



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

453 S. Main St.
P.O. Box 280
Amherst, WI 54406

– Fr. Daniel Hackel, Pastor –

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

Parish Website: sjsmmcc.weconnect.com

myparishapp.com/download

– Senior Priest, Fr. Bob Pedretti –



January 5th - The Epiphany of the Lord

Parish Staff

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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 7th 8:15 AM at SJ (Janet Spierings)

Wednesday Jan 8th 9:00 at SM (Steven Borski)

Thursday Jan 9th 8:15 AM at SM (Jerry Iwanski)

Friday Jan 10th 8:15 AM at SJ Communion Service

Weekend Jan 11th & Jan 12th

Saturday Jan 11th 4:00 PM at SJ (Jean Firkus)

Sunday Jan 12th 8:30 AM at SJ Parishioners of our two parishes

Sunday Jan 12th 10:30 AM at SM (Mary Fonti)

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

"Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus"

DID YOU KNOW....

"The Epiphany is the 'Manifestation' of Jesus. The three gifts of the Magi convey the true
revelation, the true epiphany of who this child is & what he is destined to do.
Gold reveals that the babe in the manger is actually a king; Frankincense, used for the
worship of God, tells us that he is God incarnate; Myrrh, an aromatic resin used to pre-
pare the dead for burial, tells us that he has come to die."

Dear Parishioners,

How are your New Year's resolutions going and have you combined your New Year's resolutions with your Catholic Faith? New Year's resolutions are oftentimes forgotten the moment the clock strikes midnight and not further thought is given. I want to offer a list that will keep us thinking about the New Year and even one of them:

Prayer - Add more prayer to your daily life. There are many ways to pray. Traditional prayers like the Rosary, talking to our Lord, of God through entering prayer are only a few ways to enrich your life with daily prayer. Our parishes offer a daily prayer book... request one at the fraction of the normal cost and read it daily.

Faith Formation - No Matter how old you are (children and adults alike), there are religious education programs designed to deepen your faith knowledge and formation. Please consider joining the CCD program to teach the faith and at the same time strengthen your own understanding of the faith we love. We are also continuing the Bible Study after Saturday evening Mass. Please stay tuned with the announcement of our next study module through the St. Paul's Biblical Center. LOGIN INFO HERE : stpaulcenter.com, username sjsmevangelization@gmail.com, Password, WeBelieve

Be Active and Get Involved - Going to Mass on Sunday is only part of being a Catholic Christian. There are so many ministries within the Catholic Church and all of them need volunteers to keep them running. Are you aware of the ministries offered within your parish? What interests you? Do you see a need within your parish that's not being met? Are you aware of committee meetings, date, time and location? If you see a need that is not being addressed you might just be able to initiate bringing a new ministry in your parish community.

Attend Mass - Of course we should always try to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, but daily Mass is celebrated in most parishes. Try to attend Mass as often as your schedule will allow. What better way to start the day than with our Lord?

Take Your Christianity with You - Don't leave it in the church pew when you leave Mass. Strive to live as Jesus commands us to do so. By enriching your Catholic faith through going to Mass, attending faith formation programs, spending time with our Lord in daily prayer and being involved in your parish community, you will have more knowledge and tools to accomplish this goal.

Peace



EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

The feast day of Epiphany celebrates the coming of the three kings, who came from the East, bearing gifts for the New Born Christ Child. It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk and to have families take it home to write above their doorways and pray to God to bless their home. The phrase that is written above the door is:

20+C+M+B+20. 2020 is for the year, C, M, B, has two meanings, for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, & Balthasar – and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House". Chalk with Home Blessing Prayers are available by the Nativity Crib.



Stewardship

A way of living

SJ Contributions

Total Contribution from December 29, 2019

\$2,238.00 Contributions Totals

\$1,088.00.00 Envelopes

\$295.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$855.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$7,800.00

Other Church Donations Fiscal YTD – \$17,686.46

Not including Scrap Metal Funds

Christmas Envelopes \$2,383.00

SMMC Contributions

Total Contribution from December 29, 2019

\$2,066.00 Contributions Totals

\$1,699.00 Envelopes

\$282.00 Offertory

We Share On-Line Contributions \$85.00

Building Funds Fiscal YTD - \$25.00

Other Church Donations Fiscal YTD – \$4,291.84

Not including Scrap Metal Funds

Christmas Envelopes \$4,331.00 Correction

Please discard your envelopes from 2019 if you have any left -- 2020 Contribution Envelopes are out – St. James are in the gathering space and St. Mary's are in the back of the church.

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

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 sjsmmcc.weshareonline.org

SCRIP NEWS

SMMC Scrip Update Gift cards are on sale this weekend. Check next week's bulletin for results. Our next sale will be on January 19th. Call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762 for large or special orders.

SJ Scrip Update Total sales: \$1,145, Local sales: \$150 Thanks to all who participated! SCRIP is a gift card program in which businesses voluntarily offer a discount for cards purchased. When the cards are sold at face value, the discount stays in our parishes as earnings. For example, BP offers a 6% discount. Therefore, for every \$100 gift card sold, our parish receives \$6. Every card sold contributes to the parish earnings and it add up quickly. Since St. James began the SCRIP program it has generated nearly \$15,500!

Parish News...

ADORATION TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR....

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all who gave of their time to be with Jesus as we ushered in the New Year. What a perfect way to close out 2019 & to ring in the New Year by spending quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, giving praise & worship to our Lord, who came into this world to save us through His death on the cross. There is no greater love than that. May our Lord and special blessings to you and your family

Sunday Social Join us at St. James for food and fellowship on Sunday, January 12 after the 8:30 AM Mass.

The St James/St Mary Social Concerns

Committee would like to thank everyone who donated non-perishable items to our food drive. All items were used in St James Holiday Food Baskets or given to area food pantries. God bless you for helping those in need.

FROM ANNUNCIATION TO CHRISTMAS – A

SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who generously shared your love & concern for young mothers in need. You helped us 'Fill the Crib' and we know that many will be touched by your kindness. Items will be donated to First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Stevens Point who provide pregnancy & parenting support. Today we celebrate Epiphany where the Magi came bearing gifts for the New Born King. You, too, honored the New Born King through your generous heart in giving to these young mothers. May God bless you abundantly.

The Pastoral Council members are elected by the parishioners to represent the parishioners. The duty of the council is to collect ideas, concerns and suggestions and bring them forward for consideration. At council meetings, reports from the Sacred Worship, Family Life, Social Concerns, and Education committees are read, discussed, and if needed suggestions offered to guide based upon parish needs and concerns. Pastoral Council members are listed in the bulletin. Reach out to them. It is important for the spiritual growth of our parishes.

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.

Diocese News...

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/>

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Feb. 21-22, 2020 – Stevens Point Through a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event at the Stevens Point Airport, Noel Hangar, on February 21-22, 2020, our community will provide 108,000 nutritious meals for God's starving children around the world. We invite you to join us! We need 545 volunteers to pack meals and help raise \$26,000 for this MobilePack™ event. Adults and children 5 years and older will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Volunteer registration will open online in January. Event Coordinator is Michelle Shulfer: 715-346-2780, mshulfer@uwsp.edu Thank you!

Discerning a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate? If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, there will be a Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 4, 2020. The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate. Email kray@diolc.org, or call



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

CCD Upcoming

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January 8th: Classes Resume

January 22nd No Class

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

Thurs Morning Mass Beginning December 5, St. Stephen Parish will change the time of the Thursday morning Mass from 8:00 am to 6:30am

St. Joseph Parish Christmas Light Recycling Feeling frustrated by your strings or ball of Christmas Tree lights? Are your strings of holiday lights missing bulbs, broken or tangled? Are you tired of using the same lights? Don't throw them away! We have an easy solution for you. Bring them to the St. Joseph for recycling. The copper inside the strings can be turned in for cash. The greater the weight of the copper, the more cash the parish receives! It's an easy way to help! St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point, will be accepting lights until January 15, 2020. Place the lights in the red box in the Gathering Space. Thank you

March for Life! Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020 Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah. See www.dioc.org/respect-life for more information.

MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP GRAY Saturday, February 1st, all men are invited to a retreat focusing on the theology and spirituality of the Sacred Heart devotion. Bishop Donald Hying of the Madison Diocese will be the featured speaker. Activities during the day include morning Mass with the Bishop, small group discussion, Rosary, Confession, and adoration. The Saturday retreat begins at 8:00am, and concludes by 3:30pm, and will be held at Camp Gray in Reedsburg, WI. Overnight accommodations are available. To learn more about the retreat or register, visit <https://www.baraboocatholic.org/>, or contact Becky Thompson at the St. Joseph Parish office 356-5353. The cost for is \$35 or \$40 (after 1/27/20) and includes continental breakfast and a grilled-steak lunch. Assistance is available.

Knights of Columbus Clubhouse - Monthly Breakfast Sunday January 26th, featuring all your favorites, including sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, home-fried red potatoes, juice, coffee and all-you-can-eat-pancakes.

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.

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 schedule 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.