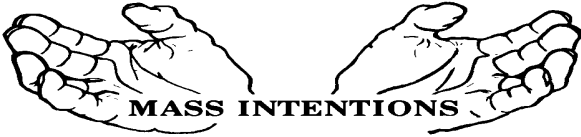




St. James & St. Mary Mt. Carmel



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Sept 4th 8:15 at SJ

(Eddie Karch)

Wednesday Sept 5th 8:15 AM at SM

(Jeanette Patoka)

Thursday Sept 6th 8:15 AM at SM

(Diane & Bill Dombrowski)

Friday Sept 7th 8:15 AM at SJ

(Chet Ligman)

Weekend Sept 8th & 9th

Saturday Sept 8th 5:00 PM at SM

(Jeanette Patoka)

Sunday Sept 9th 8:30 AM at SJ

Parishioners of our two Parishes

Sunday Sept 9th 10:30 AM at SM

(Charles Sopa Jr.)

The Parish Office will be
closed September 3rd for
Labor Day.

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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. Mary, TBD

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 2, 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyday Stewardship

Justice is a concept under attack in today's world. When I watch the news, I see so many distortions of justice. One person's notion of fairness is sometimes far from another's understanding of justice. Perhaps the issue is that human justice often becomes corrupted by selfishness and greed. Justice for one's self always seems more important than justice for another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to use what we have been given not only to fight for human justice alone, but also to offer a more benevolent justice that can only come from God.

We are called to offer all we have to God for His greater intentions. Our gifts cannot only level the playing field for some but can serve as instruments of grace for those who, in the eyes of the world, do not even deserve it. In God's framework of justice, second chances and overflowing generosity are commonplace. Everyone created in the image of God deserves love regardless of their state in life or the actions they have taken against another. The world will never understand this type of justice. Humans have a hard enough time figuring out the simple concepts of equity or fair play. For those who do not believe in Jesus, his justice seems even more difficult to comprehend. In fact, it can appear downright crazy.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



SJ Contributions

Total Contributions August 26, 2018

\$1,289.10 Total

\$1,073.00 Envelopes

\$136.10 Offertory

Building Fund \$180.00

We Share On-Line Contributions \$ 80.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contributions August 26, 2018

\$2,489.11 Total

\$2,095.00 Envelopes

\$354.11 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$40.00

SMMC PCCW

No-Bake Bake Sale Donations to date

\$485.00

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:

Total sales: \$ 2,180 Local: \$225.

Thanks to all who participated! If you would like to place an order or for larger orders, please call Michelle at 715-592-4477.

SMMC SCRIP Update:

Gift cards on sale this weekend. Check next weekends bulletin for the results. Our next sale will be on September 15th and 16th.

Parish News...

St James PCCW will be meeting Monday **September 10**, at 7PM. Rosary at 6:45PM. Plans for our craft bake sale in December need to be discussed. We need a new chairperson or chairpersons as Sandy Konkol has decided to step down from that position. Thank you Sandy for all you have done for our previous craft bake sales. We welcome all IDEAS. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend. Any questions call Karen Jastromski at 715-824-2475.

Thanks, Karen Jastromski PCCW President

St. James is in dire 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. There will be a group training session coming in the fall. Contact Theresa Shulfer at 715-592-4477 or tmshulfer@gmail.com.

Praying Book Club: Next gathering will be Tuesday, **Sept. 11** at 5:30 at St. James. We will begin discussing "**Heaven Starts Now: Becoming a Saint Day by Day**" by Fr. John Riccardo. If interested in reading this book, call Michelle Shulfer at 715-600-4145 or stop by Gifts Of Grace in Parkridge to order a copy.

Grief Share support group will begin on Tuesday, **Sept 11** 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. Please spread the word because this support group is for the entire community. 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. I have many items available, including some gift sets. 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.

SIGN UP SHEETS AT SMMC – Have you signed up to help your parish?

Please see Poster Board in the back of Church.

Sign Up Sheets for the Following:

- ⇒ Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)
- ⇒ Monthly Doughnut Social after Sunday Mass
- ⇒ Lead Rosary before weekend Mass

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.

Diocesan News...

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience focuses on what's important in your marriage and provides the tools to live a beautiful journey together.

Who is it for? Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together.

Who presents the weekend experience? 3 Catholic Couples and a Priest

Is there group sharing? No, the series of presentations are followed by couple's time for discernment and discussion in the privacy of their room.

How is a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience different? The weekend experience is not retreat, group therapy or marriage counseling. The weekend experience provides a quiet, meditative environment for couples to focus on one another and their relationship.

How much does a weekend experience cost? At the end of the weekend experience participating couples and religious are asked to prayerfully consider contributing what they can to defray the cost of the weekend experience and to make the weekend possible for other couples and religious.

Where can I find more information? View our videos at www.wwme.org/media

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience is being offered in Marathon, WI on October 19-21 2018 @ the beautiful St. Anthony Spirituality Center.

Men of the Cross Conference: The 4th Annual Men of the Cross Conference is slated for Sat., **Oct. 27** at Logan Middle School in La Crosse. Brochures & posters can be found by clicking [here](#). You can download, print and distribute as well as display these at your parish. Or, if you wish to have some sent to you, please contact Dan Kitzhaber – mensmin@diolc.org.

Need help supporting parishioners who are family caregivers? The Office for Marriage and Family life has a one-year membership to Nourish for caregivers. Nourish is a Christ Centered Ministry that supports the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. If you are interested in this membership, please contact Alice Heinzen at ahinzen@diolc.org

CCD Registration

Catechists Needed and Classroom Aides:

St. James/St. Mary CCD program is in need of a volunteer to teach grade 8 and a male volunteer for the junior class Theology of the Body.

We need parents as catechists to ensure that your child is on the path for Confirmation. Many thanks go out to those parents that stepped up last year to ensure that their child was on schedule for Confirmation.

Parents of students in grades 6 – 8 are also being asked to volunteer as a classroom aide for at least one class possibly two this year. Parents with students in grade 9 are being asked to volunteer as a small group leader for at least one or two classes this year. Please email sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com with the dates you are able to volunteer.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me. My email address is smsjdre.plc@gmail.com or call 715-316-7056.

CCD Schedule:

CCD Classes for all grade levels for both St. James and St. Mary students begins 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 – 8 and 11 for both St. James and St. Mary students: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at St. James

Grades 9 & 10 for both St. James and St. Mary students:
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Jensen Center

God Bless,
Ann Hemmy, DRE

Upcoming EVENTS

St. Mary's Fall Festival 205 South 2nd St Colby
Sunday, **Sept 9th.** 10:00 am Mass, Dinner 10:30-1:00.
Chicken and Ham Dinner.

Social Concerns: The Feed My Starving Children MobilePack in Stevens Point scheduled for **Sept 14-15** has been postponed. Stay tuned for new dates and location.

Peace Lutheran Church: will host the Packers/Vikings rivalry at the Jensen Center for our first Chicken Dinner on **September 16th**. We have Central Waters beer, a large screen TV, and take-out or eat-in arrangements. Bring your extended family! We'll have Bingo for adults and kids, with loads of prizes. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for the dinner. Or come and play bingo and watch the game! Buy your tickets at the Jensen Center. For more information, please call 715-824-5615 or email trchurch@gmail.com.

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., Stevens Point.

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual Fall Harvest Dinner
Sunday, **October 7** Serving 11 am—2pm 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 And 50/50 Raffle! Country Store Featuring Bake Sale, Produce and Crafts.

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.