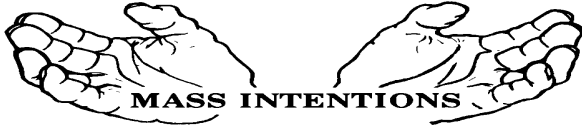




St. James &
St. Mary Mt.
Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Sept 26th 8:15 AM at SJ

Intentions of Ceil Ostrowski

Wednesday Sept 27th 8:15 AM at SM

(Claire & Francis Zenner)

Thursday Sept 28 th 8:15 AM at SM

(Kathleen Firkus)

Friday Sept 29 th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Al & Theresa Wroblewski)

Weekend Sept 30th and Oct 1st

Saturday Sept 30th 5:00 PM at SM

(Florian Wojciehoski)

Sunday Oct 1st 8:30 AM at SJ

(Byron Shaw)

Sunday Oct 1st 10:30 AM at SM

Parishioners of our two parishes

NO CONFESSION:

Saturday Oct 30th or Oct 7th at St James

Reception hours:

Tues thru Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

No longer on Mondays

Ecclesial Music Seminar

Coming in November, 2017 at

St Mary Church

10:00 to Noon

Val Bartlein will be leading a seminar for all those who love to share their talents as musicians

Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor

Catholic Central Office

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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

Prayer Chain contact for SM: Barb Groholski 715-824-3649

Laurie Hintz - plhintz@wi-net.com

Communion for those unable to attend Mass contact: Jim or Deb Sniadajewski @ 715-824-6747

September 24, 2017
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners:

The summer has given way to a new school year. With our new school year comes a host of new beginnings, High School sports, Packer Games, to name a couple and of course our Diocesan Annual Appeal. The theme for this year's appeal is, "Stewards Of Hope." The below is a letter written by our Bishop Callahan. Please take a moment to ponder in your heart and mind his words of encouragement and hope. As always, I am very proud of our parishes for making last year's Appeal and I hope we can carry our successful momentum into this next year.

Peace,

Fr. Hackel 

Dear Friends,

As we approach our Diocesan Sesquicentennial, we do well to pause and contemplate the Gospel of Luke 4:16-19 where Jesus reads from the Prophet Isaiah: "He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind to let the oppressed go free." Paul in Hebrews 11:8-10 recalls how Abraham, went out into the unknown, looking forward. Today Pope Francis continually calls on us to the risk of the encounter, bringing mercy and hope to the marginalized. "Hope," he says, "is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness that does not dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow." Considering these messages from Sacred Scripture and from our Holy Father, our beloved Diocese tirelessly proclaims the good news of the Gospel: Our Hope Jesus Christ.

Our ancestors whose dreams, works, and spiritual efforts built our Diocese—and upon whose shoulders we now stand upon— took the risk of Divine hope, coming to an unknown land, many searching for freedom from oppression: all were given the vision to see tomorrow. Your prayers and sacrificial gifts offered to the Diocesan Annual Appeal today fund the many great works that continue to flow from that Divine Hope bequeathed to us from our ancestors inspiring a new age for Faith! I am grateful for your generosity and support for the Annual Appeal; and I humbly invite you to participate in this year's Sesquicentennial Diocesan Annual Appeal – Stewards of Hope.

Gods blessings be upon you,

Most Rev. William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse

Financial Report



SJ Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions September 17, 2017

\$1,740.00

\$1,311.00 Envelopes

\$194.00 Offertory

We-Share On-Line Contributions \$235.00

SMMC Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions September 17, 2017

\$1,716.03

\$1,173.00 Envelopes

\$323.03 Offertory

We-Share On-Line Contributions \$220.00

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: 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:

Total sales: 2560

Total earned: 109.70

Local sales: 720.

St. Mary SCRIP Update:

Last weekend we sold 5105 in gift cards and made 221 for our parish. Thank you to all who participated. Our next sales will be Oct 7 & 8. If you need cards before that date, call Pat at 715-824-3762.

Parish News:

The Grief Share program has resumed. The second session in the 12-week series is about starting the Grief Journey with support of others. Participants are welcome to join us on Tuesday, September 26 in the private area of the St. Joseph room of St. Mary's Fancher from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Please contact either Cindi (715-570-0755) or Shawn (715-824-2300) if you have questions.

Coffee and Donuts Help

We have had a great response to coffee and donuts at St. James. We need some volunteers to help us continue. It is only once a month and easy to setup and cleanup. We have some helpers for cleanup but are looking for some people willing to do pickup of donuts and setup. Contact Misty (715-824-6061) if you would be interested in helping with this ministry. You can just volunteer for a month at a time.

Dynamic Catholic - "Holiness Revolution"

"You've been chosen to bring about a change in the world." Join us to find out how you can make a difference in your community. This life changing event will take place on Sat. Oct 7 from 9 am-1:30 pm at St. James. **Tickets may be purchased in the Central Office.** 40 tickets remain! **Childcare will be available upon request** by contacting Michelle Shulfer at 715-600-4145.

On October 13, 1917 the great throng of about seventy thousand spectators witnessed the miracle of the sun. It had rained all during the apparition. At the end of the conversation between Our Lady and Lucia when the Blessed Virgin rose and Lucia shouted, "Look at the sun!" the clouds opened up, revealing the sun as an immense silver disk. It shone with an intensity never before seen, but was not blinding. This lasted only an instant. Then the immense ball began to "dance." The sun began to spin rapidly like a gigantic circle of fire. Then it stopped momentarily, only to begin spinning wildly again. Its rim became scarlet, whirling, it scattered red flames across the sky. Their light was reflected on the ground, on the trees, on the bushes, and on the very faces and clothing of the people, which took on brilliant hues and changing colors.



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.

"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 **Thurs, 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.

MANY THANKS, for the prayers and the support while staying at UW Hospital in Madison and at the Atrium in Wisconsin Rapids. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, food and gifts. My family and myself really feel the love from the community which has meant so much. Thank you and God Bless. Shirley Slowinski

The family of Dorothy Groshek would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Rosary Society for praying the Rosary with us. Father Dan for the wonderful service, Linda and Janet for the beautiful music, Kathy Somers and everyone who helped and assisted in anyway with the delicious luncheon after Moms service. Thank you to everyone for your support and condolences. In memorial, a donation will go to SMMC Church Restoration Fund. Sincerely, The Groshek Family

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, [608-519-8002](tel:608-519-8002). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.dioc.org. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at [608-791-2679](tel:608-791-2679); or dkunz@dioc.org.

Adult & Children Faith Formation

CCD Update:

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

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 Marquard St. James parishioner

5th grade - Jessica Wiesman St. James parishioner/parent &
Theresa Shulfer St. James parishioner

6th grade - Jodi Glodowski St. Mary parishioner

7th grade – Lynne Derezinski St. James parishioner/parent

8th grade – Bill Laidlaw St. James parishioner/parent

9th grade – Maggie Trzebiatowski St. Mary parishioner/parent &
Majorie Bachhuber St. James parishioner
Kathy Suski St. Mary parishioner/parent – small group leader

10th grade – Sharon Stratton St. James parishioner &
Stephanie Yenter St. James parishioner/parent

11th grade – Jenny Konkol St. Mary parishioner/parent,
Mary Stuczynski St. James grandparent/parishioner, &
Bob Stuczynski St. James parishioner/parent

Substitute catechists – Misty Prater St. James parishioner/parent,
Cheryl Andersen St. James parishioner/parent,
Dean Benjamin St. James parishioner/parent

Theology of the Body – Cindi Borski St. Mary parishioner &
Jim Groshek St. James parishioner

Ed Stuczynski St. James parishioner after school bus driver for our students in grades 1 – 5.

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



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.

Pilgrimage to Poland April 9-17, 2018. Join Father Joseph of Ste Peter's Parish, St. Point. Book by Oct 3rd to receive the early booking discount. Call Global Travel 715-341-7227 to book or to request a brochure.

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.

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Central Wisconsin Benefit Dinner

Friday, October 27 at Pacelli Catholic High School 1301 Maria Drive, Stevens Point 5:00 pm - Social with soda, wine, and beer 6:00 pm - Dinner and Presentations Door prizes and silent auction throughout the evening! Join us for a delicious meal of chicken cordon bleu in support of Casa Hogar and the outreach they do in Peru. Msgr. Joseph Hirsch and Jordan Zoroufy, directors of Casa Hogar, will share with us the great work that Casa Hogar is doing in Peru while students will give their mission testimonies. The event will include dinner, refreshments, door prizes, a silent auction, and other opportunities for you to help support the Diocesan Mission in Peru. The cost of dinner is \$25 per person.