



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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715-824-3455

-- Fr. Jerzy Rebacz --

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Website: sjsmmcc.weconnect.com

myparishapp.com/download



Sunday, September 19, 2021

Mission Statement:

We, the stewards of St. James and St. Mary Mount Carmel Parishes
in the Diocese of LaCrosse, strive to live as disciples of Christ.

Vision Statement:

As Parishioners of St. James and St. Mary Mount Carmel Parishes,
we are called as stewards to celebrate the presence of Christ in our life as
we worship together in prayer, in liturgy and in the Sacraments. We endeavor
to strengthen our Catholic faith and Christian service as individuals,
as families, and as a parish community as we seek to spread the teachings of Christ
through our words, through our witness, and through our actions.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 21st, 8:15 AM @ SJ
.....Bronis & Kinga Konkol

Wednesday, September 22nd, 8:15 AM @ SM
.....Jacqueline Modrzewski

Thursday, September 23rd, 8:15 AM @ SM
.....Deceased Members of Jerome Groshek Family

Friday, September 24th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
.....Tony Yenter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 25th, 4:00 PM @ SJ
.....Keith & Ryan Krupka

Sunday, September 26th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
.....Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

Sunday, September 26th, 10:30 AM @ SM
.....Carl Adamski

**Do Something
Beautiful for God**

*When you look at the inner workings
of electrical things,
You often see small and big wires,
new and old,
Cheap and expensive, all lined up.
Until the current passes through them
there will be no light.
That wire is you and me.
The current is God.
We have the power to let the current
pass through us, use us,
To produce the light of the world.
Or we can refuse to be used and
allow darkness to spread.*

ADORATION:

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

St. James: First Friday of the month after morning Mass; Third Sunday of the Month from 4:00-6:00 PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

After weekday Masses at respective Church. Saturday at 3:30 PM at St. James.

Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary.

(Leave a note in Sacristy for Father before Mass if you wish to go to Confessions after Mass)

MARRIAGE:

Couples requesting the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the office at the time of formal engagement of at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. If a couple wishes to be married as a registered member or our parish, they must actively participate in the faith (Sunday worship) and be a registered member of our parish at least 3 months prior to requesting the Sacrament of Marriage. Weddings are not celebrated during Lent.

BAPTISM:

Parents may request the baptism of their infant at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. Family should be members of our parish, they must actively participate in the faith (Sunday worship) and be a registered member of our parish. To request baptism, please call the parish office at 715-824-3455.

ANNOINTING 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:

Notice to all Parishioners. 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

Scrip Gift Cards News

St James – August Scrip Card Sales

totaled \$6,100..... **Earning \$287.38**

SCRIP	\$ Sold	\$ Earned
Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS)	\$3,700	\$182.73
Local Gift Cards	\$875	\$45.00
OnLine Gift Cards	\$1,525	\$59.65
Total	\$6,100	\$287.38

St Mary MC – August Scrip Card Sales

totaled \$8,485..... **Earning \$387.93**

SCRIP	\$ Sold	\$ Earned
Pacelli Catholic Schools (PCS)	\$7,185	\$330.93
Local Gift Cards	\$500	\$25.00
OnLine Gift Cards	\$800	\$32.00
Total	\$8,485	\$387.93



Stewardship
a way of living

St. James Contributions

Week Ending Sept 12, 2021

Received \$2,606

Budget \$3,430
(\$824)

	Month of Aug 2021	Jul 2021- Aug 2021	Jul 2020- Aug 2020
Received	\$11,832	\$24,844	\$40,303
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u> (\$2,746)	<u>\$29,156</u> (\$4,312)	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel Contributions

Week Ending Sept 12, 2021

Received \$2,607

Budget \$3,564
(\$957)

	Month of Aug 2021	Jul 2021- Aug 2021	Jul 2020- Aug 2020
Received	\$15,955	\$27,392	\$21,660
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u> \$807	<u>\$30,296</u> (\$2,904)	

Scrip Gift Cards

SJ Scrip Cards: Scrip will be sold at SJ Church after 8:30 mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Scrip cards can always be purchased during normal office hours in the church office or by calling Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 to place an order. In addition, please consider checking out the online/mobile app to access a variety of electronic gift cards either on your smartphone or computer.

SMMC Scrip Update: Scrip gift cards are on sale this weekend. Our next sale dates will be October 3rd and October 17th. Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762. Thanks to everyone who supports our gift card program.

Please contact Hydrie Laidlaw or Pat Zielinsk for more information.

Parish News...

Deanery Convocation

Painting a Picture of the Church God Calls Us to Be

Pope Francis has been encouraging Catholics to dream about the Church we are called to be. How can we become ever more effective witnesses to Christ and build communities on fire for building God's kingdom here on earth? How can we rekindle the faith of those who have fallen away and reach out to those who still need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ?

On Saturday, October 30 Catholics from around Portage County will gather at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point to dream. Presenters from the mid-west and Canada will help paint a picture of the Church alive in Christ and animated by the Holy Spirit. Our hope is that this gathering will serve as a spark to help us renew and reinvigorate our parishes, especially in a post-pandemic world. The day will be filled with inspiration and many practical ideas in terms of parish ministries and outreach.

Our keynote speaker is Ron Huntley from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Ron has worked in the area of parish renewal for many years. He coaches parishes and dioceses, has co-authored a book on parish leadership, and speaks extensively throughout the English-speaking world.

Our gathering is called "**Revive! Stevens Point Deanery Fall Convocation.**" The Convocation runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can find out about all the various presentations and our keynote speaker, Ron Huntley, by visiting our deanery website: www.pointdeanery.org/revive. Online registration is available there as well. Brochures are also available at your parish church. There is no charge to attend the Convocation, but a free will offering will be taken up.

In conjunction with the Convocation, there will be a special **Praise and Worship Event** at St. Bronislava Parish, Plover on October 30 at 7:00 pm. The event will be facilitated by Ron Huntley and will be an opportunity for us to ask the Holy Spirit to revive and renew our parish communities. All are invited to join us for the Praise and Worship event – *you do NOT need to attend the Convocation to join us for praise and worship Saturday night.*

Please pray for God's blessing on these special events. *"Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!"* Psalm 104.

Special Thank You: A member of the Parish, who wishes to remain anonymous, included St Mary of Mount Carmel in their estate plan. At their request, St Mary of Mount Carmel has received a generous bequest on their behalf. We are grateful to them & to their family, for their generosity and for all their contributions to the Church over the years. *Have you considered including your Church in your estate plan?*

Bible Discussion Group: St. James on Mon., Sept. 20th, at 5:30 pm to discuss and reflect on Father Mike Schmitz's 365 Day Bible Study. All are welcome.

ADORATION: In the month of September, we will begin having Adoration on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 4 - 6. Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord Jesus in Adoration. Simply come to be with Jesus. He longs to talk with you in the depth of your heart. Adoration will be held at St. James. All are welcome. Whether you come for a few minutes or an hour, Jesus will be waiting for you. Join us this Sunday, September 19, between 4-6pm.

ST. MARY'S PICNIC: If you were thinking of donating to our Church Picnic Fund, it is not too late. Your donation is very important as it helps recover the lost revenue which in turn helps St. Mary's financially in meeting annual expenses. Send your picnic donation to the Church office or drop it in the Collection basket. A Special Thank you to Parishioners and Non-Parishioners, who so generously donated to our 2021 Picnic Fund. May God bless you for your continued support of St. Mary's.

Total received to date towards our 2021 Picnic Fund:

..... **\$21,575**
Total received in 2020: **\$16,985**

SJ/SMMC Social Concerns Committee:

Would you like to grow in your faith, and become more active in your Parish? The St James/St Mary Mt Carmel Social Concerns Committee is looking for new members! For more information, call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

Faith Formation...

CCD Classes began this past week. Parents were emailed a class schedule. Please refer to the schedule to know when your child's in person class takes place. Please make sure you have downloaded "myparishapp" for any unexpected cancellations. Please keep the students & teachers in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Just a reminder that the confirmation retreat, for those being confirmed this November 2021, will take place on Sunday, September 26 beginning with 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph Church in Stevens Point.

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.

To sign up for Fr. Mike Schmitz's new podcast, 'The Bible in A Year':

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration> -- 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.

Let the Sunday Readings Come to Life:

Bishop Robert Barron will help you understand the deep meaning of the Readings that are proclaimed at Mass each weekend. Go to your Parish App and click on "Homilies", then click onto the date just prior to the weekend.

- WEDDING BANNS -

I Mariah Cohen & Seth Helminiak

Upcoming...

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH—SPIRIT NIGHTS:

September 26-29. With Jon M. Sweeney
Visit www.holyspiritstevenspoint.org for more!

FALL FEST 2021 - St. Bronislava Parish, October 2nd & 3rd, 2021. Go to Stbrons.com for more info.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOBLE'S ANNUAL FALL

HARVEST DINNER: Sunday, October 3. Serving 10 am-1 pm. Carryout or Curbside Service Only. Adults \$12; Children (6-12) \$5; Preschool (5 & Under) Free. Proceeds will go to the parish social hall project. Menu: Chicken (Provided by Ambrosia Catering), mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, squash, roll, cranberry sauce, and slice of pie. A Produce Market will be available during the dinner at our east entrance. Please follow the signs.

JOIN PRO-LIFE WISCONSINITES:

for the first-ever March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, October 2, 2021! We will gather at noon at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to hear from pro-life leaders. The March will follow and will conclude in prayer at 3:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood. Buses from various Wisconsin cities are available for easy travel to and from Madison. For more information, visit:

ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

St. Joseph, Stevens Point: Pork Roast Dinner:

Saturday, October 9. Carry-only, pre-orders requested. Contact Mike at 715-340-4857 or daniels.mmlj@gmail.com to order. More information online at www.PointCatholicFaith.org.

Diocese News...

JOIN US FOR RURAL LIFE DAY:

September 22, 2021. The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22. For more information: visit www.dioc.org/rural-life or contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, rzietlow@dioc.org

OCTOBER 18 GOSPEL OF LIFE WHITE MASS

and Banquet with Bishop Callahan. Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: "**Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body.**"

All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit dioc.org/gospeloflife.

SAVE THE DATE!

Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph" We are very excited to announce this conference will be held in person on Sat., October 23, 2021 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse

DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

and your relationship with Jesus Christ? Sign up to read through the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 15 minutes per day. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks. You will receive a schedule every 2 weeks.

To register, send an email to Ann Lankford at alankford@dioc.org write: Catechism in subject line.

Parish Staff

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Send your Ambo announcements 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.

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Shulfer, Michelle SJ

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Patoka, Gilbert SM

Stratton, Sharon SJ

Trzebiatowski, Sandy SJ

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Family Life: Laura Gould & Tiffany Ostrowski

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Barb Groholski

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Laura Trzebiatowski - Przekurat

Education: TBA

Stewardship: TBA