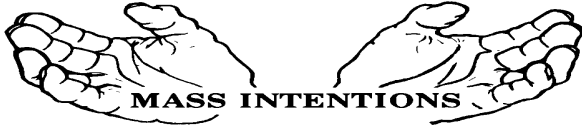




St. James &
St. Mary Mt.
Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Sept 12th 8:15 AM at SJ
 (Jan Trzebiatowski & Lori Trzebiatowski)

Wednesday Sept 13th 8:15 AM at SM
 (David Zinda)

Thursday Sept 14th 8:15 AM at SM
 (Maynard Konkol)

Friday Sept 15th 8:15 AM at SJ
 (Jean Zdroik)

Weekend Sept 16th and Sept 17th

Saturday Sept 16th 5:00 PM at SM
 (Charles Sopa Jr.)

Sunday Sept 17th 8:30 AM at SJ
 Parishioners of our two parishes

Sunday Sept 17th 10:30 AM at SM
 (Walt Geis)

Attention:

As of September 7th, 2017 Thursday Mass will return to 8:15 AM at St Mary Mount Carmel. There no longer be a 6:30 PM at St Mary Mount Carmel.

CCD Schedule:

CCD Classes for all grade levels for both St. James and St. Mary students begins on Wednesday, September 13th

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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 and every third

Sunday of the month.

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

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September 10, 2017
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CYCLE A SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

If you missed the second collection today, you may still give. Check out our website at sjsmcc.weshareonline.org for information on giving.



SJ Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions September 3, 2016

\$2,115.75

\$1,440.00 Envelopes

\$173.75 Offertory

We-Share On-Line Contributions \$502.00

SMMC Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions September 3, 2016

\$3,057.00

\$2,459.00 Envelopes

\$443.00 Offertory

We-Share On-Line Contributions \$155.00

St James is looking for volunteer money counters. It usually only takes about an hour on Tuesday Mornings. Please consider 'taking a turn'. Call the office.

ON-LINE GIVING

Is available for all parishioners of St James and St Mary's Parishes. Make your donating simple, safe & secure. Go to: sjsmcc.weshareonline.org select the parish you wish to contribute to and click on it. Select your type of donation and finish the set up. If there are problems or questions please call the office at 715-824-3544 or We-share online direct at 800-950-9952



SCRIP NEWS

St. James SCRIP Update:

Total sales \$600 Local sales \$0

St. Mary SCRIP Update:

Last weekend we sold \$5,280 in gift cards and made \$214.05 for our parish. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sale will be September 16th and 17th.

You can order many special gift cards which do not appear on our regular list of cards available. Inquire at 715 341-2445. You can buy cards for hotels, car rental, Disney, airlines, Furniture & Appliance Mart, Slumberland, Home Furniture, Duralum, Duraclean, Carpets Plus, Placeway Pools, Cabelas, Bass Pro Shop, Best Buy and more. These MUST be special order and paid in advance. Please keep SCRIP in mind for major purchases and gift giving. Your planning can greatly assist SJ/SMMC in paying our educational assessments.

Parish News:

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION UPCOMING EVENTS



100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage!

Sunday, **September 17** Trip to Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI! Coach Bus Departs St. Mary's at 8:00am. Rosary at the Shrine at 10:30 followed by Mass at 11:00am. Lunch will be on site and is included. Time to then Visit Shrine, Grounds, Personal Prayer and Meditation. Board Bus at 3:30 to return back to St. Mary's. Price is \$15.00 per person. Must fill out a Sign Up sheet to reserve your spot on the bus! Sign Up sheets are located at the entryways at both St. Mary's and St. James. Don't delay! Capacity is only 55! Sign up Early to join us for this day of devotion!

October 12 Thursday Evening 6:30 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel followed by Sunset Rosary As the sun danced in the sky 100 years ago, we will meditate on the mysteries of the rosary while watching the sunset. Fellowship after with light snacks. Details forthcoming.

ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

will meet on Mon **September 11, 2017**. Rosary at 6:45pm. Meeting at 7pm. All Women of the Parish are invited to attend and bring new ideas for the coming year. Any questions call Karen Jastromski at [715-824-2475](tel:715-824-2475).

SMMC LADIES:

THANK YOU ALL for your generous donations to our NO-BAKE fundraiser! If you have forgotten, it is never too late to drop an envelope to PCCW in the collection basket!

Dynamic Catholic - Holiness

Revolution "You've been chosen to bring about a change in the world." Join nationally acclaimed speaker & author Dan DeMatte for the "**Holiness Revolution**" event on Saturday, **Oct. 7**, 9 am - 1:30 pm at St. James. Tickets cost just \$20 for this **life changing** experience! Tickets are available through the central office or online at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/holiness-revolution-amherst->



Diocesan Parish History Book: This 350-page book including the history and photos of each parish with diocesan history will be avail this fall 2017 for \$33. Discover the Catholic Faith of the people of West Central Wisconsin through the stories shared by its many parish communities in this first-ever coffee table book with pull outs.

Bible Study Looking for volunteers: Would you like to help bring the Bible to life for others? **The Bible Timeline by Jeff Cavins** will help us to understand the Big Picture of God's plan as it has unfolded in history. Jeff will help us to discover God's loving plan, the story of Salvation & our place in it. If you would like to facilitate this program or something else, please contact Ann at 715-316-7056 or sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com.

Grief Share program will be resuming on Tues, Sept. 19 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the St. Joseph room at St. Marys. This first session in a series of 12 sessions discusses myths about grief and starting a journey toward healing. Please contact either Cindi [715-570-0755](tel:715-570-0755) or Shawn [715-824-2300](tel:715-824-2300) if you have questions.

"What If we've Been Wrong?" – The untold story of America's 'abortion king' and one woman's mission to share his pro-life conversion. Pro-lifers may know about the conversion of former abortionist and NARAL founder Dr. Bernard Nathanson, but few know the full story of how he convinced Americans to embrace abortion. One woman is on a mission to change that because of a promise she made to Nathanson when he was dying of cancer. Terry Beatley, founder and president of the Hosea Initiative and author of "What If We've Been Wrong?" will speak at the annual diocesan Gospel of Life Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Callahan at 6:00 pm, with the talk at 7:00 pm. Location Knights of Columbus, Council 1170 Breakfast and Bake Sale – first of the season

Join us for our monthly, Knights of Columbus, Council 1170 breakfast, Sunday Sept 24th. Serving from 8:15 am until 11:00 am at the KC Clubhouse, 401 W Clark St (just across the Clark St. bridge). We are also having a special bake sale with proceeds supporting our various charity programs. Featuring a delicious menu of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage/ham, our famous home fried red potatoes, desserts and refreshments. Cost is only \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children. You won't go away hungry. Thank you, John Schlice
Officers and Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 1170 (712 Market Street, Marathon) Free and open to the public.

Catholic Charities Summer Homeless Appeal

In 2016, families received nearly \$113,000 in housing assistance to keep them in their homes. 23,324 sheltered nights of service were provided to the many poor, hurting, homeless and often "faceless" people in our communities. 407 homeless community members or those living on the edge of homelessness sought day time services through the Franciscan Hospitality House. Beyond Shelter Programs, housing homeless adult men and women with children have opened in Wausau and Loyal. Catholic Charities is committed to serving the homeless and those who live at risk of homelessness. This summer we ask that you join us in ending homelessness in our communities by donating on our website at www.cclse.org. Thank you for your support!

Adult & Children Faith Formation

CCD Update:

Dear parents of CCD families,

As promised, we have come to a solution regarding this year's CCD program for St. James and St. Mary. First off, a special thank you, thank you, thank you to all catechists from St. Mary and St. James who have come forward to teach in the grade levels this year.

All the CCD classes will take place at two locations, namely, at St. James Church and the Jensen Center at Amherst. There will not be any classes held at St. Mary CCD building this year due to a lack of catechists to fill the positions.

Grades one through five classes will be at St James Church from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. The students will be bused from Amherst Public School to the St. James Church. An email will be sent to all parents with more detailed information regarding boarding the bus.

The evening program will begin at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. and will consist of the middle school grades 6, 7, & 8 at St James Church. There will be no bus for the evening program. The high school program will be meeting at the Jensen Center located adjacent to the high school in Amherst. The high school program will consist of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. More detailed information will be emailed to you regarding expectations at the Jensen Center.

This all begins next week Wednesday, September 13th. The email information mentioned above will be sent out later this week after the catechists are contacted. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Ann Hemmy, DRE 715-316-7056 or email sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com. God bless and see you soon.

CCD Schedule:

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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
St. James
students:



– 11 for both
and St. Mary
6:30 p.m. –



That Man is You! Men's Program
Tuesday Mornings 6:00AM – 7:30AM
Sacred Heart Church in Polonia

"That Man Is You" men's group continues in the St. Point Deanery starting Tuesday, September 12th. This year is entitled "The Unveiling of Love", in which you will discover the unique Catholic vision of love and marriage, which is so profound that it spans from the Paradise in Eden through Christ's sacrifice on Calvary to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in heaven. The meetings will be held every Tues, starting with breakfast at 6:00, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30. The first session will be on Tuesday, September 12th. Meetings will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia, just east of Stevens Point. All men are welcome!

Calling all young adults! The JP11 Group of Portage County invites you to EPIC: The Early Church. Join other young adults as we socialize & study the fascinating history of the early church! Bring a friend; all are welcome! You do not need to be able to attend every meeting. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month in the Joseph Room at St. Bronislava. We gather at 7:15 pm & will begin at 7:30 pm. The study will begin on September 11. Email jp2portagecounty@gmail.com with any questions.

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual Fall Harvest Dinner
Sunday, October 1 Serving 11-2 Adults \$10 Children (6-12) \$5 Preschool Free Household Family Rate \$25. St. Patrick's Church Building. East of St. Max's Church
Menu: Chicken (Provided by Ambrosia Catering) dressing, potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, squash, pies & cakes. Silent Auction, Bucket Raffle and 50/50 Raffle! Bake Sale, Produce and Crafts.

Pilgrimage to India: Join Fr Peter Manickam on a trip to India, **Jan 6th, 2018**. Travel includes the countries of Dubai, Abudhabi, Southern India St. Thomas tomb, St. Mary's Basilica and Srilanka. For more info contact Dennis Boucher at dennismarshfield@yahoo.com.