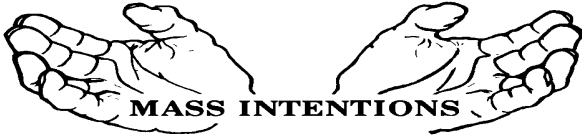




**St. James &
St. Mary Mt.
Carmel**



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Sept 18th 8:15 at SJ
(Keith Krupka)

Wednesday Sept 19th 8:15 AM at SM
(Walter Geis)

Thursday Sept 20th 8:15 AM at SM
Special Intentions of Marge Iwanski

Friday Sept 21st 8:15 AM at SJ
Special Intentions of Michelle Shulfer

Weekend Sept 22nd & 23rd

Saturday Sept 22nd 5:00 PM at SM
Robert & Barb Groholski
50th Anniversary

Sunday Sept 23rd 8:30 AM at SJ
Parishioners of our two Parishes

Sunday Sept 23rd 10:30 AM at SM
(Rita Patoka)

Anyone planning a wedding or baptism?
Please call the office to book an appointment. This will help plan your special day!

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 Peter, Stevens Point every Wed Starting at 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Thurs

Pastoral Council

Borski, Cindi SM
Griggs, Lauren SJ
Juris, Michael SJ
Kwiatkowski, Randy SJ
Lea, Shawn SM
Lorsung, Pat SJ
Piesik, Steve SM
Prater, Jacob SJ
Shulfer, Michelle SJ
Spierings, Don SJ
Zinda, Judy SM

Finance Council

Patoka, Gilbert SM
Stratton, Sharon SJ
Stuczynski, Dave SM
Trzebiatowski, Sandy SJ

**September 16, 2018
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners,

CCD started up for our students this past week. I would like to give a little history of what CCD is for our parishes as well as throughout the country. The abbreviation "CCD" is commonly referred to as The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or simply as "Catechism", and provides religious education to Catholic children attending secular schools. Similar to children's Sunday school in Protestant churches, CCD education is provided by both member of the clergy and lay people of the parish. [Today CCD goes under a variety of names such as; Continuing Catholic Development (CCD) or Religious Education (RE) or simply Faith Formation. As our education program continues to develop, our goal is the same throughout the ages, namely, passing on the faith to our children.]

CCD attendance is considered to be vital to children's development as Catholics. Unfortunately, many CCD programs have taken a less educational approach and a greater emphasis on "fun time" for children so they may feel good about their faith. This is a feel good experience for a moment. A solid curriculum provides the educational aspect that gives the opportunity for a child to feel rewarded in their increase of knowledge of the faith thus leading them to a deeper understanding of God which then brings them to wisdom which is the highest form of learning. This progression of spiritual growth is our baptismal calling that allows a true feel good encounter of God that lasts for a lifetime because it is rooted in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit of Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom.

These classes not only educate our children about the Holy Trinity and the Catholic faith, but also prepares the children to receive and complete the Sacraments of Initiation namely; Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Once they have reached Confirmation the hope is they continue in their faith which is the greatest challenge of young Catholic people in our present culture.

I wish to thank the many parents, grandparents, and parishioners who give generously of their time in past years towards our CCD program and in the year to come. With all of you who have stepped up to teach our students we are able to fulfill the mission of educating our families. Please take a moment to pass along your thanks to the many dedicated individuals who care enough to teach your children the faith God has graciously given us through his church.

Karen Yenter (grade 1), Karen Stuczynski (grade 2), Sandy Konkol and Karen Jastromski (grade 3), Judi Marquard (grade 4), Theresa Shulfer (grade 5), Sheila Bennett (grade 6), Jodi Glodowski (grade 7), Lynne Derezinski (grade 8), Bill Laidlaw (grade 9), Maggie Trzebiatowski (grade 10), and Cindi Borski (grade 11 Theology of the Body).

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

Peace!

Fr. Hackel



SJ Contributions

Total Contributions September 9, 2018

\$1,982.00 Total

\$1,295.00 Envelopes

\$207.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$480.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contributions September 9, 2018

\$3,291.89 Total

\$2,865.00 Envelopes

\$356.89 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$70.00

SMMC PCCW

No-Bake Bake Sale Donations to date

\$2,474.00

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 **Jan 1, 2019**.

SCRIP NEWS

SJ SCRIP Update:

Please see next week's bulletin for an update. "Find Your Greatness" tickets are available each week in the Gathering along with SCRIP gift cards.

SMMC SCRIP Update:

Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next weeks bulletin for results. Our next sale will be on October 6th & 7th.

Parish News...

Open Invitation to All – St. James and St. Mary

Parishioners: The next 4 Committee Meeting for SJ and SM parishes will be on Tuesday, **September 25th** 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.

St. James is in need of altar servers for Sunday Masses. 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! We will gladly have one-on-one training sessions for those interested. Call Theresa Shulfer at 715-592-4477.

SAVE THE DATE: September 27, 2018 St Point Deanery Board meeting at St Casimir Parish. Registration starts at 6:00pm with dinner and meeting to follow. All parish PCCW board members are encouraged to attend. And questions please call Karen Jastromski at 715-824-2475 or Dorothy Shaver at 715-445-4623.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

R.C.I.A. (or simply "RCIA") stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, the process by which an adult person is initiated into the Catholic Church, through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. Through this process the adult is formed in the Christian faith, with the local parish community serving as both catechists and models. If you or anyone you know who is wanting to come into full communion with the Catholic Church please call the office at 715-824-3455.

Grief Share support group will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Jensen Center. This is a 12 week non-denominational program. If you or someone you know is struggling by the death of a loved one, consider attending. If you have questions, call Shawn Lea @ 715-570-5082 or Cindi Borski @ 715-570-0755. God Bless!

Reminder: Rada Knives are still available for sale. Contact me with your list. They make excellent wedding gifts. I will be placing an order soon in case I don't have what you need. The Dip mixes are easy, quick and delicious for entertaining ideas or just to have on hand. Call Kathy Somers at 715-824-3770.

Faith Formation for All Ages: What if each day, every Catholic prayed for 10 minutes and read 5 pages of a great Catholic book? What if every Catholic gave 1% more of their income to their Church this year and did one thing each week to intentionally share God's message with others? The Catholic Church would be staggeringly different.

"Find Your Greatness" delves into the four life-giving spiritual habits of engaged Catholics. Join us at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel on **October 21**, and discover how to master the 4 signs of a Dynamic Catholic in your life. You will also learn how to engage disengaged Catholics and re-energize our community.

Have you signed up to help in your parish? Please see the **SMMC Sign-up Poster Board** in the back of Church. Sign Up Sheets for the Following:

- ♦ Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters) - Questions – call Julie @ 715-340-0004
- ♦ Monthly Doughnut Social after Sunday Mass – Information sheets available on Sign-up board
- ♦ Lead Rosary before weekend Mass – Questions – call Barb @ 715-824-3649

We've received great feed-back from folks about our monthly social & the friendly greeters who welcome guests & parishioners. We need your help to continue these wonderful ministries – **Please sign up & include your telephone #.** A Special Thank You to all who have generously given of their time & talent!

Healing Mass November 11 at 10:00 AM at St James: A Catholic healing Mass is a special celebration of the Mass that aims at helping people find healing in whatever areas they may require it. Although according to the Catholic Church the Mass itself has certain healing properties, a healing Mass focuses participants on the specific them of healing.

Diocesan News...

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

CELEBRATING

150 YEARS

Come Join Us!

Sequicentennial Celebration

**October 7, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

Cathedral of St. Joseph

the Workman

530 Main St., La Crosse, WI

Reception will be held at

the La Crosse Center

immediately following

Mass until 3 p.m.

300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse

Please RSVP at: DIOLC.ORG/150

CCD Schedule:

CCD Classes for all grade levels for both St. James and St. Mary students began on Wednesday, September 12th.

Grades 1 – 5 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at St. James

Grades 6 – 11 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at St. James

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.

Upcoming EVENTS

Fr. Joseph, St. Peter Catholic Church will host THE SHRINES OF ITALY! March 19-29 2019. Join us for an informational meeting on **Sept 17th**, 6:00pm at St. Peter Catholic Church, Kolbe Hall, 800 Fourth Ave., St. Point.

3rd Annual Robert's Rendezvous will be held on Saturday, **Sept 22** at the Amherst Fairgrounds from 3:00-11:00p.m. Two bands - Drovers 3-6:00 and Spicy Tie 7:30-11:00. Free Will Offering on Pig Roast.

St. Bron's Social Concerns Roast Pork Dinner/Mini Raffle Sat, Oct 6th Serving from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Dinner includes roast pork, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, kraut, dinner rolls, dessert and beverage.

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual Fall Harvest Dinner Sun, **October 7**, 11 am—2 pm Adults \$10 Children (6-12) \$5 Preschool (5 & Under) Free Proceeds to Benefit the Parish Social Hall Location: St. Patrick's Church Building Just East of St. Max's Church Menu: Chicken (Provided by Ambrosia Catering) dressing, potatoes, green beans, Coleslaw, squash, pies and cakes Silent Auction, Bucket Raffle

Wine Tasting Event: Join us for our 2nd Annual Wine Tasting Event "Time to Uncork and Unwind" on Tuesday, **Oct 16th** from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the St. Ladislaus Church basement. All are welcome to participate in sampling various wines, cheeses, and desserts for \$15.00 or 2 for \$25.00. Basket raffles and door prizes will also be available. To register, please call the St. Ladislaus Rectory at 715-446-3060 by **October 14th**.

Trunk or Treat. Join us on Wednesday, Oct 31st from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat at the St. Ladislaus Church parking lot. In the event of inclement weather, it will be held in the church basement. What is Trunk or Treat? It is a central location where children come, wearing costumes and go trick-or-treating from vehicle to vehicle. Businesses/parishioners/non-parishioners bring a car/truck/van, decorate the inside

Mark your calendars for another amazing Youth Rally sponsored by your Deanery! Fradd will be coming for two dates this fall. Wednesday, **Nov 7th** he will be at Saint Bronislava 's for the Youth Rally and the following night, Thursday, **Nov 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.