



**ST. JAMES
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES**

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-- Fr. Jerzy Rebacz --

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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



Sunday, April 24, 2022

Mission Statement:

*We, the stewards of St. James and St. Mary of 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 of 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.*



THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Weekday Mass intentions will be honored by Father Jerzy
DEACON ART will lead Liturgy of the Word w/Eucharist
Tuesday, April 26 - 8:15@ St. James
Thursday, April 28 - 8:15@ St. Mary Mount Carmel

Weekday Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 26thMarie Groshek
Wednesday, April 27thFrank & Irene Kirschling
Thursday, April 28thHubert Dombrowski
Friday, April 29thTony Yenter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 30th, **4:00 PM @ SJ**
.....Deceased member of Anton & Agatha Konkol
Sunday, May 1st, 8:30 AM @ SJ
.....Lee Ryczek
Sunday, May 1st, 10:30 AM @ SM
.....*Graduates of Our Two Parishes*

**Prayer for Your
First Holy Communicant**

O Jesus, You have loved my child with such
exceedingly great love as to give us the
ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us
with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by
praying for (your child's name)
to always prepare worthily to approach
Your holy table.

Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
this young soul from the assaults of evil,
strengthen his/her faith, increase his/her love
and endow him/her with all the virtues that
will make him/her worthy to receive You.

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)



Saint John the Baptist, forerunner of the Messiah, prepare the way for Jesus in the heart of (your child's name). Saint Tarcisus, keep safe all the children who are making their First Communion.

Congratulations to our First Communicants for both St. James and St. Mary Parishes as they receive our Lord for the first time this Sunday, April 24th in Holy Communion.

Thank you to Michelle Glodowski and the parents of the communicants for their work in preparing the children for this very special day.

Brooklyn Barz
Violet Karpinski

Madelyn Gould
Hadley Ligman

"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you."

Liturgical Ministries

ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT **6th in a Series**

What you are is God's gift to you...
What you become is your gift to God!

Arts and Environment

"For everything there is a season...." Ecclesiastes 3:1

The Arts and Environment Ministry is responsible for planning and decorating the church for all liturgical seasons, including but not limited to Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. This ministry focuses on creating an atmosphere of worship. This group works behind the scenes to transform our Worship environment to heighten the awareness of the festive, solemn, or penitential nature of the different liturgical seasons. Their quiet presence is often unnoticed, yet the results of their labors are visible to all the parish community.

A variety of helpers are needed to prepare a prayerful atmosphere in the worship space throughout the liturgical year. *This includes:*

Seasonal Decorating – People are needed to arrange flowers and plants, to iron and hang banners, and to place other items appropriate for the liturgical season or special liturgy in the church, and the entrances of the church prior to major feasts and seasons. Seasonal decorating assistance is also necessary at the end of the major seasons to remove the decorations and properly store it for the next year.

The Art and Environment Ministry is responsible for the visual aesthetics of the interior church building to include the Sanctuary and the Gathering Area. This is an important function in that it not only serves to make these areas look pleasing, but it also signifies that the church is a place of importance. In this sense, while it is important to keep the whole church property nice and attractive, the primary purpose is to show honor and respect to what occurs at the Ambo and the Altar; that is, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Those who work in this ministry work under the direction of the priest providing physical labor to get everything in place.

Is this Ministry for you?



Stewardship *a way of living*

St James

Week Ending April 17, 2022

Received \$4,682

Budget \$3,430

\$1,252

	Month of Mar 2022	Jul 2021- Mar 2022	Jul 2020- Mar 2021
Received	\$14,585	\$121,913	\$120,565
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$131,202</u>	
	\$7	(\$9,289)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending April 17, 2022

Received \$6,720

Budget \$3,564

\$3,156

	Month of Mar 2022	Jul 2021- Mar 2022	Jul 2020- Mar 2021
Received	\$13,670	\$124,682	\$111,797
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$136,332</u>	
	(\$1,478)	(\$11,650)	

SJ & SMMC - 2022 Lenten Almsgiving

Ukraine Relief	\$8,539
Campaign for Human Development	\$765
Religious Retirement	\$2,115
Rice Bowl	\$581
Mite Boxes	\$169
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$1,516

Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip Gift Cards will be sold on May 1st and May 15th. Gift cards can be purchased 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:

A easy way to support our parish. Stop by the parish office during office hours or contact Hydie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 for more information.

Please contact Hydie Laidlaw or Pat Zielinski for more information.

Parish News...

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

at St James or St. Mary. Weekday Mass intentions will be honored by Father in Poland. Please keep him in your prayers as he travels.

Tuesday, April 26, at St. James:

8:15 AM - Deacon Art will lead
Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist.

Thursday, April 28, at St. Mary:

8:15 AM - Deacon Art will lead
Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist.

ROSES FOR SALE: The Family Life Committee is supporting the "Right to Life" in Potage County. Roses will be sold on Mother's Day for \$2 each. Roses will be at St. James after the 8:30 Mass and then brought to St. Mary's for the 10:30 Mass.

SJ / SMMC Social Concerns Update:

Donations are still being accepted for the Catholic Relief Services Ukraine relief fund. Funds provided will be used for their immediate needs of survival. Donations can be placed in the milk cans at church. Checks should be made out to your parish. Please pray for those who have died, those at risk and an end to the violence and war. Prayer cards for Ukraine can be found on the tables at church.

BIBLE STUDY: – Will be up and running on Monday, April 25th at 5:30 pm. We will be continuing with Day 327, Acts 6 & Romans 9-10. New faces are always welcome to join us.

RECYCLE YOUR SCRAP METAL...

FOR THE CHURCH: We again have an offer to assist our parishioners with the disposal & recycling of Scrap Metal with proceeds 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. Please adhere to the following: **NO TELEVISIONS AND ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS WITH FREON ARE ALLOWED. ALSO, DROP OFF ITEMS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Please comply with these requests or unfortunately this program that benefits our parishes will no longer be available to us. For more information and/or to set up an appointment: **Please Call 715-347-5295.**

“DID YOU KNOW”

from the Sacred Worship Committee

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - IS HERE 4-24!

THE ABC'S OF MERCY

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly.

Be Merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others,

Completely trust in Jesus, God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust.

God expects us to let His mercy flow through us to others. His words to Saint Faustina are unmistakably clear: **"I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere"** (Diary, 742)

WHAT IS THE MEANING TO THE SACRED RAYS ON THE IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY?

St. Faustina received this explanation from the Lord:

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stand for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (Diary 299).

The little prayer that Jesus wants associated with His image of the Divine Mercy is:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a font of mercy for us,

I TRUST IN YOU! (Diary 187)

As you leave church each Sunday, gaze at the beautiful image of the Divine Mercy Picture, and silently say: **"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU"** and feel His love pour out upon you.

WHAT IS TRANSUBSTANTIATION?

We Catholics love big words. Perhaps the biggest, and most misunderstood of all is "transubstantiation." *Transubstantiation is the theological term used to describe what happens at every Mass during the consecration of the bread and wine. The gifts of bread and wine are substantially changed into the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ when the priest, by the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaims the words of consecration* (see CCC 1373-1377). The very substance of the bread and wine is changed, though they continue to look, feel, taste, and smell like ordinary bread and wine. The Eucharist is not a mystery to be solved, but a mystery to behold. When you receive Holy Communion, you become a kind of "walking tabernacle," carrying God himself within you in the most intimate way possible. You become a temple of his very life and grace. The Eucharist truly has the power to change you like nothing else on earth. Transubstantiation is a powerful word, one we truly must understand and believe in it.

Upcoming...

PARISH-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE:

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 8611 State Hwy 54, Almond, WI . Friday & Saturday, May 6 & 7, 8am to 4pm. All proceeds to benefit the new social hall project. Free-will offering basis unless otherwise marked. Refreshments will also be available for sale. Contact Mary 715-340-7217 or DeWayne 715-570-8150 with questions.

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



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 Mount Carmel is still in progress. St James has exceeded their target and St Mary of Mount Carmel is very, very close. Even though both parishes are doing great in meeting the DAA targets, we encourage those parishioners who have not yet participated this year, to please prayerfully consider doing your part to support both our Diocese and our Parishes. Remember, 100% of the financial contributions received above the target amount are returned directly to the respective parish. If interested in contributing, please make check payable to the DAA and drop it in the offertory basket.

		Target	Actual Pledged &/or Received
St James	Dollars	\$21,580	\$22,030
	% of Dollars	100.0%	102.1%
	# of Donors	252	62
	% of Donors	100.0%	24.6%
St Mary of Mt Carmel	Dollars	\$28,470	\$27,780
	% of Dollars	100.0%	97.6%
	# of Donors	325	72
	% of Donors	100.0%	22.2%

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.

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.

Parish Staff

Office:

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Send your Ambo announcements into office via email by Noon Tuesday

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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

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Family Life: Laura Gould & Misty Prater

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Barb Groholski

Social Concerns: Pat Zielinski and

Laura Trzebiatowski - Przekurat

Education: TBA

Stewardship: TBA