



St. James &
St. Mary Mt.
Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Aug 14th 6:00 PM at SJ
 Mass of Anticipation for the Assumption of Mary

(Conrad & Donald Klish)

Wednesday Aug 15th 8:15 AM at SM

Special intention of Betty & Ray Przekurat

Wednesday Aug 15th 12:00 PM at SJ

Special intention of Father

Thursday Aug 16th 8:15 AM at SM

(Mike Biadasz)

Friday Aug 17th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Laverne Peterson)

Weekend August 11th & 12th

Saturday Aug 11th 5:00 PM at SM

(Ben & Sophie Felckowski & deceased family members)

Sunday Aug 12th 8:30 AM at SJ

(Calvin Zube)

Sunday Aug 12th 10:30 AM at SM

Parishioners of our two Parishes

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Holy day of obligation

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James

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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

August 12, 2018
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyday Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away their body and their life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all they have has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship. Then, you must ask the question of yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people practicing Everyday Stewardship.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary: is a very important day in the Catholic religion. It is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin, the mother of Jesus Christ.

Pope Pius XII, in 1950, defined that Mary "after the completion of her earthly life was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven." Her body wasn't allowed to corrupt nor was it allowed to remain in a tomb other of Jesus Christ.

The feast is designated as a Holy Day of Obligation in the Roman Catholic Church.

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Financial Report



Financials for 8/12/2018 Bulletin

SJ Contributions

Total Contributions August 5, 2018

\$4320.94 Total

\$1570.00 Envelopes

\$78.94 Offertory

Building Fund \$2200.00

**We Share On-Line Contributions \$472.00
estimated**

SMMC Contributions

Total Contributions August 5, 2018

\$2355.05 Total

\$1850.00 Envelopes

\$245.05 Offertory

**We Share On-Line Contributions \$260.00
estimated**

A HUGE thank to the Organizers/Schedulers for the Tuesday money counting for both of our parishes, St James and St Mary. Also to everyone that has stepped up and come in to count money. Your Stewardship is greatly appreciated.



With all the busy summer schedules and vacation plans please remember your parishes. The Secure On-line Donations can be done at sjsmcc.weshareonline.org or go the St. James — St Mary's website and click on the On-Line Giving tab at the top of the page.

SCRIP NEWS

SJ SCRIP Update:

Watch the bulletin next week for an update on gift card sales. We sell scrip every weekend before and after the 8:30 Mass in the Gathering.

SMMC SCRIP Update: Last weekend we sold \$3,210 in gift cards and made \$145 for our parish. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sale will be on August 18th and 19th.

PARISH NEWS...

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 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.

St. James and St. Mary Cemeteries: In consultation of the Finance Councils of both parishes the cost of cemetery plots for St. James and St. Mary parishioners will increase to \$500 on **Jan 1, 2019**.

2018 SMMC PARISH PICNIC REPORT: Our annual parish picnic report is available at the entryways of Church. Thank you to all who helped to make our picnic a success.

COFFEE & DOUGHNUT SOCIAL AT SMMC this weekend, (Aug 12), after our 10:30 Mass on Sunday. Please Join us in the St. Joseph room.

Faith Formation for ALL ages: Save the Date: Sunday, **October 21, 1-5 pm**. Dominick Albano will present "Find Your Greatness" What are your habits? Are they helping you reach your full potential? Our lives change when our habits change. Join us to discover the four habits that will help you reach your full potential. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on Aug. 5 & 19. Cost is \$25.

Our next SMMC PCCW meeting: will be Monday August 13 at 6:30pm in the St Joseph's room Rosary with business meeting to follow. Light refreshments will be served. If you have an item that you would like added to the agenda, please contact Dorothy Shaver (715-445-4623).

PHOTO UPDATE: Complimentary photos for those who did NOT order any pictures are all being sent to St. James office. As pics are received Jan and Murt will have them. They will distribute as they can at upcoming Masses.

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.

SIGN UP SHEETS AT SMMC – Please see Poster Board in the back of Church with Sign Up Sheets for the Following:

- ◇ Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)
- ◇ Monthly Doughnut Social after Sunday Mass
- ◇ Lead Rosary before weekend Mass

Thank you to those who have already signed up. Can't remember where you signed up – Check Poster Board to find out.

We encourage everyone to look over the various areas where you can help your parish & sign-up as an individual or as a family.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

Men of the Cross Conference: The 4th Annual Men of the Cross Conference is slated for Sat., **Oct. 27** at Logan Middle School in La Crosse. Brochures & posters can be found by clicking here. You can download, print and distribute as well as display these at your parish. Or, if you wish to have some sent to you, please contact Dan Kitzhaber – mensmin@diolc.org.

Top Ten Reasons to Use of Natural Family Planning (NFP) Part 3 of 3

3. NFP is open to life. Couples practicing NFP experience the joy and awe of conception, pregnancy and child birth. They have a deeper understanding of children as a supreme gift from God to them. And, they have a greater commitment to be responsible parents.
2. NFP is Pope – ular. NFP is the morally upright teaching of the Catholic Church. The Church teaches that NFP is the right way to plan a family because it honors how we were made. NFP unites family to marriage.
1. NFP encourages Christ-like love. Every spouse wants to experience total, faithful and fruitful love. NFP sets the stage for this. It is true that couples who practice NFP practice chastity and make decisions to forego physical intimacy for a few days if they are choosing to avoid a pregnancy. But, in that sacrificial giving, the couple learns how to be of service to each other and, ultimately, to God.

Need help supporting parishioners who are family caregivers? The Office for Marriage and Family life has a one-year membership to Nourish for caregivers. Nourish is a Christ Centered Ministry that supports the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. If you are interested in this membership, please contact Alice Heinzen at ahinzen@diolc.org

CCD Registration

CCD Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents of students enrolled in St. James and St. Mary CCD program on **Wednesday, August 22nd 6:30 p.m.** at St. James.

Catechist Meeting

There will be a meeting for all catechists on **Wednesday, August 29th 6:30 p.m.** at St. James

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

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

You are invited to St. Mary's I.C. Parish – Custer, Annual Church Picnic AUGUST 26th. Held at Arnott Lions Park, County J (East of Stevens Point). 10:00 a.m. Mass – Polka Pak; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Chicken & Beef Dinner catered by Bob's Catering; Music & Dancing –12 noon-3:30 p.m. Chad Przybylski & his Polka Rhythms; 3:30-6:30 p.m. Polka Pak; 2:30 p.m. CASH BINGO; All Day-Concessions, Basket Raffles, Big Raffles, Silent Auction, Kids Games, Adults Games, Cherry Tree, Bake Sale & Farmers Market, 50/50 Raffle. Hope to see you there!

Social Concerns: SAVE THE DATE: **Sept 14 & 15** a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack is coming to Stevens Point. Watch the bulletin for information on how you can help or visit <https://give.fmssc.org/uwsp>.

Mark your calendars for another amazing Youth Rally sponsored by your Deanery! Fradd will be coming for two dates this fall. Wednesday, **Nov 7th** he will be at Saint Bronislava 's for the Youth Rally and the following night, Thursday, **November 8th** he will also be at Saint Bronislava 's , but this time a special event for Adults – Parenting the Internet Generation.

There is no cost for the parent night, we are asking for a \$2 per person donation for the Youth Rally. Register groups of 10 or more through Julie Studinski at Saint Bronislava's.

Matt Fradd speaks to tens of thousands of people every year. He is the author of several books, including *Does God Exist?: A Socratic Dialog on the Five Ways of Thomas Aquinas* and *The Porn Myth: Exposing the Reality Behind the Fantasy of Pornography*. Matt earned his master's and undergraduate degree's in philosophy from Holy Apostles College. His podcasts, *Love People Use Things* and *Pints With Aquinas* are listened to by tens of thousands of people every month.

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual Fall Harvest Dinner Sunday, October 7 Serving 11 am—2pm Adults \$10 Children (6-12) \$5 Preschool (5 & Under) Free Proceeds to Benefit the Parish Social Hall Location: St. Patrick's Church Building Just East of St. Max's Church Menu: Chicken (Provided by Ambrosia Catering) dressing, potatoes, green beans, Coleslaw, squash, pies and cakes Silent Auction, Bucket Raffle And 50/50 Raffle! Country Store Featuring Bake Sale, Produce and Crafts.