



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

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– Senior Priest, Fr. Bob Pedretti –



Sunday, February 21, 2021

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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
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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

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ—Barb Sternik

Sunday, February 28th, 9:30 AM @ SM—Deceased member of
Anton & Agatha Konkol

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.

Lenten Meditation and Prayer:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Luke 23:34 - Jesus prays that the Father would forgive "them". Who are "they" for whom he prays? The Soldiers, Pilate, the Chief priests and scribes, the Pharisees and Sadducees or is it You and I? You and I made the cross necessary. We are the ones he prays to forgive.

Lord, Jesus, from what miraculous storehouse do you produce your daunting ability to forgive? Your absolution sounds so foreign, for our scheming persecutors seem to know exactly what they are doing. Perhaps your words refer to a different sort of ignorance, not of intention, but of kinship. We forget that the people we feel justified in hating are children of God, our sisters and brothers, and "other Christs". Open our hearts to the forgiveness that fosters holy communion. - All Saints Press

Dear Lord, hear our prayers as we begin this Lenten journey with you. Let us be honest with ourselves as we look into our heart and soul; noticing the times we turned away from you. Guide us as we humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide our efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform us this lent, heavenly father. Give us the strength to commit ourselves to grow closer to you each day. We ask this in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen

Rice Bowl and Mite Boxes Confusion sometimes arises regarding Mites Boxes and the Rice Bowl program. • The Mite Box program is an outreach of the Missionary Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. It is a mandatory annual program for elementary and middle school students in our Catholic schools and parish religious education programs. • The Rice Bowl program is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and the cardboard rice bowls are meant to be distributed to families in our parishes, as well as to high school students in our Catholic schools and religious education programs. It has a Lenten focus but could also be held at another time of year if desired. In any case, it is not to conflict with or replace the Mite Box program.

Lenten Regulations:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from worry; feast on Divine order.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED:

In accordance with Bishop Callahan's letter to the clergy, the following must be adhered to at St. James & St. Mary: Allowing only 25% capacity of our churches while maintaining social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between people not living in the same household. Face coverings are required in church, along with maintaining social distancing. Please remain 6 ft. apart when going to Communion, whether you are in the church or the parking lot. Please also maintain social distancing when exiting the church or in any of the gathering spaces. Be respectful of this directive as it helps protect yourself, our priest and fellow parishioners.



Stewardship
a way of living

St. James Contributions

Week Ending February 14, 2021

Received	\$3,030		
Budget	<u>\$3,430</u>		
	(\$400)		
	Month of Jan 2021	Jul 2020- Jan 2021	Jul 2019- Jan 2019
Received	\$7,536	\$97,110	\$92,911
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$102,046</u>	
	(\$7,042)	(\$4,936)	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel Contributions

Week Ending February 14, 2021

Received	\$1,955		
Budget	<u>\$3,564</u>		
	(\$1,610)		
	Month of Jan 2021	Jul 2020- Jan 2021	Jul 2019- Jan 2019
Received	\$7,428	\$89,970	\$93,315
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$106,036</u>	
	(\$7,720)	(\$16,066)	

CONTRIBUTE ON LINE...

It is Safe... It is Simple... It is Convenient...

St. James and St. Mary Mt Carmel continues to have on-line giving available for weekly or anytime contributions. Set up a one-time contribution or a recurring contribution. View your contribution history on-line, anytime. **Just follow these three easy steps.**

1. Go to our Parish on-line giving site
sjsmmcc.weshareonline.com
2. Select the church you wish to donate to.
3. Enter in your personal payment information

SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS

St James –

January Scrip Card Sales totaled \$7,710 earning **\$344.35**

St Mary of MC –

January Scrip Card Sales totaled \$4,375 earning **\$175.40**

SJ Scrip Cards Available at SJ Church after 4:00 Mass on February 13th and February 27th, also during normal office hours at the Church office or by calling Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544.

SMMC Scrip Cards Call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762 to place an order and arrange delivery.

SJ & SMMC On-line / ShopWithScrip Cards Contact Sandy Trzebiatowski to set up a time for a virtual tour of the on-line/mobile app program(s) or to set up a quick meeting to see the ease and value of the Scrip Card programs at sjmscrip@gmail.com or call 715-824-3660.

Please contact Hydrie Laidlaw, Pat Zielinski or Sandy Trzebiatowski for more information.

Parish News...

PRIEST APPOINTED:

The Reverend Jerzy Rebacz, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ellsworth is appointed Pastor of St. James Parish, Amherst and St. Mary Mount Carmel Parish, Fancher, with residence at the parish rectory in Amherst, effective March 1, 2021.

Employment - Bookkeeper: St. James/St. Mary Parishes, Amherst is now accepting applications for a parish bookkeeper. The candidate must be able to multi-task, enjoy dealing with the public, have a positive attitude, and be attentive to details. Experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher is required. Financial background preferred. For more information or to apply, please contact St. James/St. Mary Parish Life Coordinator phone: 715-316-7056, Email: sjsmdre.plc@gmail.com

First Friday Adoration: 4-8 PM at St. James. Come and contemplate Jesus' most Sacred Heart the first Friday of each month. Come and go as your schedule allows; no need to sign up. Simply come to be with Jesus. He longs to talk with you in the depth of your heart. We will begin adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and end the evening with the Liturgy of the Hours Night Prayer.

Join us to Discuss the 365 Day Bible Study by Father Mike Schmitz: If you are participating in the 365 Day Bible Study by Father Mike, we welcome you to join a discussion group every other Monday. Our next meeting will be on February 22nd at 6:00 pm, at St. James. We will come together and share our thoughts on what we have learned from this wonderful Bible study. Masks and social distancing are required. Please call Judi at 824-2047 if you have questions.

St. Paul's Biblical Center & Ascension Press Bible in a Year Info: stpaulcenter.com – Click upper right 'Log In', then enter:

Email: sjsmevangelization@gmail.com -- Password: WeBelieve -- Click on Bible Studies (upper left), then click on Video Studies, scroll down to Genesis to Jesus or whichever study you would like and click on the blue "Watch Now" button to begin & let the Bible come alive to you.

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration> -- To sign up for Fr. Mike Schmitz's New Podcast, 'The Bible In A Year'. Father Mike will be using The Great Adventure Bible Timeline learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held at both parishes. Volunteers are needed to help with the Stations. Needed is someone to lead the Stations from your pew as another volunteer carries the Cross. Please call Judi at 824-2047 or Barb at 824-3649 with questions or to sign up to help. We welcome all to join us as we prayerfully walk with Jesus in His Passion.

St. James: Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm
– beginning February 23

St. Mary's: Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 pm
– beginning February 24

Lenten Resources and Material: Lenten materials are available at the entryways of each parish. Let this Lent be a time of Spiritual growth and renewal through the reading of Scripture, attending Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary or Divine Mercy or choosing other prayers and devotions to bring you into the presence of our all loving and merciful God. Check out Father Rocky's 40 Lenten Lessons on the Mass at Relevantradio.com. Go to St. Paul's Center for amazing video presentations about our Catholic faith or join Father Mike's Bible Study at Ascension Press (See Bulletin article for more info on both of these). Let this be your Best Lent Ever!

Alms-Giving for Lent: At the entryways you will find envelopes for Retirement Fund for Religious and Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Mite boxes for Missionary Childhood Association and Catholic Relief Service are also available. CRS includes a prayer, "God of mercy, You call us to recognize you in our sisters and brothers and to care for those most in need – for whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me...."

SJ-SMMC Social Concerns Committee: In November of 2020, Nicaragua was hit by a Category 4 hurricane followed by major flooding. The Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners Project is shipping a load of twin size mattresses to them, and is looking for donations of twin size sheets (new—not used). Due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to collect any items in our churches. Sheets can be dropped off at Room 129, Nelson Hall, UWSP, or if you prefer you can call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762 to arrange a pick-up of your donations or answer any questions you may have.

Faith Formation...

CCD – Digital Classes

Registered CCD families with children in grades 1-8 the digital program from Sophia Institute is up and running. Each week a new session is unlocked. Please use the information that has been emailed to you for you and your child to log in.

Registered CCD families with children in grades 9 and 10, use the password that has been emailed to you to log in to your Ascension account.

All registered families, please check your email account that was listed on your child's registration form daily for all CCD updates and your invitation to Zoom classes.

Diocese News...

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.

Christ Our Cornerstone Cathedral Restoration Campaign

Update: It is with joy and gratitude that we share with you an update for the Christ Our Cornerstone Cathedral restoration campaign. Our \$6.1 million restoration need is well within reach! We hope you will join us in one final effort to bring this campaign to a successful conclusion. • Total Restoration Need: \$6.1 million • Overall Total Pledged: \$5.55 million (includes the \$3 million match from St. Ambrose Financial) We are so grateful for the outpouring of support we have seen from throughout the diocese, and especially from within this community. If you have not yet had the chance to make your pledge, now is the time to act. Please join your fellow parishioners and those from across our diocese by participating in this historic campaign. Pledges can be made using the provided materials found within the parish or by visiting cathedralsworkman.org/cornerstone.

Upcoming...

St Adalbert, Rosholt is Hiring: an Administrative Assistant to perform general secretarial and clerical duties. For more information or to apply for the position, please visit www.rosholtcatholic.org/employment

Parish Fish Fry. St. Adalbert Rosholt will be having drive up fish fries on every Friday from now to March 26, 2021.

Human Resources Generalist: Pacelli Catholic Schools is looking for an HR professional to join our team with a focus on student and staff success in a faith-filled environment. Applications accepted until position is filled, with interviews starting the first part of March. Position is full-time, but we would consider 3/4 time. Interested candidates should send letter of interest, resume, and references to PCS President Cindy Weber at cweber@pacellicatholicschools.com, 7145.341.2445, or 1301 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Pacelli Catholic Schools Early Childhood Center in Stevens Point is accepting applications for a full time Three and a Half Year Old Childcare Teacher as well as an Infant Childcare Teacher. Availability needs to be between the hours of 6:30am and 5:30pm Monday thru Friday. This position prefers a 2-year Associate Degree in Early Childhood or higher, or working towards a degree. We are also willing to work with the right candidate that has experience in early education. Pacelli Catholic Schools Early Childhood Center also works around school schedules. Currently updated on CPR/First Aid, Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards training, Pyramid model training, AHT Training and SIDS Training. Salary: Negotiable depending on education and experience. Please stop in for an application at Pacelli Catholic Schools Early Childhood Center, 2150 High Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481, or email your resume to cosullivan@pacellicatholicschools.com.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church is Hiring: For the following part-time position: Church Cleaner (flexible/varies). If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information. Resumes can be submitted to St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, 8611 State Hwy 54, Almond, WI 54909. 715-824-3380