



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

453 S. Main St.
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– Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor –

Office Hours: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Tuesday—Friday

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myparishapp.com/download

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January 26th - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Please send your request via email by
midnight Monday. Please refrain to a
maximum of 100 words and in a word
document.

Church Councils

Pastoral Council

Borski, Cindi SM

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Zinda, Judy SM

Juris, Michael SJ

Griggs, Lauren SJ

Kwiatkowski, Randy SJ

Shulfer, Michelle SJ

Spierings, Don SJ

Finance Council

Doll, Mark, SM

Patoka, Gilbert SM

Stratton, Sharon SJ

Trzebiatowski, Sandy SJ

Committees Chairperson Co-chairs

Family Life: Laura Gould & Tiffany Ostrowski

Sacred Worship: Judi Marquard & Barb Groholski

Social Concerns: Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat &
Pat Zielinski

Education: TBA

Stewardship: TBA

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday Jan 28th 8:15 AM at SJ (Marvin & Jerry Iwanski)

Wednesday Jan 29th 8:15 at SM (Special Intentions of Marge Iwanski)

Thursday Jan 30th 8:15 AM at SM (Peter & Gertrude Lorbiecki)

Friday Jan 31st 8:15 AM at SJ (Jim Ostrowski)

Weekend Feb 1st & Feb 2nd

Saturday Feb 1st 4:00 PM at SJ (Anita Gosh)

Sunday Feb 2nd 8:30 AM at SJ (Donna Dombrowski)

Sunday Feb 2nd 10:30 AM at SM Parishioners of our two parishes

Confession Schedule St. James Saturday 3:15 PM, St. Mary Sunday 9:45 AM.
Or anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick If you or a loved one is in need of the Anointing
Sacrament especially before a hospital procedure please contact the office
for an Anointing.

Eucharistic Adoration St. James, after Mass on first Fridays of the month.
And at St. Peter, Stevens Point, every Wed 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM Thurs.

United Prayers to Heaven Prayer Chain If you or anyone you know is in
need of prayers, please let us know. We will keep your name & prayer
request confidential, names are included only if you so desire.

Contacts for prayer chain Laurie plhintz5@gmail.com, Darlene 715-592-4443,
Barb 715-824-3649

QUOTE OF THE WEEK— DID YOU KNOW

"You are called to stand up for life! To respect & defend the mystery of life always &
everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help & encouragement
to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work & pray against abortion."

St. John Paul II

"Abortion Fact: Abortion is legal in America through all nine months of pregnancy.
Over 1.3 million legal abortions occur in America each year. A sad irony: over two
million couples wait to adopt - and that includes children of all races and those with
special needs."

Dear Parishioners,

January is the month of Pro-Life Prayer, Action, Penance for timely events, news, links and action items, visit the Diocesan Respect Life website diolc.org/respect-life. This is just an example of things you can participate in.

ANNUAL PORTAGE COUNTY WALK FOR LIFE: Sunday, January 26th, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m., beginning at the Portage County Court House, 1516 Church St. to the Dreyfus University Center, 1015 Reserve St. At the end of the walk, all will gather in the Alumni Room, refreshments will be served and Guest Speaker will begin at 3:15 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Heather Weininger, Executive Director of Right to Life. Prior to joining Wisconsin Right to Life, Heather worked on Capitol Hill for then-Congressman Mark Green. Her past work also includes the Bush-Cheney '04 re-election campaign, President George W. Bush's Inaugural Committee, Finance Director to a Congressional Campaign, and assisted with state-wide candidates and state legislative campaigns. Please support the Portage County Walk for Life. Pray for the respect of all life, from conception to natural death.

Heavenly Father, You who breathe life into creation by the power of the Holy Spirit, and make each and every person in Your image and likeness, send forth the Holy Spirit anew upon those who are contemplating an abortion. Dispel their fears, comfort them in sorrow, and grant them courage to choose to bring forth this new life into the world, which is a precious gift from You. Provide for them love and support from those around them to help ease the burden they carry at this time. Help them to see the light of Your face and Your joy. Delight in them and their child, and grant them a spirit of wisdom and understanding to direct their path.



St Blaise Feast Day – Feb 3, 2020

Blessing of throats will take place after the Feb 1st and Feb 2nd Mass Celebrations.

You are encouraged to bring any candles you would like blessed at this time

Ash Wednesday - February 26th 2020

St Mary 8:15 AM Mass with Ashes
St James 12:00 PM Distribution of Ashes
St James 4:00 PM Distribution of Ashes
St James 6:30 PM Mass with Ashes



Stewardship

A way of living

SJ Contributions

Total Contribution from January 19, 2020
\$1,835.27 Contributions Totals
\$1,286.00 Envelopes
\$314.27 Offertory
We Share On-Line Contributions \$235.00
Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$7,800.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution from January 19, 2020
\$2,149.27 Contributions Totals
\$1,657.00 Envelopes
\$242.27 Offertory
We Share On-Line Contributions \$250.00
Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$25.00

Please Remember: Any cash or loose checks that are received are put into the offertory. To ensure your contributions are included on your yearly contributions statements please use your contribution envelopes or make your contributions on line at sjsmcc.weshareonline.org

If you are wishing to receive a contribution statement from your parish, please contact the office via email or phone 715-824-3455

SCRIP NEWS

SMMC Scrip Update Last weekend we sold \$3,460 in gift cards, and earned \$143 for our parish. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next sale will be on February 2nd.

SJ SCRIP Total Sales: \$4,230 Local: \$550
Total earned for SJ parish: \$212.60 Thank you to all who participated! In need of mid-winter refueling? You can pay your propane fuel bill with SCRIP gift cards and help your parish at the same time at no extra cost to you. For special or large orders call Michelle at 715-592-4477.

Parish News...

WE WILL HAVE A PICNIC THIS YEAR! Our picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 5th**. Thank you to all who responded to our recent survey. Thank you for your comments & suggestions. A special Thank You to the Survey Committee for the work you put into preparing, mailing, & presenting the results of the survey at our recent meeting. We now move forward in preparation for our big event. We need everyone's help to make this year's picnic the best ever. If you are out shopping & find a good deal, please remember our Church Picnic. We need prizes for the Cherry Tree, Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, & Children's Games.

Would you like to become more active in your Parish?

St James-St Mary's Social Concerns Committee will be meeting on Sunday, February 9th, following the 10:30 am Mass at St Mary Mt Carmel. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

The SJ & SM Social Concerns Committee is looking for people to volunteer for the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event on February 21st and 22nd. We have need of 20 volunteers to work on Friday the 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and 20 volunteers to work on Saturday the 22nd from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Sign up sheets and more information are available at both Parishes.

Call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762 if you have any questions

The Family Life Committee for SJ & SM will be meeting February 9th after the 10:30 Mass at SM. We will be discussing ways to serve the parish families. Please come and share your ideas. Our last project was to open up the back corner of SM for a safe, comfortable place for families when needed. All are welcome to attend.

Calling All Moms Join us the First and Third Friday of each month from 9:30-11:30am at St James gathering space for Fellowship, Prayer, and Coffee. Moms and kids of all ages welcome! Questions? Contact Misty at mistyprater@gmail.com or 785-633-5206.

Thanks to Janet Glodowski & Tina Faldet for the lovely music played at funeral service of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grand father James Ostrowski. Also to Fr. Dan for your visits to the hospital, your prayers, and concerns of me and family. Thanks also to Kathy & Butch Somers, Kathy Stoltz, and Karen Jastromski for setting up, and cleaning up the meal. *Family of James Ostrowski*

Diocese News...

"Unplanned"

"The St. Bron's Knights of Columbus 13880 will be showing the movie "on Sunday, January 26th at St Bronislava parish at 3200 Plover Road in Plover. Doors open at 6PM on the south end main entrance with movie shown 6:30 to 8:30PM with an intermission. Popcorn, coffee, water and lemonade provided by the Knights. Also soda and candy available for purchase. Sorry, no carry ins.

Is your marriage drifting apart? Retrouvaille is designed to give you the tools you need to restore joy and hope to your marriage. The next retreat in our area will be February 14-16, 2020 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. "We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage ...It was wonderful." See more comments from program participants at HelpOurMarriage.org. For more information, call 877-922-HOPE (4673) Fully Confidential; or go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>

Marriage Enrichment Retreat for Couples When is the last time you experienced a COUPLE retreat? Every healthy relationship needs renewal and GIVEN is a powerful opportunity with proven results. Each couple is able to focus on their relationship with each other and with God in an interactive, engaging manner.

Plan to attend a GIVEN retreat Feb. 8 in Rothschild. For more information, go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on the weekend of February 1-2. Please pray for all those in consecrated life, and for many more persons to answer God's call to this vocation.

Safe Haven Sunday – Year II In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. To help you combat the pervasiveness of pornography, we will be recognizing Safe Haven Sunday on (February 23 or March 1). We all must respond by defending the dignity of each and every person and if needed, to heal ourselves from exposure to its snares. A thorough collection of resources for parents, pastors and parishes is available at: diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/

Faith Formation...

CCD Class Schedule

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

Catechist Needed:

The Faith Formation Program is looking for a 6th grade teacher for this second semester which begins now in January. Classes are at St. James 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays. All materials are provided.

If you are interested or have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Ann Hemmy. Email address is smsjdre.plc@gmail.com or call 715-316-7056.

CCD Upcoming

March 25th: No Class – Spring Break

April 8th: No Class – Holy Week

April 18th (Saturday): First Communion Retreat for 2nd graders at St. James

April 15th: 8th grade parent meeting 7:45 p.m. St. James Church

April 22nd: 10th grade Parent/Sponsor/Student Dinner 6:30 p.m. St. James

April 22nd: Last Class

April 26th: First Communion 8:30 a.m. St. James; 10:30 a.m. St. Mary

St. Paul's Biblical Center.

LOGIN INFO HERE :

stpaulcenter.com

Username

sjsmevangelization@gmail.com

Password WeBelieve

Upcoming EVENTS

That Man is You (TMIY) begins again Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Polonia. For more information contact Tom Glavin at 715-321-4349.

Ponczka Sale: St. Mary-Torun, 5589 Dewey Drive, Stevens Point is now taking orders for their annual Ponczka Sale which will be held on Saturday, February 1. Order now to make sure you can get your tasty Ponczka! Cost is \$8.00 per dozen for unfilled and \$8.50 per dozen for prune or raspberry jelly-filled. Place your order by calling 715-344-9665 or 715-575-1719, by emailing ponczka@toruncatholic.org or online at www.toruncatholic.org/ponczka. All orders can be picked up on February 1 from 3-6 p.m.

St Bronislava. Plover Sunday, February 2nd, Serving 8:30 a.m.-Noon. The Holy Name Society will hold its all-you-can-eat monthly breakfast. Menu includes buttermilk pancakes, potato pancakes, French toast, breakfast links, ham, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is \$7:00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12, and free for ages 4 and under.

Valentines Dinner, Knights of Columbus - Saturday Feb 8th, featuring : A premium 14-16 oz Rib Eye Steak only \$22 or dry smoked full rack of baby back ribs for only \$20 (limited) or a full rack of our famous BBQ baby back ribs for \$17 or Chicken Cordon Bleu with our special sauce for \$12 or a tasty delicious Italian Lasagna Dinner for \$11 . Entrées include salad bar, rolls, vegetable - all meals include beverage and sales tax in price. Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 401 W Clark St , Stevens Point just across the Clark St Bridge. Lounge opens at 5:00 this event is open to the public .

Sacred Heart School will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on 3/7 from 4-7 pm. The ticket prices are \$8 for 13 years old and older, \$5 for 6-12 years old and free for under 6 years old. This will be an all you can eat spaghetti that includes choice of marinara or meat sauce, bread sticks, salad, dessert, coffee and milk. Soda, beer and wine coolers will be available for purchase. There will be a basket raffle to help out the 6th graders raise money for their Chicago Field trip. Drawing for the basket raffle will be at 6:45.

Pilgrimage to Ireland Join Fr Peter Manickam & St Maximilan Kolbe church on a 10 day trip to Ireland Aug 17 – Aug 26, 2020. For more information call or email Dennis at dennismarshfield@yahoo.com or 715-305-1960

ARE YOU ANY OF THE BELOW IF SO PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT PH: 715-824-3455

- ♦ **Interested in joining the parish?** Please stop by or call the office for Registration Papers
- ♦ **Engaged to be Married:** Marriage arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding, contact the office
- ♦ **Are you Expecting a Child:** contact the office to scheduled a baptismal class.
- ♦ **Do you know someone that is Homebound:** please contact the office for us to add them to the schedule for visits or to receive Holy Communion.