



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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– Fr. Daniel H. Hackel, Pastor –

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Sunday August 9, 2020

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

Church Councils

Pastoral Council

Borski, Cindi SM

Lea, Shawn SM

Piesik, Steve SM

Zinda, Judy SM

Juris, Michael SJ

Shulfer, Michelle SJ

Randy Kwiatkowski—*Term Completed SJ*

Finance Council

Doll, Mark, SM

Forseth, Mark SJ

Patoka, Gilbert - *Term*

Completed 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: Pat Zielinski and Laura
Trzebiatowski-Przekurat

Education: TBA

Stewardship: TBA

Weekday Mass Intentions

Tuesday August 11th, 8:15 AM, @ SJ Mille Fisher

Wednesday August 12th, 8:15 AM @ SJ Marvin Iwanski

Thursday August 13th, 8:15 AM @ SJ Ray & Betty Przekurat 60th Wedding
Anniversary

Friday August 14th, 8:15 AM @ SJ Personal Intention

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday August 15th, 5:00 PM @ SJ Jacqueline Modrzewski

Sunday August 16th, 9:30 AM @ SM Larry & Joe & Virginia Kwiatkowski

Confession Schedule by appointment only call Fr. Hackel PH: 715-204-6051

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.

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: "Be not afraid, my Immaculate Heart will be your refuge &
the way that will lead you to God." – Our Lady of Fatima to Lucia

Did you know: Mary is the Immaculate Conception; through 'prevenient grace'
she was free of original sin at her conception. According to Catholic doctrine, in
preparation for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity in her
womb, Mary was conceived without the corruption of original sin, & was preserved
from committing any actual sins throughout her life through the infinite merits of
her Son, Jesus Christ. Mary was created & is literally "Full of Grace" as the
Archangel Gabriel declared at the Annunciation.

Dear Parishioners,

With the safe reopening of St. Mary church building we are ensuring that precautionary measures are in place so all of you will feel confident that proper sanitization is taking place.

There are many opportunities when we face challenges in this Covid19 environment. We have more folks stepping forward to help, assist, offer their advice and follow through with substantial action.

It is in these moments that define our resolve and mission to help each other by building up the Kingdom of God here in our parishes. I am truly grateful, along with our staff, of the kindness and patience that many of you choose to exhibit when the rest of the culture leans towards panic and criticizing those in charge.

With the cautious reopening of St. Mary we must prepare ourselves with the likelihood that we will be in lockdown this fall as the flu season will predictably reemerge in our communities. This will be a challenging reality for both our churches and all of you its people.

My only hope is that we remain positive, Christ-like and choose the higher road and remain patient, charitable and forgiving when, not if, but when we are looking at another lockdown as the result of an imminent increase of Covid cases this fall.

Until then we celebrate the present and enjoy our time together in St. Mary church for Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass.

As a friendly reminder, the Mass will be broadcasted over the radio at St. James only...St. Mary will have Mass in the church only with no radio broadcast. The reason for no radio option is that St. Mary's property is not conducive to a radio broadcast Mass in its vast parking lot.

Once again, thank you all who have been gracious, patient and kind throughout these challenging times.

Fr. Hackel

Both Gilbert Patoka, St. Mary Finance Council and Randy Kwiatkowski, St. James Pastoral Council have completed their terms. We want to thank them for their 6 years of service on their respective Councils.

In June St. James Finance Council welcomed their new member Mark Forseth. We thank Mark for his willingness to serve on St. James Finance Council.

We are in need of volunteers with strong business background working with financial matters and a love for the church to serve on the St. Mary Finance Council. Please contact the parish office 715-824-3455 to schedule a meeting with Fr. Hackel if you are interested or have questions.



Stewardship
a way of living

St. James

WEEKLY INFO	Weekend of August 2, 2020		
Contributions Received \$	1,730		
Contributions Budget \$	3,430		
	(1,700)		
MONTH, YEAR-TO-DATE	July 2020	Current Year to Date Jul 2020-June 2021	Prior Year To Date July 2019-June 2020
Contributions Received \$	25,954	\$ 25,954	\$ 12,000
Contributions Budget \$	14,578	\$ 14,578	
	\$11,376	\$11,376	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel

WEEKLY INFO	Weekend of August 2, 2020		
Contributions Received \$	5,289		
Contributions Budget \$	3,564		
	\$ 1,725		
MONTH, YEAR-TO-DATE	June 2020	Current Year to Date Jul 2020-August 2020	Prior Year To Date July 2019-August 2019
Contributions Received \$	7,664	\$ 7,664	\$ 12,646
Contributions Budget \$	15,148	\$ 15,148	
	(\$7,485)	(\$7,485)	

*** "The above SJ Contributions reported include increases in offertory through the Reunite*Rebuild*Rejoice Recovery Appeal".*

A Link for the Reunite, Rebuilt, Rejoice is now on We-Share On-Line Parish Website.

If you would like to make a donation to St James as a one time donation or a recurring donation just go to the Parish website <https://sjsmcc.weshareonline.org/>

StJamesReuniteRebuildRejoiceCampaign

and click on St James Reunite, Rebuild, Rejoice Icon. Thank you for all who have stepped up already to help and have contributed an any way possible.

SCRIP Cards are Available! To place an order for pickup, for **SJ Call Michelle at 715-600-4145 or email gmshulfer@gmail.com.** For **SM call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.** Please be sure to include a phone number should there be questions and to confirm your order is ready.

How God Guides Us through the Angels Two modern-day true stories of God offering His guidance. It is not impossible but very rare that God will speak to us in audible words. One thing is for sure; God hears and answers every prayer even if we don't always understand His answer. In responding to our prayer, God wants to offer us guidance in many and various ways. The most important thing is that we take time for prayer and are open and available to Our Lord. As Jesus tells us, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). This is a series in examining the ways in which God guides us. To learn more go to the parish website <https://sjsmcc.weconnect.com/> and click on God Guidance through Angels Link under the Diocese Tab.

Wisconsin Farmer Wellness Hotline La Crosse Diocese farmers who are facing extreme stress and other challenges now have access to a free and confidential counseling resource: the Farm Center at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Agency. This is a 24/7 Farmer Wellness Hotline; it can be reached at 1-888-901-2558. Licensed mental health professionals contracted by the department will provide immediate, in-the-moment care. In addition, long term options are available. Persons who prefer an in-person session can request to meet with a local provider through the Farm Center's (1-800-942-2474) longstanding Counseling Voucher Program.

ADORATION IN AUGUST: Join us to pray for Students & Teachers; Our Parishes & CCD Program; Employment & Restoration of Businesses; Protection of our Religious Freedom & Spiritual growth for all & for an end to the Coronavirus. Adoration will be held on Sunday, August 30 at St. Mary's from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. A rosary or chaplet will be prayed each hour. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us in prayer. A sign-up sheet is on the entry door at St. James and at St. Mary's.

Sept. Word Among Us are here and ready to be picked up: Renewal or New subscriptions payments of \$19.84 are due by October 1st to guaranty no lapse in coverage. If you wish to submit your payment now please put it in an envelope marked Word Among US Sub on it with your contact information. Checks should be made out to the name of your parish. Thank you.

PRAY AND FAST TO HEAL OUR COUNTRY: We encourage parishioners to set aside every Wednesday & offer prayer & fasting for the healing of our wounded country. *Why do we fast & pray?* It is a sign of our desire & hunger to seek God; through fasting & prayer we humble ourselves before God allowing the Holy Spirit to stir our souls, awaken our churches & heal our land. With all the division, violence, & anger throughout our land. This is a time where prayer & fasting are needed. Will you join us each Wednesday asking God for His mercy & healing touch to bring unity & harmony that we may all live and work together for the common good of our homeland. Let us pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph that God's grace may flow into the heart of every citizen to fill it with God's peace, love & understanding.

Year of St. Joseph: May 1, 2020 – May 1, 2021 We are celebrating a "Year of St. Joseph" in the Diocese of La Crosse which began on May 1, 2020, the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman. — "Go to Joseph." We invoke these ancient words in a special way during our diocesan Year of St. Joseph diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph. We also have a unique opportunity to undertake a 33- day consecration, thanks to the book Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, by Father Donald Calloway, MIC, who has donated a copy to every priest of our diocese. If you are interested in forming a parish group to embark on this initiative, visit consecrationtostjoseph.org for information and speak with your pastor. For further assistance, you can also contact diocesan curia staff members Christopher Ruff cruff@diolc.org or Ann Lankford alankford@diolc.org.

Wish to have a Mass said for your loved ones? We have over 40 open Masses yet for the year 2020 both weekdays and weekends. If you would like to book a Mass for either parish, email: sjsmbkkpr@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message and I can call you or email you back the list of open days.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sat, August 15, 2020 The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15, 2020 (it is not a holy day of obligation this year). Masses of anticipation on Saturday evening.

We Welcome you to attend the Virtual Conference featuring Father Timothy Gallagher here at St. James on Saturday, August 29th. Come together with other parishioners to view this live-streamed ZOOM webinar. To learn more about the conference itself, please read the below item "Virtual Conference featuring Father Timothy Gallagher".

Virtual Conference featuring Father Timothy Gallagher – Saturday, August 29th Back by popular demand, Father Gallagher will be presenting on his book, Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement, at the Virtual Conference on Saturday, August 29th. One of the greatest obstacles in life is spiritual discouragement or discouragement in general. Join with a group at your parish for this live-streamed ZOOM webinar, or watch in your own home with a few people, to discuss this most important topic necessary for growth in the spiritual life. If you are new to ZOOM, please email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org to be part of a "practice run" in mid-August. Cost for the Virtual Conference is \$15, which includes Father Gallagher's book shipped to your home. Go to diolc.org/witness for an article that explains why you will want to participate, to download a brochure and to register online. There will be 4 presentations. The first begins at 10 a.m. and the last is at 3 p.m. There will be an hour lunch break.

2019-2020

Diocesan Annual Appeal Results:

The year served some mixed but promising results. Even with the COVID19 disruption, we see our parishioners find the importance of investing in our diocesan mission. Despite having one less mailing and parishes all but closed for the last quarter of the Appeal Year, it was another successful campaign to support the 38 different ministries of our diocese.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Year End						
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Last Year vs. ThisYear	% Change
Goal	\$5,559,952	\$5,563,760	\$5,675,035	\$5,675,035	\$ -	0.0%
Total Funds Received	\$5,893,102	\$6,162,869	\$6,166,772	\$6,171,524	\$ 4,752	0.1%
Total Parish Rebates	\$ 754,289	\$ 706,216	\$ 659,559	\$ 648,037	\$ (11,522)	-1.7%
# Parish Receiving Rebates	123	120	118	101	(17)	-14.4%
Total Parish Shortfalls	\$ (227,779)	\$ (163,233)	\$ (223,780)	\$ (330,293)	\$ (106,513)	47.6%
# Parish in Shortfall	34	38	42	58	16	38.1%
# Parishes under 80.0% of goal	14	14	14	22	8	57.1%
Pledges Unfulfilled		\$ (38,212)	\$ (20,217)	\$ (19,997)	\$ 220	-1.1%
# Unfulfilled		181	166	101	(65)	-39.2%
Total Investors	22,466	21,654	20,467	19,113	(1,354)	-6.6%
Retained	19,723	18,805	17,743	16,804	(939)	-5.3%
Retained %	87.79%	86.84%	86.69%	87.92%	1.228	1.4%
Reengaged	1,766	1,986	1,857	1,784	(73)	-3.9%
New	977	863	867	525	(342)	-39.4%
Electronic Giving			\$ 369,984	\$ 444,620	\$ 74,636	20.2%
% of Funds received Electronically			6.0%	7.2%	1.205	20.1%

Thank you to all, your leadership encouraging participation helps the Diocesan Annual Appeal fund our mission's work.

The 2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal planning is moving forward.

From: Director: Jeff Reiter – 608.791.2653 | jreiter@diolc.org

A Healing Prayer for our Country: Almighty God, our Rock and our Salvation, we beg you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon our fractured nation. Heal the divisions that separate us and remove all obstacles to authentic unity. May you guide this great country of ours and lead our citizens to embrace one another as neighbors and fellow countrymen, created in your own image and likeness. Give us a fresh opportunity for renewal and true solidarity for the common good of our homeland. May we return to our true identity as a people of faith and charity. Help us to always remain One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. Amen. *Prayer courtesy Pedro de la Cruz ©2020 www.CatholicPrayerCards.org*

