



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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Sunday, September 13, 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

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Completed SM

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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 Sept. 15th—Martin & Florence Yach

Wednesday Sept. 16th—Bill Soik

Thursday Sept 17th—Walter Geis

Friday Sept 18th—Calvin Zube

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday Sept 19th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday Sept 20th, 9:30 AM @ SM Stanley & Stacia Pacocha & Deceased family members

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.

Special Quotes for Grandparent's Day:

A Grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend.

Grandchildren are the dots that connect the lines from generation to generation. Louis Wyse

Grandchildren are the crown of the aged - Proverbs 17:6

Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories, and love.

A grandparent has silver in their hair and gold in their heart.

There are no words to describe the happiness in holding your baby's baby.



Stewardship
a way of living

Breaking the Chain of Causality:

This Sunday is about forgiveness, and most of us have something to learn about this important act.

Our First Reading tells how awful wrath and anger are, and how the sinner “hugs them tight,” a wonderful image. Release them and let them go, it says.

Forgiveness is a major ingredient of living for God and for others.

The Psalms speaks beautifully about God’s absolving love: God is kind and merciful, slow to anger, rich in compassion. The Second Reading says we ought to live not for ourselves but for others. We should imitate God. When we live for the Lord, it says, we will also be graced to die for the Lord.

Forgiveness is a major ingredient of living for God and for others. People do not always do right, and we need to forgive them as God does. Forgiveness is the gift and the goal.

But what does it consist of?

Our culture has some pretty diverse ideas about this. For some it is a condescending act performed only by a person who is higher than another—a King or Queen or a judge or a boss or a media star—someone who leans down to grant pardon. For others it means “I can forgive but I can never forget.” Perhaps this means, I will remain angry forever but I will never act upon it. Such a stance can include an uncomfortable attitude: “I will choke back my hurt and anger by a sheer act of the will. I may have been savaged by someone, but I will not display it in my reaction.”

On Easter Sunday of 1960, that seer of truth and lover of God, Dag Hammarskjold, wrote an interpretation that moved me:

Forgiveness breaks the chain of causality because he who “forgives” you—out of love—takes upon himself the consequences of what you have done. Forgiveness, therefore, always entails a sacrifice.

There is a price you must pay for your own liberation. Since it has come through another’s sacrifice, you in turn must be willing to liberate in the same way, in spite of the consequences to yourself. You absorb them, if doing so truly flows out of love. (from Hammarskjold, Markings, p. 197)

Let us apply these insights to the Gospel.

There, Jesus tells a long and involved parable about a servant who is pardoned by the master but then goes out and refuses, viciously, to forgive his own fellow servants.

At about six lines from the end the owner of the vineyard calls him a “wicked servant” and says, “should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

What is the lesson? *That the deepest motivation for forgiveness is loving gratitude.*

If someone has forgiven me out of love, then my authentic reaction will be deep appreciation. I will want spontaneously to pass the gift on. It follows that if God has forgiven me, I will want to give to anyone else the same liberation I have received.

By doing so you or I halt the chain of causality and pass along love instead of hate.

As we dwell in Christ’s presence this Sunday, especially if we are able to receive communion, let us sense his forgiving love, signified so deeply in the sacrament. Let us allow our gratitude to flow to others.

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St. James			
WEEKLY INFO	Weekend of September 6, 2020		
Contributions Received \$	1,052		
Contributions Budget \$	3,430		
			(2,378)
MONTH, YEAR-TO-DATE	July 2020	Current Year to Date July 2020- July 2020	Prior Year To Date July 2019- July 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 September 6, 2020		
Contributions Received \$	2,006		
Contributions Budget \$	3,564		
			\$ (1,558)
MONTH, YEAR-TO-DATE	July 2020	Current Year to Date Jul 2020- July 2020	Prior Year To Date July 2019- July 2019
Contributions Received \$	2,006	\$ 7,664	\$ 12,646
Contributions Budget \$	15,148	\$ 15,148	
		(\$13,142)	(\$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://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.

SMMC Scrip Update: For the period of 8-11-20 through 8-30-20 we sold \$5,995 in gift cards & earned \$227 for our Parish

SCRIP Cards are Available! To place an order for pickup, for SJ Call Michelle at 715-600-4145 or email gmschulfer@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.

CCD Update: Please go to the back of the bulletin to read the latest update on the CCD classes for both St. James and St. Mary parishes.

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.

October Word Among Us Are here and ready for you to pickup, Just a reminder for those who have not paid their renewal or New subscriptions, payments of \$19.84 are due by October 1st to guaranty no lapse in coverage. Please submit your payment as soon as possible, 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.

Pray and Fast to Heal Our Country: This is a time in history when prayer & fasting are needed. Please set aside every Wednesday to be a day of prayer & fasting asking God for His mercy & healing touch to bring unity & harmony to our Nation. 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. There is much division, violence, & anger throughout our land. 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!! We have a number of wonderful folks who have signed up to help as Ushers, Greeters and Cleaners but we need many more. Please consider volunteering for one of these ministries. 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

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/>

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.

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

SMMC Picnic If you were thinking of giving a donation towards our picnic, it is not too late. We encourage parishioners to donate what you can to help recover the lost revenue from the picnic. Any donation, no matter how small, is appreciated and will help the parish make up from the lost income. Drop an envelope marked 'Picnic' in the collection or use the online 'Picnic donation link' found on our website. To date we have received \$14,135.00 A special thank you to all who have already donated so generously towards this.

Church Office will be Closed Monday September 7th



Returning Families

St. James and St. Mary CCD families: If you have not submitted your family's registration form and CCD fee for the upcoming CCD year, please do so as soon as possible.

Please send your registration along with your fee to:

St. James/St. Mary Parishes

**P.O. Box 280,
Amherst, WI 54406**

New Families:

Registration forms for the 2020-2021 are available on the St. James/St. Mary website <https://sjsmcc.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 Schedule

All families have been mailed a letter regarding the upcoming CCD year. Please continue to watch your emails for any and all updates regarding the CCD year. As of now, CCD will not begin until the end of September and classes will be virtual.

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.

TMIY: All Things New: Christ didn't say, "I make new things." He said, "I make all things news." The profundity of the Scriptures sets the stage for a renewal of mind and heart – a new creation story, a new Adam, a new Eve, a new covenant and even a new kingdom! Encounter God the Father. Enlighten your mind with spiritual truths that will help transform the world. Become a new creation in Christ and allow mercy to consume your miseries.

Join us for VIRTUAL fellowship and faith starting on Tuesday, September 15th. We will be meeting every Tuesday from the comfort of your own home. Video presentation at 6:00 am and then small group discussion at 6:30 a.m. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Tom at tjandq@yahoo.com. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org.

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual Fall Harvest Dinner Sunday, October 4, 2020 Serving 11 am—2pm Carry-outs Only Curbside Service Available. Adults \$12 Children (6-12) \$5, Preschool (5 & Under) Free Proceeds to Benefit the Parish Social Hall, Menu: Chicken (Provided by Ambrosia Catering) dressing, potatoes, Squash, dinner rolls, and slice of pie. Raffle: 1st Prize: Whitetail Deer Shoulder Mount Service (\$650 value) 2nd Prize: \$500 3rd Prize Roomba Vacuum (\$500 value) 4th Prize: Gas Grill (\$250 value) 5th Prize: Quilt (\$150) 6th-10th Prizes: \$50 each & Additional Items. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5/\$20.00. Tickets will be drawn at the end of the dinner at 2pm. You need not be present to win. Contact Mary to purchase tickets prior to the dinner: 715-340-7217. Tickets will also be available the day of dinner.

Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse: The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.