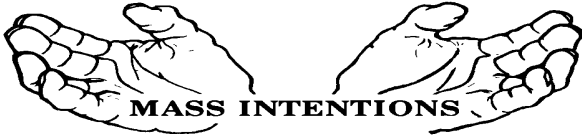




St. James & St. Mary Mt. Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Aug 28th 8:15 AM at SJ
(Paul Zielinski)

Wednesday Aug 29th 8:15 AM at SM
(Ed & Chesterine Stremkowski)

Thursday Aug 30th 8:15 AM at SM
(David Zinda Sr. & Chet Ligman)

Friday Aug 31st 8:15 AM at SJ
(William Dombrowski)

Weekend Sept 1st & 2nd

Saturday Sept 1st 5:00 PM at SM
(Vic & Dolores Schueller)

Sunday Sept 2nd 8:30 AM at SJ
Special Intention of Clara Kluz

Sunday Sept 2nd 10:30 AM at SM
Parishioners of our two Parishes

The Parish Office will be
closed September 3rd for
Labor Day.

Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor
Catholic Central Office
453 S. Main St., P.O. Box 280, Amherst 54406
Phone: 715-824-3455
Office Hours: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Tuesday–Friday
St. James/St. Mary website-sjsmmcc.weconnect.com
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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, TBD

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 26, 2018
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

THERE IS A RIVER

Bishop William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv.



A “Moral Catastrophe” and a Test of Virtue

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week I begin my annual retreat with my brother bishops from Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. This is usually a welcome event for us to simply “come aside and rest a while” with Our Blessed Lord. I doubt, however, that we will be finding quiet rest and prayer as much as we will be sharing our deepest and profoundly sad feelings concerning the events that once again plunge the Church into a dark hour of shame and disappointment—especially in Her leadership.

The first news about Archbishop McCarrick was indeed shocking and upsetting. That sad news was followed by the revelations concerning the unraveling of the incredible and disgusting stories of sexual molestations that took place over the decades in so many parts of the Church in Pennsylvania. Of course, I am personally touched and deeply grieved by these events—not only because I am a bishop, but because so many of the faithful are being struck with the tragedy of having their faith assaulted once again.

I don't know how many bishops and/or priests should or will be affected by the darkness of this new wave of scandal. I do believe that all of us need to try to remember that the devil never sleeps. He works some of his most diabolical evil on those who are weak and have lost their recognition of God's Grace and care in human life. Never forget, the devil works in little things—he tells half-truths and lures us with tantalizing manipulations. Be aware of the deceiver's work in this horror. St. Peter reminds us as he reminded our ancestors: “Be sober, be watchful; your adversary the devil prowls about the world seeking someone to devour: resist him, steadfast in the faith!” (1 Peter 5:8-10)

My brothers and sisters, be strong in your faith in these difficult days. Yes, there is sin and evil action abounding around us. Sadly, that evil has come about from some of the very shepherds who were supposed to protect us.

Yes, there still is sin in the world, even though the devil has been defeated by the power of the Cross of Christ. More than ever, we must cling to the cross, pray with the Scriptures, and receive the Sacraments. Continue to pray for good and holy priests. They need your prayers to remain courageous in these days. If we want good priests (and bishops) we must pray for them! Jesus told His First Priests that they were the salt of the earth—the light of the world. He called them to courage and virtue in living and preaching the Gospel.

I pray for you, dear brothers and sisters, especially for all who have been sadly touched—once again—by the sin and sadness of abuse in the Church and in the world at large. Remain faithful and strong—Jesus Christ has conquered evil. His is the Power. His is the Glory!

Financial Report



SJ Contributions

Total Contributions August 19, 2018

\$1,409.00 Total

\$953.00 Envelopes

\$181.00 Offertory

Building Fund \$235.00

We Share On-Line Contributions \$ 275.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contributions August 19, 2018

\$2,447.29 Total

\$1,743.00 Envelopes

\$364.29 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$340.00

Assumption of Mary Collections

St James -- \$414.16

St Mary -- \$665.00

Mission Sunday Total Collections

Sent to the Diocese

St James – \$1,673.00

St Mary's -- \$788.00

SCRIP NEWS

SJ SCRIP Update:

! Total sales: \$4,095. Total earned: \$166.95

! Local: \$225.

! Thanks for all who participated!! Gift cards can be purchased each week in the gathering space before and after the 8:30 Mass.

SMMC SCRIP Update:

! Last weekend we sold \$5,990 in gift cards and

! made \$270 for our parish. Thank you to every-

! one who participated! Our next sale will be on

! September 1st & 2nd.

PARISH NEWS...

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.

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.*

Reminder: Rada Knives are still available for sale. Please contact me with your list. I have many items available, including some gift sets. They make excellent wedding gifts.

I will be placing an order soon in case I don't have what you need. The Dip mixes are easy, quick and delicious for entertaining ideas or just to have on hand. Call Kathy Somers at 715-824-3770.

Faith Formation for All Ages: What if each day, every Catholic prayed for 10 minutes and read 5 pages of a great Catholic book? What if every Catholic gave 1% more of their income to their Church this year and did one thing each week to intentionally share God's message with others? The Catholic Church would be staggeringly different.

"Find Your Greatness" delves into the four life-giving spiritual habits of engaged Catholics. Join us at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel on **October 21**, and discover how to master the 4 signs of a Dynamic Catholic in your life. You will also learn how to engage disengaged Catholics and re-energize our community.

The Blue Army will meet at St. Mary's to recite the rosary on Tuesday, **August 28** at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call Judy Kizewski at 715-592-4410.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience focuses on what's important in your marriage and provides the tools to live a beautiful journey together.

Who is it for? Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together.

Who presents the weekend experience? 3 Catholic Couples and a Priest

Is there group sharing? No, the series of presentations are followed by couple's time for discernment and discussion in the privacy of their room.

How is a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience different? The weekend experience is not retreat, group therapy or marriage counseling. The weekend experience provides a quiet, meditative environment for couples to focus on one another and their relationship.

How much does a weekend experience cost? At the end of the weekend experience participating couples and religious are asked to prayerfully consider contributing what they can to defray the cost of the weekend experience and to make the weekend possible for other couples and religious.

Where can I find more information? View our videos at www.wwme.org/media

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience is being offered in Marathon, WI on October 19-21 2018 @ the beautiful St. Anthony Spirituality Center.

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.

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 aheinzen@diolc.org

CCD Registration

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:

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 **grade 8 and also a male volunteer to co-teach Theology of the Body for the junior class.**

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.

Parents of students in grades 6 – 8 are also being asked to volunteer as a classroom aide for at least one class possibly two this year. Parents with students in grade 9 are being asked to volunteer as a small group leader for at least one or two classes this year. Please email sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com with the dates you are able to volunteer.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me. My email address is [sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com](mailto: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

St. Mary's Fall Festival 205 South 2nd St Colby
Sunday, **September 9th.** 10:00 am Mass, Dinner 10:30-1:00. Chicken and Ham Dinner.

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>.

Peace Lutheran Church: will host the Packers/Vikings rivalry at the Jensen Center for our first Chicken Dinner on **September 16th**. We have Central Waters beer, a large screen TV, and take-out or eat-in arrangements. Bring your extended family! We'll have Bingo for adults and kids, with loads of prizes. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for the dinner. Or come and play bingo and watch the game! Buy your tickets at the Jensen Center. For more information, please call 715-824-5615 or email trchurch@gmail.com.

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.

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, **Nov 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.