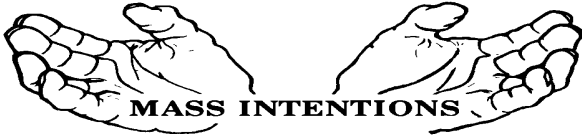




**St. James &
St. Mary Mt.
Carmel**



8:15 am Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday Sept 11th 8:15 AM at SJ
Special Intentions of Michelle Shulfer
Wednesday Sept 12th 8:15 AM at SM
(Herman & Bernadette Prekurat)
Thursday Sept 13th 8:15 AM at SM
(Ed & Chesterine Stremkowski)
Friday Sept 14th 8:15 AM at SJ
(Evelyn Pionkowski)

Weekend Sept 15th & 16th

Saturday Sept 15th 5:00 PM at SM
(Dorothy Groshek)
Sunday Sept 16th 8:30 AM at SJ
(Lavern Peterson)
Sunday Sept 16th 10:30 AM at SM
Parishioners of our two Parishes

Anyone planning a wedding or baptism?
Please call the office to book an appointment. This will help secure 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 9, 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners;

When we hear the title, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," many of our childhood memories flashback to a pair of sneakers, a simple sweater, a smile and soothing voice that drew us ever closer to the black & white television screen, (the show was in color also).

Mr. Fred Rogers' legacy lives on for millions of young kids as his iconic, over 1000 episodes, television show is still a staple broadcast on PBS channels. One of his famous sweaters is enshrined in the Smithsonian National Museum of American History; the U.S. Postal Service has issued a stamp with his picture on it; and there's even a big studio biopic in the works starring everybody's favorite good guy, Tom Hanks.

Now days, we are in need of a kind witness to the ills of our culture. We are in need of frequent reminding that good will always prevail over bad actions and that we ought not to give up or give into negative forces that inevitably find their way into our daily lives. We have beautiful witnesses of the most important Person in our lives, namely, Jesus Christ. These witnesses are our teachers, administrators, staff, parents, priests, and especially in our students. Teaching our students is certainly a primary responsibility and role of our school system. Though we are called to do so much more than just teach. Each of us have a gift to share and this gift is the responsibility of passing on the faith, which is also a calling for each of us in our baptism. In a mysterious way, God works through our kind words and actions pointing towards a witness of Christ presence. We are in desperate need of this witness in our society today. For example, no matter what side of the political arena we find ourselves we are experiencing challenges in our country that is becoming more and more divisive and fractured. Many are calling for civility on all sides though their voices are being drowned out by competing viewpoints and agendas. Who is the next Mr. Rogers who will remind all of us to take a deep breath and breathe in the joy of life and exhale the gift of faith, hope and charity given to each of us?

Yes, the answer is right before us...it is as simple as looking within ourselves. We are the ones who will give the world it so desperate needs, the witness of God's unconditional love made manifest in the Son of God and poured forth into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mr. Rogers' name may be remembered among the annals of history as an example of kindness, encouragement to do good and the famous words, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Who is our neighbor? Who are we to one another? How does our faith call us to respond, react, and reflect the Person of Jesus in our daily lives? At our parishes and homes, Christ is the center and it is here that we find reason to celebrate life and pass that life God has given us along to the world around us.

Peace!

Fr. Hackel



SJ Contributions

Total Contributions September 2, 2018

\$2,172.00 Total

\$1,681.00 Envelopes

\$169.00 Offertory

Building Fund \$50.00

We Share On-Line Contributions \$272.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contributions September 2, 2018

\$1,663.00 Total

\$1,276.00 Envelopes

\$317.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$70.00

SMMC PCCW

No-Bake Bake Sale Donations to date

\$1,236.00

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: \$1,270. Local: \$0

SMMC SCRIP Update:

Last weekend we sold \$4,240 in gift cards and made \$171 for our parish. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our next sale will be October 6th and 7th.

Parish News...

St James PCCW will be meeting Mon **Sept 10th**, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:45 p.m. Plans for our craft bake sale in Dec 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. If you have any questions call Karen Jastromski at 715-824-2475.

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. There will be a group training session coming in the fall. Call Theresa Shulfer at 715-592-4477.

Find Your Greatness!! If you see something in the box below, please bring your bulletin to a person selling Dynamic Catholic tickets to redeem for a free gift.

Limited time offer! We are happy to announce a **Buy One ticket Get One free** weekend on **Sept 15 & 16th**. Don't let this opportunity pass by!

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 Tues, **Sept 11th** 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. 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. Thank you to those who have already signed 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.

White Mass with Bishop Callahan

You are invited to attend the annual White Mass at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse on **Oct 16th**. Mass will be held at Christ the King chapel at 6 p.m. A dinner and presentation will follow. This year's presentation, *What Men and Women Want and How the Church Can Help* will be given by Theresa Notare, PhD. Theresa is the Assistant Director for the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth for the USCCB. The cost for the event is \$25/person with a special discount for College Students. Register at diolc.regfox.com/white-mass.

Catholic Charities: Help Catholic Charities Assist Flooded Residents of Gays Mills and Coon Valley Areas Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse has been on the scene helping those afflicted by the massive flooding in Coon Valley, Gays Mills and the surrounding areas caused by the heavy rainfall of Aug. 27-28. To see how you can help financially or by volunteering, visit www.cclse.org/disaster-relief/.

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

On **Sept. 15, 8 am - 2 pm** Ascension St. Michael's Hospital will offer **FREE services & information** on a first-come, first-serve basis. The mission provides health & social services to those who would not have access to care. Services include medical evaluations, basic lab tests, X-ray, mammograms, adult urgent dental care, Spiritual services, community resources & more. If you know someone who would benefit from this mission visit www.medicalmissionathome.org

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.