**.

We need parents as catechists to ensure that your child is on the path for Confirmation. Many thanks go out to those parents that stepped up last year to ensure that their child was on schedule for Confirmation.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me. My email address is smsjdre.plc@gmail.com or call 715-316-7056.

Members of both St. James and St. Mary parishes have always generously given their time and talent to assist with the Faith Formation program. My prayer is that once again you will answer this important call to help in the faith formation of our young people as they are the future leaders of our church.

God Bless,

Ann Hemmy, DRE

Upcoming EVENTS

News on Disc, a free CD with items of local interest and obituaries for blind or physically impaired individuals, is now available from the Rosholt Record. CDs are available through the church. To order please call Volunteer Caregivers at 715-342-4084.

Holy Spirit Parish: There is a Sunday night Mass opportunity throughout the year in the Stevens Point area, including summertime. Mass is celebrated at 6 p.m. Sunday at Holy Spirit Parish, 838 Fremont St., Stevens Point.

Holy Spirit Parish will hold SpiritFEST on July 22 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Live music, dancing, food, games, petting zoo, raffle, chicken dinner and much much more! Come join in the fun!

98th Annual St Philip's Church Picnic & Chicken Dinner Rudolph Wisconsin

Sunday, August 5th, 2018 Serving 10 am – 2 pm
(Air conditioned while waiting and dining)
Adults - \$10, Ages 6-12 - \$5, Ages 5 & under - \$2
Ground level handicap access available
Mass at 9 am with Polka Music
Old Time Brass & the Choraleers

Polka Music on the Grounds
11 am – 2:30 pm – Old Time Brass
2:30 pm – 6 pm – Smokey Express
Covered Dance Floor

Children's Games begin at 11 am
Bingo (for prizes) begins at 11 am
Entertainment all day long Refreshments
Raffle Drawing at 6 pm
Grounds close at 6:30 pm
Visit the Grotto and Wonder Cave

Join Us!
**St. Bartholomew's
of Mill Creek
Church Picnic
Sunday, August 12, 2018**

Approximately 2.5 miles West of Stevens
Point on Hwy HH, then left on Co. Hwy M
Two miles west to the church