



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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

– **Fr. Daniel H. Hackel, Pastor** –

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

Parish Website: sjsmmcc.weconnect.com

myparishapp.com/download

– **Senior Priest, Fr. Bob Pedretti** –



Sunday, September 20, 2020

Parish Staff

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into office via email by Wednesday**

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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 Sept. 22nd—Joseph & Virginia Kwiatkowski

Wednesday Sept. 23th—Deceased member of Anton & Agatha Konkol

Thursday Sept 24th—Living & Decease of Bob Groholski Family

Friday Sept 25th—Marge Albright

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday Sept 26th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ Micheal & Emily Wierzba

Sunday Sept 27th, 9:30 AM @ SM Dorothy Worden

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: "A smile is the quickest way to brighten a room"

Did you Know: Most people smile more than twenty times each day. Unless you're a child, and then you smile up to four hundred times each day. No wonder being around children makes us happy!! Smiling is a universal sign for joy and happiness. Smiling is contagious! They say a smile will boost your mood, boost your immune system, and lower your blood pressure! Let us make this week full of joy and happiness by sharing a smile with everyone we meet.

Greetings to All,

The council's role is to investigate pastoral matters, to consider them thoroughly, and to propose practical conclusions about them. The first task is to study those matters brought to its attention and shed light on them. The second task is to reflect on them thoroughly, to discern their true nature, to evaluate and to ponder them. Finally, to draw sound conclusions. The council then presents these conclusions in consultation to the pastor in the form of recommendations. This is pastoral planning. Once the pastor has accepted the recommendations of the council, he directs their implementation.

In a recent meeting, the Pastoral Council members expressed and discussed with Fr. Hackel a desire of becoming more available to you, the parishioners of St. James and St. Mary's. It is the council's belief that by becoming more visible, we may more effectively present and discuss concerns, successes, and strategies to better serve our parish community with Fr. Hackel.

An email account has been set up for and will be monitored by the Pastoral Council. It is a way to directly provide constructive feedback, pose questions, and offer items of discussion for future Pastoral Council meetings. You are encouraged to contact council members via the email: sjsmpc@gmail.com. Please indicate in the subject line if the matter concerns St. James, St. Mary's or both councils. If you desire, you may continue to contact an individual member in person, by phone or by mail. We are happy to represent and be a service to all of you!

In Christ,
St. James and St. Mary's Pastoral Council Members

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.



Stewardship
a way of living

St. James				
WEEKLY INFO		Weekend of September 13, 2020		
Contributions Received \$		2,745		
Contributions Budget \$		3,430		
		(685)		
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 September 13, 2020		
Contributions Received \$		3,004		
Contributions Budget \$		3,564		
		\$ (560)		
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)	

*** "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: 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

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.

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.



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://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 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.

Takeout Only Pig Roast: St. St. Joseph Parish's Holy Name Society is hosting their tenth annual pig roast on October 10, 2020. Want to spend a night without cooking? Due to the current situation, we will only be able to do carryout of our home-cooked pork dinner. Enjoy roast pork, parsley boiled potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, homemade sauerkraut, dinner roll, and brownie. We will also be offering basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle. We will be serving takeout from 4:30-7:00. Pre-ordered tickets are requested. Adults \$11, children \$5, and family of four \$32. Please call Mike Daniels at 715-340-4857 or email mandmdaniels@charter.net Reservations are requested by October 4, 2020.