



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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-- **Fr. Jerzy Rebacz** --

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Sunday, April 10, 2022

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, April 12th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
.... The Living & Deceased Members of the Loecher Family
Wednesday, April 13th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Helen Helminiak
Holy Thursday, April 14th, **6:00 PM @ SM**
..... Deceased Members of Modrzewski Family

Good Friday Service, April 15th, 12:00 PM @ SM

Weekend Mass Intentions

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 16th, **8:00 PM @ SM**
..... Ryan & Keith Krupka and Grandparents
Easter Sunday, April 17th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Philomena & Pius Selensky
Easter Sunday, April 17th, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... *Parishioners of Our Two Parishes*

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord,
Keep them, for they are Thine -
Thy priests whose lives burn out before
Thy consecrated shrine.
Keep them, for they are in the world,
Though from the world apart;
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure, -
Shelter them in Thy heart.
Keep them, and comfort them in hours
Of loneliness and pain,
When all their life of sacrifice
For souls seems but in vain.
Keep them, and O remember, Lord,
They have no one but Thee,
Yet they have only human hearts,
With human frailty.
Keep them as spotless as the Host,
That daily they caress;
Their every thought and word and deed,
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

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)

Sacrament of the Priesthood

On Holy Thursday we not only celebrate the institution of the Eucharist the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, but also the institution of the Sacrament of the priesthood. Let us remember and continue to pray for all the priests both living and deceased that have served/serve the parishioners of St. James and St. Mary Mount Carmel Parishes.



St. James

Rev. James E. Meagher
Rev. Matthew Hauch
Rev. Joseph Esdepsky
Rev. Andrew Quelle
Rev. John B. Gehl
Rev. Joseph Rauch
Rev. Nicholas Gross
Rev. Leo Binder
Rev. D. L. Krembs
Rev. John Haen
Rev. W. T. Williams
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Rev. Joseph L. Brake
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Rev. S. Lengowski
Rev. Alfred Hemmersbach
Rev. Raymond W. Peters
Rev. Ernest Kaim
Rev. Francis Disher
Rev. Emmett Faber
Rev. Robert Pedretti
Rev. Maximus Ssekiwala
Rev. Joseph Raja
Rev. Jude Ndugbu
Rev. Rajen Anandan
Rev. Jude Dioka
Rev. Daniel Hackel
Rev. Jerzy Rebacz

St. Mary Mount Carmel

Rev. A. John Maczynski
Rev. Al Geth
Rev. Victor Lebecki
Rev. Henry Cicheski
Rev. Marcellus Sikorski
Rev. Nicholas Kolazinski
Rev. Roman Wawrzykowski
Rev. Louis Starostzick
Rev. Stanislaus J. Kubiszewski
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Rev. Stanislaus Lapinski
Rev. Maximillian Kluczykowski
Rev. Stephen Mieczkowski
Rev. Thaddeus Szczerbicki
Rev. Dominic Eichman
Rev. Roy L. Mish
Rev. Stanislaus Krupa
Rev. Robert Pedretti
Rev. Raymond Pedretti
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Stewardship *a way of living*

St. James

Week Ending April 3, 2022

Received \$3,351
Budget \$3,430
(\$79)

	Month of Feb 2022	Jul 2021- Feb 2022	Jul 2020- Feb 2021
Received	\$12,711	\$107,329	\$108,976
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u> (<u>\$1,867</u>)	<u>\$116,624</u> (<u>\$9,295</u>)	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel

Week Ending April 3, 2022

Received \$2,343
Budget \$3,564
(\$1,221)

	Month of Feb 2022	Jul 2021- Feb 2022	Jul 2020- Feb 2021
Received	\$10,230	\$111,013	\$98,873
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u> (<u>\$4,918</u>)	<u>\$121,184</u> (<u>\$10,171</u>)	

Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip Gift Cards will be sold on April 17th and May 1st. You can purchase cards at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Scrip Gift Card program!

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

The next scrip sale dates at St. James will be April 9-10 and April 23-24 following the Saturday afternoon and Sunday mass. Stop by the parish office during office hours or contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 for more info.

Please contact Hydrie Laidlaw or Pat Zielinski for more information.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday, April 14th
6:00p.m. Mass at St. Mary
"Adoration from 7:00 to 9:00 pm"

Good Friday, April 15th
12:00 p.m. Service at St. Mary

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16th
8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17th
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. James
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary

Parish News...

Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday:

Volunteers are needed to represent the 12 Apostles having their feet washed by Jesus. The foot washing ceremony is an important call for all people that they too should be willing to serve others. Yes, even if it means we must do things we might not like to do. Even if the work is dirty or hard, we must still do our work. After all, Jesus Himself, the Son of God, washed the feet of His disciples. And we are no greater than Jesus, so surely, we too should do the same. Please sign up.

NO BIBLE STUDY UNTIL AFTER EASTER

“DID YOU KNOW”

from the Sacred Worship Committee

HOLY WEEK IS ALMOST UPON US...

During the days of Holy Week, the Spirit makes a way for us to pass over from sin and death to forgiveness and new life in Christ. Over the days of Holy Week, rivers of life will burst forth in the desert and there will be abundant life and joy. Let God make a way for you this Easter, that you would enter deeply into the days of Holy Week to experience the peace this world cannot give; the peace that comes from Jesus Christ.

HOLY THURSDAY:

Holy Thursday is the first day of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which commemorates the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover. It's not a Holy Day of Obligation, but many Catholics attend Mass. Unique to the Holy Thursday is the *mandatum*: "I have given you a new command, love one another as I love you" (John 13:34).

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This command of love is expressed in the washing of feet by the priest. It was during the Last Supper that Jesus taught the disciples that the Eucharist is *truly His Body and Blood*. Jesus' disciples were the first Catholic priests, the beginning of the priest hood.

GOOD FRIDAY:

Mass is not celebrated on this day. The altar is completely bare, the tabernacle empty, images are veiled or removed, holy water fonts are dry. The church is stripped of all externals so that we can focus our attention on one thing only: the holy cross by which we are saved. The cross is held up before us as a sign of God's victory over sin and death. The solemnity of Good Friday is not so much about mourning for Christ's sufferings, but rather an expression of our utter inability to fully comprehend or express the tremendous Mystery we stand before on this day, the wondrous love of God lifted high upon a cross.

EASTER VIGIL:

The Great Vigil of Easter is the Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday and it begins the Easter celebrations of Jesus' resurrection. We come to the Great Vigil of Easter hungry and thirsty, eagerly awaiting the waters of rebirth and the Paschal Eucharist. It begins with a fire outside or inside of the church, and Mass attendees light candles that slowly illuminate the church. Many readings from the Old Testament that foretold Jesus' death and resurrection are read. It's also the day that new catechumens, those who are entering the Catholic Church, receive the Sacraments for the first time. Holy Saturday night is the most important liturgical celebration of the year! This is the night when all is made new in Christ! Come and experience the glory of the Resurrection! Come, and receive the Light of Christ! Come to hear the story of salvation! Come, and renew your baptism! Come, and partake of the Paschal Eucharist!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT WEDNESDAY IS SET ASIDE FOR?

Correct! It's the day of fasting and prayer for the Justices of the Supreme Court, asking God to give them the grace, wisdom and courage to stand on the side of Life to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. And, our continuing prayers for peace in Ukraine, conversion of hearts for Russian Leaders, and for the million refugees. Offer your fasting and prayers to *Mary Immaculate*, that She may best apply them to the interests of *Thy Most Sacred Heart*.

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:

Laurie plhintz5@gmail.com
Darlene..... 715-592-4443
Barb 715-824-3649

LENT 2022

A TIME TO BE CHARITABLE

SJ/SMMC Social Concerns Update: Please remember in your Lenten almsgiving those in need. The **Retirement Fund for Religious** provides nursing care, medicines and other necessities to those priests, sisters and brothers who have dedicated their lives to the church and now need our help. The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is trying to break the cycle of poverty in United States. **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls** are feeding hungry people in Guatemala, Rwanda and Bangladesh.

Please also remember the People of Ukraine. Thousands have been killed and millions of Ukrainians have fled their country. Many citizens that remain in Ukraine are living without heat, clean water and proper food. Your donations will be sent to Catholic Relief Services in Ukraine to provide for their immediate needs for survival. Donations for Ukraine can be placed in the milk cans at church. Checks should be made out to your Parish. Please also continue to pray for those at risk, and for an end to violence and war.

Upcoming...

EASTER EGG HUNT:

at St. Joseph's, 1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point.
April 16th. 12:15p.m. (After blessing of the food)

MEN'S RETREAT hosted by St. Joseph's (16th Annual). On Saturday, April 30th, all men are invited to a retreat at Camp Gray and hosted by St. Joseph's - Baraboo Parish. Bishop Donald Hying will be speaking at this event. Activities during the day include Mass, small group discussion, Rosary, Confession, and adoration. The Saturday retreat begins at 8:00am and concludes by 3:30pm. To register, visit www.baraboocatholic.org/adult-faith-formation, or contact the St. Joseph's Faith Formation office at 356-5353.

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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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