



It has been a couple of months since we informed you of the projects outside of the restoration that both St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel parishes are hoping to complete prior to the church interior. The projects listed below for both parishes are currently in progress, awaiting bids and/or scheduling dates for work to be done. We thank you, the parishioners of St. James and St. Mary, for your continued support and financial assistance in keeping our buildings & grounds properly maintained.

St. James Parish:

- ◆ Auto start generator
 - Installation will be completed in the next week or two
- ◆ Tree Removal church property across the road
 - Acquiring 3 bids
- ◆ New St. James Church Signage
 - Installation 2024
- ◆ Parking Lot
 - Waiting for submission of bids
- ◆ New windows for rectory
 - Contractor to access work to be done and submit bid
 - Once bid is received, the agreed upon contract will be sent to the Diocese for review and approval

St. James Cemetery:

- ◆ New Sign
 - Installed
(Foundation to be completed after roads done)
- ◆ Additional roads
 - Contract approved
 - Work to be done 2024

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish:

- ◆ Tuckpointing
 - Contract approved by Diocese of La Crosse and signed by Fr. Jerzy. Project to be done 2024
- ◆ Foundation Repair
 - Waiting for Diocesan approval of contracts
 - Once approved work to be done fall of 2023
- ◆ New Furnaces including air conditioning units for church
 - Waiting for additional bids
 - Once all bids are received, the agreed upon contract will be sent to the Diocese for review and approval
 - Installation fall of 2023 or spring of 2024
- ◆ Church Basement windows
 - Contractor to assess work to be done and submit bid
 - Once bid is received, the agreed upon contract will be sent to the Diocese for review and approval



Stewardship
a way of living

New Church Fiscal Year - July 1st

St James

Week Ending September 3, 2023

Received \$2,463
Budget \$3,430
(\$967)

	Month of Jul 2023	Jul 2023 -Jul 2023	Jul 2022 - Jul 2022
Received	\$12,083	\$12,083	\$10,268
Budget	\$14,578	\$14,578	
	(\$2,496)	(\$2,496)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending September 3, 2023

Received \$2,667
Budget \$3,564
(\$897)

	Month of Jul 2023	Jul 2023 -Jul 2023	Jul 2022 - Jul 2022
Received	\$9,474	\$9,474	\$10,237
Budget	\$15,148	\$15,148	
	(\$5,675)	(\$5,675)	

**Support Scrip
Gift Cards**

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Our next gift card sales will be on Sept. 17th and Oct. 1st. Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

Thanks for your support!

Answer 1 -(b) Balaam

See Numbers 22 for this remarkable story.

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Scrip will be on sale September 23rd & 24th. Remember that every purchase helps offset the cost of our annual dues to Pacelli Catholic Schools. To purchase Scrip, stop by the parish office during office hours or contact Hydie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544.

Parish News...

SOCIAL CONCERNS UPDATE:

St James-St Mary's Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a Diaper Drive for *First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center* in Stevens Point on the weekends of September 16-17 and September 23-24. They are in need of diapers size 4-5-6 and pullups size 4-5. They would also appreciate new infant and toddler clothing. Please drop off your donations in the boxes located in church. All new items donated are tax deductible. Catholic Charities is currently accepting donations for the people of Maui following the devastating wild fires. For more information, go to catholiccharitiesusa.org or call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

GRIEF SHARE:

is a no cost support program that has been offered to our community since 2017. The video-based, non-denominational series consists of 7 sessions. The first session will take place on Monday, Sept. 11th at the Jensen Community Center in Amherst from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please contact either facilitator, if you plan to attend: Cindi Borski (715-570-0755) or Shawn Lea (715-570-5082)

WORD AMONG US:

Renewal or New subscriptions -- Payments of **\$20.84** are due by October 1st to guarantee no lapse in your subscription. Please submit your payment as soon as possible to the church office. You can put your payment in an envelope marked Word Among Us and include your contact information.

Checks should be made payable to your parish.

A HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES:

will be held on Monday September 11, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church Catholic Church 1709 Wyatt Avenue Stevens Point from 7-8pm.

COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED

AND YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. AGNES

St. Agnes in Weston, WI is currently accepting applications for a Coordinator/Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. The Coordinator/Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry is responsible for developing and overseeing religious education and youth ministry programs for Pre- K through grade 10. **The position is full-time.** Salary dependent upon experience. If you are interested, please contact the Office Manager at: deb@stagnescatholicparish.com or the Parish Office at 715-359-5675 for an application. This job is a tremendous opportunity to help young people grow in their faith.

Faith Formation...

CCD begins Wednesday, Sept. 13th. If you have not submitted your registration forms please do so BEFORE classes begin to ensure we have enough books on hand. Registration forms were emailed on Aug. 9th & again on Sept. 1st. Forms may also be picked up at the entrances of both St. James and St. Mary's.

Answer 2 - (c) hippopotamus – The description of this animal has long puzzled the commentators. Many of them now admit that it represents the hippopotamus, well known to the ancient Egyptians; it might possible correspond as well to the rhinoceros.

“DID YOU KNOW”

from the Sacred Worship Committee

WHAT ARE SEVEN DEADLY SINS: “There are six things which the LORD hates, seven which are an abomination to him” (Proverbs 6:16). The seven deadly sins (or capital vices) are “works of the flesh”. Temptations or habits, that directly lead to the kind of behaviors that “those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Galatians 5:21). The deadly sins are pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth. Here is a short description of each:

- 1. Pride:** an excessive love of self or the desire to be better or more important than others. It fails to acknowledge God as God and ignores his image and likeness in others.
- 2. Lust:** an intense desire, usually for sexual pleasure, but also for money, power or fame, are objects of our desires instead of God.
- 3. Gluttony:** over consumption, usually the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine.
- 4. Greed:** makes material possessions the goal of our existence, instead of God.
- 5. Sloth:** physical laziness, also disinterest in spiritual matters or neglecting spiritual growth.
- 6. Anger:** uncontrolled feelings of hatred or rage that uses fear, hatred, and violence to control others for selfish purposes.
- 7. Envy:** sadness or desire for the possessions, happiness, talents or abilities of another. It keeps us from seeing God's generosity towards ourselves.

*Are you struggling in any of these areas,
turn to God for help, He's only a breath away.*

- WEDDING BANNES -

III Amber Orlikowski & Patrick Peterson

MARRIAGE:

Couples requesting the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the office at the time of engagement, at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

If a couple wishes to be married as a registered parish member, 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 stay or procedure - please contact the office.

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:

Laurieplhintz5@gmail.com
Darlene..... 715-592-4443
Barb 715-824-3649

Upcoming...

THE 42nd ANNUAL RURAL LIFE DAY:

Sept. 13, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

ST. AGNES SPORTS BANQUET:

Saturday, September 23, 2023. Central Wisconsin Convention Center & Expo, Rothschild. Doors Open at 4:45pm. Contact Deb at St. Agnes 715-359-5675 or email: deb@stagnescatholicparish.com if you are interested.

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage.

In July 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, IN. This 5-day experience, "Eyes Opened, Hearts on Fire," will be held July 17-24, 2024. Speakers such as Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. John Burns, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and many more will inspire and invite people to return to the source and summit of our Faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

In addition to the work being done in our Diocese as part of the Eucharistic Procession to Indianapolis, we are exploring the possibility of taking a group from the Diocese of La Crosse to attend the Eucharistic Congress. To prepare for such a pilgrimage, we need to know the number of pilgrims interested in joining a group from the Diocese of La Crosse to attend the National Eucharistic Congress. If interested, please email dbrannon@diolc.org with the number of people interested in attending. Once we know the number of people wishing to participate, we can provide further information related to costs, travel, and registration.

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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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