



ST. JAMES ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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-- Fr. Jerzy Rebacz --

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

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myparishapp.com/download
-- Senior Priest, Fr. Bob Pedretti --



Sunday, March 14, 2021

Parish Staff

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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, March 16th, 8:15 AM @ SJ— BJ Trzebiatowski
Wednesday, March 17th, 8:15 AM @ SM—Jim Ostrowski
Thursday, March 18th, 8:15 AM @ SM— Dave Brilowski
Friday, March 19th, 8:15 AM @ SJ— Special Intention of MS

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 20th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ— Carl Adamski
Sunday, March 21st, 9:30 AM @ SM— Keith & Ryan Krupka

Confession Schedule: After weekday Masses at respective Church.

Saturday 3:30 at St. James. After 9:30 Sunday Mass at St. Mary

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.

Prayer: "JESUS, HELP ME"

- In every need let me come to You with humble trust, saying: *Jesus, help me!*
- In all my doubts, perplexities and temptations: *Jesus, help me!*
- In hours of loneliness, weariness and trials: *Jesus, help me!*
- In the failure of my plans and hopes, in disappointments, troubles and sorrows: *Jesus, help me!*
- When others fail me and Your grace alone can assist me: *Jesus, help me!*
- When I throw myself on Your tender love as a Father and Savior: *Jesus, help me!*
- When my heart is cast down by failure, at seeing no good come from my efforts: *Jesus, help me!*
- When I feel impatient and my cross irritates me: *Jesus, help me!*
- When I am ill and my head and hands cannot work, and I am lonely: *Jesus, help me!*
- Always, always, in spite of weakness, falls and shortcomings of every kind: *Jesus, help me and never forsake me.*

Priests of the Sacred Heart

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 facts that depress, feast on truths from Sacred Scripture that uplift.
- Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on God's promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.

Scrip Gift Cards News

St James – February Scrip Card Sales totaled \$5,105 earning **\$220.30**

SCRIP	\$ Sold	\$ Earned
Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS)	\$1,515	\$74.10
Local Gift Cards	\$550	\$27.50
OnLine Gift Cards	<u>\$3,040</u>	<u>\$118.70</u>
Total	\$5,105	\$220.30

St Mary of MC – February Scrip Card Sales totaled \$6,825 earning **\$291.40**

SCRIP	\$ Sold	\$ Earned
Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS)	\$5,285	\$227.00
Local Gift Cards	\$250	\$12.50
OnLine Gift Cards	<u>\$1,290</u>	<u>\$51.90</u>
Total	\$6,825	\$291.40



Stewardship
a way of living

St. James Contributions

Week Ending March 7, 2021

Received \$2,883

Budget \$3,430

(\$547)

	Month of Feb 2021	Jul 2020- Feb 2021	Jul 2019- Feb 2020
Received	\$10,133	\$107,268	\$100,536
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$116,624</u>	
	(\$4,445)	(\$9,356)	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel Contributions

Week Ending March 7, 2021

Received \$2,174

Budget \$3,564

(\$1,390)

	Month of Feb 2021	Jul 2020- Feb 2021	Jul 2019- Feb 2020
Received	\$8,904	\$98,873	\$101,213
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$121,184</u>	
	(\$6,245)	(\$22,311)	

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 Cards

Available at SJ Church after 4:00 Mass on March 13th and March 27th, also during normal office hours at the Church office or by calling Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 to place an order.

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 sjsmscrip@gmail.com or call 715-824-3660.

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

Parish News...

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

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.

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 Father Mike Schmitz 365 Day Bible Study: If you are participating in the 365 Day Bible Study with Father Mike, we welcome you to join our discussion group. We will meet Monday, March 15th at 5:30 pm, at St. James. We will share our thoughts and reflections on what we have learned from this wonderful Bible study. We are required to wear masks and to social distance. Please call Judi at 824-2047 if you have questions.

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!

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: Will be held at both parishes during Lent. Volunteers are needed to help lead the Stations, from your pew, and to carry 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, March 16th, at 6:00 pm
St. Mary's: Wednesday, March 17th, at 2:00 pm

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...."

Divine Mercy Sunday: will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish on April 11th. Holy Sacrifice of Mass at 8:00am and 3:45pm. Adoration with Holy Hours from 9:00am-3:30pm. We will have a presentation by Canon Heitor Matheus, Priest of Institute of Christ the King, St. Mary's Oratory. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 12:30-3:00pm. Divine Mercy hour/chaplet, procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 3:00pm. *The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday shall obtain complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment.*

Walking, Talking and The Rosary: Join us mom's with young kids 9 am Friday, March 19th (after 8:15 daily Mass). St. James parking lot. Bring a rosary, a stroller and kids. What would you like to see happening in our parishes? Bring your ideas for the Family Life Committee.

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...

Christ our Cornerstone Restoration Update:

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: \$5.8 million (includes the \$3m match from St. Ambrose) · Need Remaining \$350,135

How does God speak to me? Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Upcoming...

St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. 8611 State Hwy 54, Almond (eight miles east of the I39/Hwy 54 interchange). Sunday, March 21, Serving 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Curbside Pickup Only at the West Entrance (follow the signs). Adults \$11.00. Children ages 6-13 \$5.00. Menu: ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, baked beans, corn, coleslaw, rolls & butter, homemade pie. Proceeds go to the Social Hall Building Project.

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The Sacred Heart Home and School, Polonia:

is planning a Grab and Go Spaghetti Dinner on April 17th from 4:00pm–7:00pm. Spaghetti dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, and dessert for \$8. Purchase tickets in advance at the parish office or place an order the day of at the handicap (west) entrance of the church. Pick up will be on the other (east) side of the church.

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.

Pacelli Catholic Middle School Seeks Track and Softball Coaches for the Spring, 2021 season. Previous coaching experience desired, but not required. Interested applicants should contact Athletic Director: John Raflik: jraflik@pacellicatholicschools.com.

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 715.341.2445, cweber@pacellicatholicschools.com, 1301 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

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