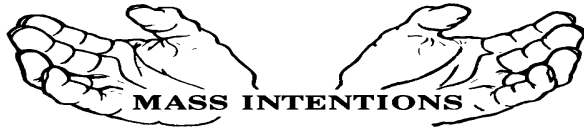




St. James &
St. Mary Mt.
Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Sept 19th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Ted & Bridget Konkol)

Wednesday Sept 20th 8:15 AM at SM

Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday Sept 21st 8:15 AM at SM

(Adeline Sopa)

Friday Sept 22nd 8:15 AM at SJ

(Byron Shaw)

Weekend Sept 23rd and Sept 24th

Saturday Sept 23rd 5:00 PM at SM

Parishioners of our two parishes

Sunday Sept 24th 8:30 AM at SJ

(Robert Makuski)

Sunday Sept 24th 10:30 AM at SM

(Patricia Lyon)

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.

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.



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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

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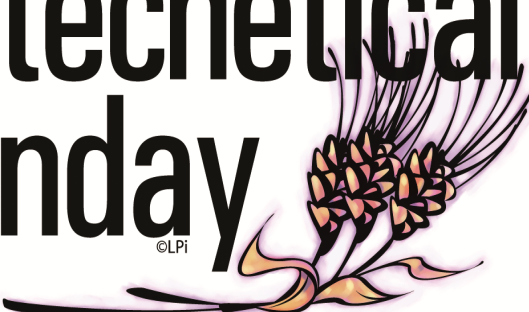
September 17, 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday

The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

However, it would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the NAME of catechist for an echoing of good news. ALL of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. Some say catechesis begins in the home, and while that is true, it carries with it a parent/child connotation. But where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the HEART. This year on Catechetical Sunday, may your heart be moved to motivate you to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.

Catechetical Sunday



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SJ Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions September 10, 2016

\$2,730.75

\$2,140.00 Envelopes

\$110.75 Offertory

We-Share On-Line Contributions \$480.00

SMMC Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions September 10, 2016

\$2,380.00

\$1,897.000 Envelopes

\$293.00 Offertory

We-Share On-Line Contributions \$190.00

Contributions for Hurricane Relief Funds

SJ – \$1,782.00 SM – \$1,547.75

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: sjmmcc.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:

No SJ scrip update for this week. We had low sales so I will combine with next weeks.

St. Mary SCRIP Update:

Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for results. Our next sale will be October 7th and 8th.

Parish News:

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Robert's Rendezvous in memory of past parishioner Robert Lea Jr. on Saturday, **September 23rd** from 3p.m.-11p.m. at the Amherst Fairgrounds. 2 Bands, Free will offering pig roast, 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets, gun raffles, sweet treat table and kids games. Proceeds go to scholarships, community projects, mesothelioma and asbestos research.

Dynamic Catholic - Holiness

Revolution "You've been chosen to bring about a change in the world."

Join nationally acclaimed speaker and author Dan DeMatte for the "**Holiness Revolution**" event on Saturday, **Oct. 7**, at 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-wi-oct-07-2017>. The next after Mass ticket sales will be Sept. 16-17.



Open Invitation to All - SJ and SM 4 Committee Meeting

The next 4 Committee Meeting for SJ and SM parishes will be on Tuesday, October 10th 6:30 p.m. at St. James. Please consider becoming an active member of one of our 4 committees: Sacred Worship, Family Life, Social Concerns, or Education. All are welcome to attend! If you are interested, but unsure, please attend to learn more about the activities of each of these committees.

Diocesan Parish History Book: This 350-page book including the history and photos of each parish with diocesan history will be available 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,

A huge thank you to those parents and parishioners who have generously volunteered to teach in our Faith Formation classes this year.

- 1st grade - Karen Yenter St. James parishioner
- 2nd grade - Karen Stuczynski St. James parishioner
- 3rd grade - Sandy Konkol St. James parishioner &
Karen Jastromski St. James parishioner/grandparent
- 4th grade - Judi Marquand St. James parishioner
- 5th grade - Jessica Wiesman St. James parent &
Theresa Shulfer St. James parishioner
- 6th grade - Jodi Glodowski St. Mary parishioner
- 7th grade – Lynne Derezinski St. James parent
- 8th grade – Bill Laidlaw St. James parent
- 9th grade – Maggie Trzebiatowski St. Mary parent &
Majorie Bachhuber St. James parishioner
- 10th grade – Sharon Stratton St. James parishioner &
Stephanie Yenter St. James parent
- 11th grade – Jenny Konkol St. Mary parent,
Mary Stuczynski St. James grandparent/parishioner, &
Bob Stuczynski St. James parent
- Substitute catechists – Misty Prater St. James parent,
Cheryl Andersen St. James parent,
Dean Benjamin St. James parent
- Theology of the Body – Cindi Boroski St. Mary parishioner &
Jim Groshek St. James parishioner

Please continue to pray for God's Blessing for all of our catechists as they instruct our students in our Catholic Faith.

CCD Schedule:

- CCD Classes for all grade levels for both St. James and St. Mary students,
- 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 – 11 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Jensen Center

Upcoming EVENTS

TMIY *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. Joseph Holy Name Society 7th Annual Pig Roast

4:30 pm—7:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
Stevens Point, WI
Must pre-purchase tickets for this event or make reservations by calling 715-340-4857 or email mandmdaniels@charter.net

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.