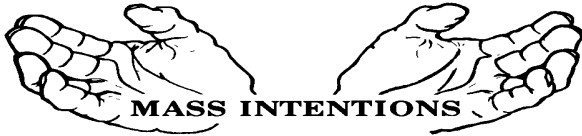




**St. James &
St. Mary Mt.
Carmel**



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Aug 7th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Norbert Glodowski)

Wednesday August 8th 8:15 AM at SM

(Emily Wierzba & Theresa Wroblewski)

Thursday August 9th 8:15 AM at SM

(Diane & Bill Dombrowski)

Friday August 10th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Chet Ligman)

Weekend August 11th & 12th

Saturday August 11th 5:00 PM at SM

(Myron & Vera Rzentkowski)

Sunday August 12th 8:30 AM at SJ

Parishioners of our two Parishes

Sunday August 12th 10:30 AM at SM

(Irene Betro)

**The Anointing of the
Sick Sacrament**

gives healing and strength to those who are ill, or near the end of life. Please reach out to the office so

Fr. Hackel may schedule a visit to administer this sacrament to your loved one.

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

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Lea, Shawn SM

Lorsung, Pat SJ

Piesik, Steve SM

Prater, Jacob SJ

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Spierings, Don SJ

Zinda, Judy SM

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Stuczynski, Dave SM

Trzebiatowski, Sandy SJ

**August 5, 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?

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.

Mass Times:

- No Tuesday 8:15 AM Mass at St James
- Tuesday Aug. 14th 6:00 PM at St James
- Wednesday Aug 15th 8:15 AM at St Mary
- Wednesday Aug 15th 12:00 Noon at St James



SJ Weekly Contributions
Total Contributions October 29, 2017
\$1,352.84 Total
\$1255.00 Envelopes
\$97.84 Offertory
We-Share On-Line Contributions \$120.00

SMMC Weekly Contributions
Total Contributions October 29, 2017
\$3585.00 Total
\$3162.00 Envelopes
\$343.00 Offertory
We-Share On-Line Contributions \$95.00

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:
 Total sales: \$3,150. Local: \$650.

SMMC SCRIP Update: Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for results. Our next sale will be on August 18th & 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 **January 1, 2019**.

Servers Needed at SJ: St. James is in dire need of altar servers for Sunday Masses. There will be a group training session on **Aug 8th** at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the St. James sacristy to start. We will gladly have one-on-one training sessions for those interested. Contact Theresa Shulfer at 715-592-4477 or tmsulfer@gmail.com. Anyone who has received Holy Communion is able to serve at the altar during Mass and no one is too old to serve! If you have wanted to get involved at our church but don't know what to do, this is a great first step!

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.

SMMC PCCW meeting on Monday evening, **August 13th** at 6:30pm rosary and meeting to follow in the St Joseph's room. If you have something you would like added to the agenda, please call President Dorothy Shaver (715-445-4623) before August 4th. Light refreshments will be served.

Coffee and Donuts! Join us next weekend (**August 12th**) for coffee and donuts after the 8:30am Mass at St. James.

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.

PICNIC YARD SIGNS: Please RETURN all yard signs. Place in the entryways of Church. Return even if Damaged!

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.

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 2 of 3

6. NFP is a communication machine. Nothing is taken for granted when a couples uses NFP. As we often say, if a couple can discuss cervical mucus and decide how to handle it, they can certainly discuss the check book balance and how to handle that.
5. NFP teaches marital intimacy. When a couple practices NFP, they learn to love both within the marital act as well as outside the act of physical unity. Husbands who know their wife's cycle are more able to love without expecting something in return. Because there are no chemical or latex barriers used in NFP, the couple can truly give themselves completely to each other. This enhances the romance!
4. NFP is green. NFP promotes good health. It doesn't pollute the human body or our earthly environment. It enhances self discipline in all walks of life. It follows natural law as well as natural moral law.

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.

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.

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, November 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.