



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, May 9, 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
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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

Weekday Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 11th, 8:15 AM @ SJ— Bill Soik
Wednesday, May 12th, 8:15 AM @ SM—Fred Shulfer
Thursday, May 13th, 8:15 AM @ SM— Albert Kubisiak
Friday, May 14th, 8:15 AM @ SJ— Bruce Groshek

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 15th, **4:00 PM** @ SM— Jacqueline Modrzewski
Sunday, May 16th, 8:30 AM @ SJ— Denise Fisher
Sunday, May 16th, 10:30 AM @ SM— Parishioners of
Our Two Parishes

ADORATION: St. Mary: First Thursday of the month after morning Mass.

St. James: First Friday of the month after morning Mass and in the evening from 4-8pm

Confession Schedule: After weekday Masses at respective Church.

Saturday at 3:30 at St. Mary. After 10:30 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.



A Prayer for My Mother

Dear Father up in Heaven,
Bless my Mother here on earth.
You gave my spirit earthly life. My mother gave me birth.
She follows in Your footsteps; her heart is full of love.
Please keep her in Your loving care,
And bless her from above.

Happy Mother's Day

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, today, we pray for mothers everywhere.

Bless moms who are expecting a baby.

Calm their fears and keep their new little life safe. Bless mothers who have babies and toddlers and are in a busy season of bottles, sippy cups, and endless laundry. Give strength to moms of little ones. They need it, Lord.

Bless mothers who have busy school-aged children. Gift them with an extra measure of wisdom to answer questions, model maturity, and mold young hearts. Bless mothers who parent teens. Allow them the grace to let go when needed and the courage to provide firm boundaries when required. Bless mothers of adult children that they would savor the joy of friendship with their child. Bless single mothers with the strength to fulfill many roles. Provide them with supportive people in their lives. Bless moms who are married that they would care for their children by making their husbands a priority. Bless grandmothers who have the double blessing of being both mother and grandmother. May they spoil their grandkids with abandon. We pray peace for mothers who have lost a child and for women who are grieving because of infertility. Give us eyes to see women around us who struggle to mother well. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus to them. Thank you for our mothers. They gave us life and for that gift we are forever grateful. We pray for mothers everywhere. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Stewardship
a way of living

St. James Contributions

Week Ending May 2, 2021

Received \$2,659

Budget \$3,430
((\$771))

	Month of Apr 2021	Jul 2020- Apr 2021	Jul 2019- Apr 2020
Received	\$16,052	\$136,617	\$122,271
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u> \$1,474	<u>\$145,780</u> ((\$9,163))	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel Contributions

Week Ending May 2, 2021

Received \$2,078

Budget \$3,564
((\$1,486))

	Month of Apr 2021	Jul 2020- Apr 2021	Jul 2019- Apr 2020
Received	\$13,081	\$125,703	\$121,451
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u> (\$2,067)	<u>\$151,480</u> ((\$25,777))	

Scrip Gift Cards

SJ Scrip Cards – Available at SJ Church after 8:30 mass on May 9th and 23rd, also during normal office hours in the church office or by calling Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 to place an order. In addition, the online/mobile app provides quick and easy access to many electronic gift cards within minutes on your smartphone, and frequently includes special bonus deals for holiday shopping or gifting.

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.

Scrip Gift Cards News

St James – April Scrip Card Sales totaled \$6,935 earning **\$351.93**

SCRIP	\$ Sold	\$ Earned
Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS)	\$3,635	\$166.68
Local Gift Cards	\$700	\$35.00
OnLine Gift Cards	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$150.25</u>
Total	\$6,935	\$351.93

St Mary of MC – April Scrip Card Sales totaled \$6,370 earning **\$276.05**

SCRIP	\$ Sold	\$ Earned
Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS)	\$5,010	\$211.70
Local Gift Cards	\$475	\$23.75
OnLine Gift Cards	<u>\$885</u>	<u>\$40.60</u>
Total	\$6,370	\$276.05

- Weekend Mass Schedule -

Saturday, **4:00 pm** at St. Mary
(thru Saturday, August 28th)

Sunday, 8:30 am at St. James
(Parking Lot also available)

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Mary

Parish News...

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES: To honor the gift of motherhood the Family Life Committee will be supporting Portage County Right to Life by selling \$2 Roses after Mass at both parishes on Sunday, May 9th. All proceeds go to the Pro-Life Mission in our County. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

Recycle your Scrap Metal. . . for the Church:

We once again have an offer to assist our parishioners with the disposal & recycling of Scrap Metal with the proceeds from the recycling going back to our Churches. The offer includes access to a high traffic area for parishioners to park and sell their used vehicles, just asking a small donation for the use of the area which will come back to our Churches. For more information and/or to set up an appointment, please call 715-347-5295.

JUNE WORD AMONG US are in and ready to be picked up at respective churches.

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 50% 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.

Scheduling of Events and Meetings:

Please contact the office to schedule all events and meetings per Fr. Jerzy's request. Please contact the office prior to placing your event in the bulletin to ensure the date is open, so there are no conflicts or overlapping of events.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Do You Enjoy Reading? Consider Becoming a Lector: We are in need of more Lectors for Weekend and Weekday Mass at both parishes. Being a lector is a special ministry where God will use your voice to Proclaim His word. If you have been a lector in the past & are still included on the Sign-up Genius, we encourage you to sign up once again. If you no longer get the Sign-up Genius or would like to join this ministry, please call Judi Marquard at 824-2047 or Barb Groholski 715-824-3649. A huge Thank You to all who have faithfully continued to help out.

Bible Discussion Group: Join us at 5:30 pm on Monday, May 10th at St. James to share thoughts and reflections on Father Mike Schmitz's 365 Day Bible Study. All are welcome.

Great Resources to Help you Learn and Grow in your Faith:

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.

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

Faith Formation...

CCD – Digital Classes

Please note that our subscription for this year's digital classes will expire the end of May. All assignments need to be completed and submitted prior to May 30th. Parents have received an email reminder this past week of their child's progress. Thank you to all parents for their assistance this year working with their child to help them grow in their faith and to prepare them for future Sacraments.

Diocese News...

Come Follow Me! When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, 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!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Half-time custodial position: St. Bronislava Parish seeks an energetic person to perform custodial and general cleaning duties in the parish and school buildings. This is a half-time, Monday through Friday, afternoon/evening time position. Compensation includes wage based on experience. Interested persons should send an application or a letter of interest stating experience before May 15th to: Business Office St. Bronislava Parish. P.O. Box 158, Plover, WI 54467. For further information or to obtain an application, call the Business Office at 715-344-4326 Extension 108.

Upcoming...

SHREDDING PARTY: Join us for the 11th Annual Pacelli Catholic Schools Community Service & Fundraising Event. Hosted by Schulfer & Associates, LLC Wealth Management. Thurs., May 13 * 3-6pm, 1417 Main Street, Stevens Point. Bring your secure documents to shred. Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated for secure, confidential shredding services provided by Express Recycling Solutions, Inc. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 towards the Accelerated Reader program promoting reading, literacy, and comprehension in our elementary schools. *No early drop off. For more than 10 boxes, please call ahead!* **FEATURING SHREDDED FOOD FOR SALE:** \$3 Shredded Chicken Sandwiches | \$1 Shredded Coleslaw | \$1 Shoestring Potato Chips | \$2 Cupcake | \$6 Meal | \$1 Soda/Water. RSVP to 715.343.9600, www.schulferandassociates.com, or by email to schulferandassociates@lpl.com to receive a FREE "What to Shred/What to Keep" guide! To learn more, visit pacellicatholicalschools.com/shreddingparty.

MEN'S RETREAT hosted by St. Joseph's (15th Annual). On Saturday, May 15th, all men are invited to an OUTDOOR retreat at Camp Gray and hosted by St. Joseph's - Baraboo Parish. Bishop Donald Hying and Fr. Jared Holzhuter will be speaking at this event.

Activities during the day include morning Mass, small group discussion, Rosary, Confession, and adoration. The Saturday retreat begins at 8:00am and concludes by 3:30pm. In case of rain, the retreat will be held indoors. To register, visit www.baraboocatholic.org/adult-faith-formation, or contact the St. Joseph's Faith Formation office at 356-5353. The cost is \$35 (or \$40 after May 8th) and includes a grilled-steak lunch.

MOTORCYCLE BLESSING & FAITH RUN: June 6, 2021. St. Bronislava Parish: 1 pm—Blessing, 1:30 pm—90 mile Faith Run . 4 pm—Food & Fellowship at the church. Questions call 715-344-4326 or stbrons.com.