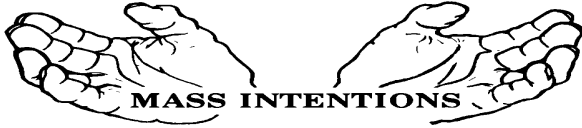




St. James &
St. Mary Mt.
Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Sept 5th 8:15 AM at SJ
 (Claire & Frances Zenner)

Wednesday Sept 6th 8:15 AM at SM
 (Edmund & Chestrine Stremkowski)

Thursday Sept 7th 6:30 PM at SM
 (Ben & Julie Von Rueden, and deceased family members)

Friday Sept 8th 8:15 AM at SJ
 (Charles Sopa Jr.)

Weekend Sept 9th and Sept 10th

Saturday Sept 9th 5:00 PM at SM
 (Patricia Marquard)

Sunday Sept 10th 8:30 AM at SJ
 (Kadow Family)

Sunday Sept 10th 10:30 AM at SM
 Parishioners of our two parishes

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.

The Parish Offices
 will be
 closed
 Sept 4th
 2017



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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

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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 3, 2017
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

This week's bulletin is addressing a number of items. Please read them over carefully.

Thank you. *Fr. Hackel*

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CCD Update:

Please go to the back of the bulletin to read the latest update on the CCD classes for both St. James and St. Mary parishes.

HURRICANE HARVEY COLLECTION

We received word from USCCB Vice-President, Archbishop Jose Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, that he, on behalf of Cardinal Daniel Di Nardo of Houston and President of the Conference, is calling for a general collection for hurricane and emergency flood relief for the affected areas of Houston and surrounding areas of southeast Texas and southwestern Louisiana.

A second collection will take place at the Sept. 9th & 10th Masses. You may also donate online by going to <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Rural Life Day - Thursday, Sept. 14

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 37th annual Rural Life Day hosted by St. Florian Parish in Hatley of the Wausau Deanery. This event will be held on the farm of Mike & Sue Fischer. The day begins with 10:00am Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop William Patrick Callahan, and is followed by awards, recognitions, a blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by the women of the parish. The Fischer farm is at 1731 Esker Rd, Hatley, WI 54440. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, yministry@frontier.com, or via phone: 715-384-3252x6.

September 27 (Wednesday): Parish celebrations of Rural Life Day, day of thanksgiving for blessings received.



SJ Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions August 27, 2016

\$1,019.54

\$905.00 Envelopes

\$114.54 Offertory

We-Share On-Line Contributions \$80.00

SMMC Weekly Contributions

Total Contributions August 27, 2016

\$2,563.00

\$2,235.00 Envelopes

\$328.00 Offertory

We-Share On-Line Contributions \$50.00

SCRIP NEWS

St. James SCRIP Update:

- | Total sales: \$1875
- | Local sales: \$850
- | SJ earned: \$98.13
- | Thanks to all who participated!

St. Mary SCRIP Update:

- | Last weekend we sold \$5,400 in gift cards and made \$223.25 for our parish. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sale will be on September 2nd and 3rd.

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 715-824-3455

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



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 Mass at 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.

Dynamic Catholic - Holiness Revolution

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9am - 1:30pm. **Tickets are limited and selling quickly!** Available through the Central Office or after Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month by the Dynamic Catholic posters.

Speaker, Dan DeMatte promises to be an inspiration! Dedicated to changing the way we view the church and holiness, he engages people of all ages in their faith. This event is appropriate for ages 12+. See flyers for more information or view a brief video at [Dynamic-Catholic.com/Events/Holiness Revolution](http://Dynamic-Catholic.com/Events/Holiness%20Revolution).

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 following year. Any questions call Karen Jastromski at [715-824-2475](tel:715-824-2475).

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.

"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

Date change: Theology on Tap will meet **Sept 6th** at 6:30 for drink/social and speaker starts at 7. Sky Club in Plover. We will have Sister Louise Hembracht from the Franciscan Sisters of Charity and Fr. Placid Stroik. The topic will be Dialogue: A Franciscan Moment. It will be an open format to discuss modern life in the light of being followers of St. Francis. Come with questions!

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!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed at St. Michael's Hospital

Jesus has called all disciples to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, invite the stranger in, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, and visit the sick. (Matthew 25:34-36). There is a need for volunteers to bring Holy Communion to those at St. Michael's Hospital. Those interested in sharing the presence of Christ with patients, please contact Chaplain Bonne in Spiritual Services: [715-346-5358](tel:715-346-5358) or email: Bonnie.Bauman@ascension.org

Adult & Children Faith Formation

CCD Update:

As of now the St. James CCD program has instructors committed in grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11. There is no instructor for grade 6 at St. James. St. Mary has instructors committed for grades 6, 9, and 11. There are no instructors for grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10. On a positive note all the grades have an instructor if both parishes would come together for CCD, each grade would be covered. The total number of students per grade level if both parishes combined their programs: 1st - 10; 2nd - 15; 3rd - 14; 4th - 14; 5th - 20; 6th - 19; 7th - 20; 8th - 16, 9th - 19; 10th - 15; and 11th - 17. Some of the catechists that have committed have indicated that the larger class size would not be a problem. The final decision as to the location and time of the classes will be on Wednesday, Sept. 6th. The update will be made through myParish app and also emailed to CCD parents. If you would like to volunteer to teach, please contact Ann Hemmy, DRE at sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com or call 715-316-7056 as soon as possible.

CCD Schedule:

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

CCD Registration

St. James and St. Mary CCD families: If you have not submitted your family's registration form for the upcoming CCD year, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have not received your registration packet, please stop in at Central Office to pick it up. Please send your registration along with your fee to: Catholic Central Office, P.O. Box 280, Amherst, WI 54406, Thank You!



Smokey Express: A family band that has been making music for the past 33 years! **Sunday September 10, 2:00 coming to South New Hope Church.** A \$10-per-person donation is appreciated. South New Hope Church (SNH) is a 1889 church building that is being restored for historic preservation, and is inviting the public to various programs throughout the summer and autumn. Its setting is in beautiful glacial country. SNH is located at 1410, County Road T, Amherst Jct., ½ mile north of Highway 161. Contact: info@southnewhope.org

St. Mary Fall Festival 205 South 2nd St. Colby Sunday, **September 10, 2017** Polka Mass 10:00 AM Rubenzer Polka Band Dinner 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

Calling all young adults! The JP II 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.

Dynamic Catholic events in the area:

Saturday **October 7th 2017** from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, St James Catholic Church, Amherst. Speaker, Dan DeMatte accompanied by musical guest Aaron Richards. Tickets can be purchased 1 of 2 ways. 1) Directly at the event website www.DynamicCatholic.com/Amherst, or 2) from local host Michelle Shulfer at gmsulfer@gmail.com or 715-592-4477.

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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.