



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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myparishapp.com/download
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Sunday, October 4, 2020

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Church Councils

Pastoral Council

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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, Oct. 6th—Leonard & Heanette Patoka

Wednesday, Oct. 7th—All Souls Day Mass

Thursday, Oct. 8th—Ray & Verona Groholski

Friday, Oct. 9th—Tom Travis

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday Oct. 10th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ—Ernest Zywicki

Sunday Oct. 11th, 9:30 AM @ SM—Frances Bannach

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 phintz5@gmail.com, Darlene 715-592-4443, Barb 715-824-3649.

Quote of the Week: "The Holy Rosary is the storehouse of countless blessing."- Blessed Alan de la Roche

Did you Know: October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary because of the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. In the 16th century, the Islamic Ottoman Empire presented a serious military threat to western Europe & sent a fleet of ships to attack Christian defenses in southern Europe. Pope Pius V recognized the grave danger & organized a fleet called the Holy League to confront the navy of the Ottoman Turks. On October 7, 1571, the two navies engaged in a pivotal battle that would determine who controlled maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, Adriatic & Aegean seas. The fate of western Europe depended upon the success of Christians in this navy battle, which involved more than 400 warships. See next week's bulletin for more of the story.....

For World Mission Sunday...

Here I Am, Send Me!

On World Mission Sunday, October 18, 2020 we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

\$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America

\$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa

\$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered on October 18, 2020 **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

Faith Formation...

Returning and New Families:

Registration forms for the 2020-2021 are available on the St. James/St. Mary website

<https://sjsmmcc.weconnect.com/> click on Faith Formation CCD forms. Please complete the form and mail it along with your fee of \$50 per child to:

St. James/St. Mary Parishes
P.O. Box 280
Amherst, WI 54406
Thank you!

CCD – Digital Classes: All families that have submitted their 2020/21 CCD registration form will be receiving an email the week of October 12th with login information for the digital classes along with links to parent resources. Please check your email account that was listed on your child's registration form daily for all CCD updates and instructional information.

Confirmation: Due to Covid-19, Confirmation will not take place at St. Bronislava, Plover on November 1st. The Confirmation for St. James and St. Mary TBA. Parents please watch your email for updates.



Stewardship
a way of living

St. James

WEEKLY INFO	Weekend of Sept. 27th		
Contributions Received \$	1,544		
Contributions Budget \$	3,430		
	(1,886)		
MONTH, YEAR-TO-DATE	August 2020	Current Year to Date July 2020- August 2020	Prior Year To Date July 2019- August 2020
Contributions Received \$	14,113	\$ 40,067	\$ 21,391
Contributions Budget \$	14,578	\$ 29,156	
	\$ (465)	\$ 10,911	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel

WEEKLY INFO	Weekend of Sept. 27th		
Contributions Received \$	2,125		
Contributions Budget \$	1,439		
	\$ (1,104)		
MONTH, YEAR-TO-DATE	August 2020	Current Year to Date Jul 2020- August 2020	Prior Year To Date July 2019- August 2019
Contributions Received \$	14,012	\$ 21,576	\$ 21,137
Contributions Budget \$	15,148	\$ 30,296	
	(\$1,136)	(\$8,720)	

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://sjsmmcc.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.

SJ Scrip Update: From Mid-August thru September 24, 2020 we sold \$2,555 in gift cards. Local sales were \$400.

SMMC Scrip Update: During the month of September we sold \$3,135 in gift cards & earned \$125 for our Parish. Thank you to everyone who participated.

SCRIP Cards are Available! SJ Scrip may be purchased during normal office hours (T-Th from 8-noon) or by calling Michelle at 715-600-4145 to place an order. 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.

Parish News...

November Word Among Us Are here and the new subscription is starting. There are still a couple outstanding subscription payments. If you have decided that you do not wish to continue receiving the Word Among Us, please contact the office as soon as possible so we are not paying for unwanted books. If you do want to continue please submit your payment of \$19.84 as soon as possible with your name on it. Checks should be made out to the parish you belong to.

Pray and Fast to Heal Our Country: Our Country is in need of God's mercy and healing touch. This is a time in history when prayer & fasting are needed. 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. Let us set aside each Wednesday and offer extra prayer and fasting asking God to bestow peace & unity throughout America. 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.

Re-Opening of St. Mary's If you attended one of our recent Masses & are happy to have St. Mary's open once again, we *need your help!!* Please consider volunteering as an Usher, Greeter or Cleaner. A special THANK YOU to all who have been helping each weekend. May God bless you for your service & dedication. Please call Barb at 715-824-3649 if you have questions or to sign up.

SJ Library: This fall commit to reading one spiritual book from the SJ lending library. "Only God knows the good that comes from reading one good book" -St. John Bosco

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. James Finance Council and 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.

Early Morning Mass Offered. Beginning in October, the Monday Morning Community Mass will move to St. Stephen Parish and be held at 6:30 a.m., followed by a Holy Hour from 7 to 8 a.m. Also beginning October 6, the St. Stephen Tuesday & Thursday morning Mass time will move to 6:30 a.m., also followed by a Holy Hour from 7 to 8 a.m. Take this opportunity to begin your day with Mass and quiet time with our Lord.

54-Day Rosary Novena for Our Freedom & Faith in America Aug. 15-Oct. 7, 2020:

Father Richard Heilman encourages us to pray and fast during this 54-day Rosary Novena beginning on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Heilman explains, "The time has long passed for us to get on our knees and pray WITH BELIEF for the conversion of the United States of America." The central message from Our Lady of Fatima was to pray and do penance for the *conversion of sinners.* *Let us join together with many across America who will be praying the rosary during this time. Go to "Novena for our Nation – August 15 to October 7, Conversion USA" to learn more.*

<https://usgraceforce.com/novena-for-our-nation-august-15-october-7-conversion-usa/>

POWERFUL HOMILY BY FATHER JOHN LANKEIT:

Please check out this powerful message to all believers. Search for 'Father John Lankeit's Courageous Homily dated October 5, 2016'. In the Bible we hear how God speaks to his people through the prophets. God is speaking to us through the words of Father Lankeit.

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.

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

Voting as a Christian



As Christians, we do not leave our faith behind when we enter the voting booth. We understand that politics, like every other part of life, must be illuminated by God's light or we will stumble in the dark and lose our way. A generation ago, a large majority of Americans shared this view. Call it the Classical Christian worldview. It was the common foundation for our social and political life; we assumed it like the ground beneath our feet. Today, however, that foundation is under attack from another worldview, one that rejects God, or at least ignores him, as it makes the self supreme. Let's call it the Radical Selfist worldview.

The Classical Christian Worldview

The Classical Christian worldview holds that we have received our lives as a gift from a God who loves us, and that we are accountable to him. It believes in moral laws that God has written on our hearts and clarified through his revelation – from the Ten Commandments given through Moses, to the Sermon on the Mount proclaimed by his only Son, Jesus Christ. This is his blueprint for us, his design for our happiness and fulfillment.

This blueprint reveals to us certain foundational moral principles.

Among them, we see:

- That every human life, of every race and nation, born and unborn, is sacred and has equal rights and dignity;
- That we are created male or female according to God's plan;
- That sexual relations are meant for marriage between one man and one woman;
- That the free exercise of religion is a sacred right.

Though we are imperfect human beings, we work to build our lives on foundational principles such as these, as we raise our families and shape our social and civic communities.

The Radical Selfist Worldview

The Radical Selfist worldview opposes everything we have just described, rejecting the idea of a God-given blueprint. Everything is up to personal 'choice.' We can choose our own gender, our preferred exercise of sexuality, our definition of marriage, and even whether a child in the womb shall live or die. Radical Selfism preaches tolerance until it gains power, at which point it seeks to silence and to punish those who disagree with it. Unfortunately, this worldview has been promoted and amplified by many in Hollywood, the mass media and even public education.

Political Consequences

The current political landscape essentially forces us to choose between these two worldviews. This choice has weighty consequences at every level of government, from the White House and Congress to state and local officials. Since Supreme Court and other federal judges are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, presidential and senatorial elections are particularly critical; all the more so because Radical Selfism

has relied on the courts to produce outcomes unattainable by popular vote, such as legalized abortion and same-sex marriage.

The most telling indicator of Radical Selfism is advocacy of abortion, by which man wrests from God the very power over life and death. By far the most grave human rights violation of our time, abortion has already cost the lives of more than 60 million unborn babies in the U.S. since the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. Moreover, where we find abortion advocacy, we invariably find it clustered with other positions characteristic of the Radical Selfist worldview.

What is a Christian voter to do?

While we cannot expect perfection from any political candidate, it is vital that Christians support those most closely aligned with the Classical Christian worldview and oppose those aligned with the Radical Selfist worldview. For Radical Selfism, with its worship of 'choice' in place of God, inevitably produces bitter fruits: moral and civil breakdown, destruction, and death. It is simply impossible to achieve lasting harmony and peace without adhering to the foundational principles of God's plan. Therefore, let us intensify our prayers and our efforts to elect candidates who stand up for the God-given principles and rights on which our nation was founded. Our future, and that of our children and our grandchildren, is at stake.

*Chris Ruff – Director of the Office
for Ministries & Social Concerns*



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