



**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**

**Parish Website: sjsmcc.weconnect.com
myparishapp.com/download**



Sunday, November 21st, 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, November 23rd, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Bronislawa Rebacz
Wednesday, November 24th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Jacqueline Modrzewski
Thursday, November 25th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Philomena & Pius Selensky
Friday, November 26th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Janet Spierings

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27th, 4:00 PM @ SJ
..... Maynard Shulfer
Sunday, November 28th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Leonard T & Leonard J Shulfer
Sunday, November 28th, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

*Dear Lord
Today we give thanks for our many blessings,
as we pray for those in need.
We give thanks for our family & friends,
as we pray for those who are lonely.
We give thanks for our freedoms,
as we pray for those who are oppressed.
We give thanks for our good health,
as we pray for those who are ill.
We give thanks for our comforts & prosperity,
as we share our blessings to others.
On this day of Thanksgiving;
may the love of God enfold us,
the peace of God dwell within us,
and the joy of God uplift us.
This we ask in the name of
Christ Our Heavenly Father Amen*

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)



Giving Thanks to God

*What if you woke up
TODAY
With only what you
Thanked God for
Yesterday?*

LET US REMEMBER THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST YEAR:

Candles will be lit at every Mass during November to prayerfully remember parishioners who passed away this past year. As a parish community and family, let us join together to pray for the repose of their souls and for those who mourn their loss. *"Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them".*

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



Stewardship *a way of living*

St. James Contributions

Week Ending November 14, 2021

Received	\$4,718		
Budget	<u>\$3,430</u>		
	\$1,288		
	Month of Oct 2021	Jul 2021- Oct 2021	Jul 2020- Oct 2020
Received	\$8,606	\$44,512	\$57,135
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$58,312</u>	
	(\$5,972)	(\$13,800)	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel Contributions

Week Ending November 14, 2021

Received	\$2,090		
Budget	<u>\$3,564</u>		
	(\$1,474)		
	Month of Oct 2021	Jul 2021- Oct 2021	Jul 2020- Oct 2020
Received	\$8,438	\$44,539	\$40,469
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$60,592</u>	
	(\$6,710)	(\$16,053)	

Scrip Gift Cards

SJ Scrip Cards:

Scrip will be sold every weekend at St. James after the Saturday evening and 8:30 a.m. mass on Sunday. We carry gas cards and a variety of restaurant cards that are great Christmas gifts for teens, as well as grocery store cards to stock up on your holiday meal preparations. Stop by the parish office during office hours or check out all the options we have after the mass. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 for more information.

SMMC Scrip Update:

Scrip Gift Cards will be sold on November 21st and December 5th. Are you considering giving gift cards for Christmas presents? Please get your orders in early. You can place and order at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

Please contact Hydrie Laidlaw or Pat Zielinski for more information.

Parish News...

UPCOMING EVENT:

We will be having a Spiritual Retreat on December 18 & 19 at our weekend masses at both St. James & St Mary of Mount Carmel. Our special guest speaker is Mother Agnes of the Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus. More information coming soon.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, December 7th, 6:30pm at St. James and Wednesday, December 8th, 8:15am at St. Mary of Mount Carmel.

THANK YOU to all lectors for the giving of their time in serving in this ministry. The 2022 Workbooks are available for pick up in the sacristy at your respective parish.

GIVING TREE:

Be on the lookout soon for a giving tree in the gathering space at St. James and in the back of Church at St. Mary. Family Life Committee is sponsoring two families through Operation Bootstrap. Operation Bootstrap identifies families in need in Portage County and matches them with local organizations and individuals. We will have an opportunity as a community to collect gifts the children have requested and food and other goods for the family. If you have any ??? please contact Misty at mistyprater@gmail.com or 785-633-5206 (call or text).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

FIRST FRIDAY AFTER MASS CLUB:

Starting Friday, December 3rd, the First Friday After Mass Club will meet the First Friday of each month at St. James in the Gathering Space after 8:15am Mass and Adoration. All are welcome to this club... moms, dads, older adults, young adults, and kids of all ages. There will be a short study on the Doctors of the Church and prayer for the adults (no prior preparation needed) and activities for the kids. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Misty Prater at mistyprater@gmail.com or 785-633-5206 or Laura Gould at laura_n_natalie@yahoo.com.

ADVENT INSPIRATIONS:

Go to Relevantradio.com to sign up for Daily Inspiration from Father Rocky from Nov. 28 – Dec. 24. When you sign up you will receive a short reflection and audio for the day that will be sure to bring a smile to your face and give you something to ponder as you go about your day.

8th ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

On Saturday, March 12th, 2022 the 8th Annual Women's Conference entitled 'Receive Mercy, Find Grace' will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Chilton, WI. To register go to: <https://inmarysfootsteps2022.eventbrite.com>

POSTER DISPLAY AT ST. JAMES:

Take time to look over the Poster Boards used for the recent Deanery Convocation showing unique points for each parish and the togetherness we find in working together under one Priest. The posters are on display at St. James and will later be at St. Mary's. A special thank you to Barb Gutschow for her work in designing the posters.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:

Please consider spending some quiet time with our Lord Jesus in Adoration this Sunday. Simply come to be with Jesus.

Third Sunday, November 21st, at St. James:

Adoration from 4-6 pm.

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP:

St. James on Monday, Nov. 22th, at 5:30 pm to discuss and reflect on Father Mike Schmitz's 365 Day Bible Study. All are welcome.

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

"Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you".
John 14:1-2

Why we need Purgatory – For the final purification of those who die in friendship with God but who haven't fully broken their attachment to sin or atoned for wrongs done in this life. When we stand before Christ the Judge, all the compromises we've made, all the gray areas into which our choices led us, have to be accounted for.

Why we need to pray for the Souls in Purgatory –

Those who have died are not able to do works of penance to satisfy the temporal debt of their sins. Neither the saints in Heaven nor those in Purgatory can aid those in Purgatory; only the living, can pray & offer sacrifice and penance for the souls in Purgatory to make atonement for the temporal debt of their sins.

How can we help the Souls in Purgatory –

1 – Pray the Rosary for departed friends, relatives and the most forgotten souls.

2 – Daily, recite this simple prayer: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace".

3 – Visit a loved one's grave and say a brief prayer for them.

4 – Have a Mass celebrated for loved ones often and especially on the anniversary of their death.

5 – Have 30 days of Gregorian Masses celebrated for loved ones through missionary orders that offer this ministry.



THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE

JOHN 17:22

The 2021-2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) for both St. James and St. Mary of Mt. Carmel is underway. The Diocese has mailed the materials for the 2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Our parishes have done a terrific job supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal. THANK YOU!! All dollars received in excess of the target amount are returned directly to our parishes.

	2020-2021 Results			2021-2022
	Target	Actual	Over	Target
St James	\$20,925	\$25,100	\$ 4,175	\$ 21,580
St Mary of MC	\$28,680	\$30,040	\$ 1,360	\$ 28,470

Faith Formation...

CCD Classes

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.

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.

Diocese News...

NEW COMING BOOK on the "Champion of the Poor" A new action-packed, full-color comic book biography tells the inspiring life story of Father Joe Walijewski, priest of the Diocese of La Crosse and founder of the Casa Hogar orphanage in Peru. From his days as an impressionable young boy in Michigan, where he discovered a unique call to the priesthood, to his daring adventures as a missionary in South America, readers are immersed into the heroic actions of a courageous Champion of the Poor. Individuals are invited to pre-order now to receive the comic book in time to be a Christmas gift. To see sample pages and to pre-order, visit: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe

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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.

Church Councils

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Zinda, Judy SM

Juris, Michael SJ

Shulfer, Michelle SJ

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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