



ST. JAMES  
ST. MARY MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISHES

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-- Fr. Jerzy Rebacz --

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Sunday, April 3, 2022

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**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 5th, 8:15 AM @ SJ

..... Janet Spierings

Wednesday, April 6th, 8:15 AM @ SM

..... **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Thursday, April 7th, 8:15 AM @ SM

..... Dominic & Joyce Biadasz

Friday, April 8th, 8:15 AM @ SJ

..... Calvin Zube

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 9th, 4:00 PM @ SJ

..... Theresa Kitowski

Sunday, April 10th, 8:30 AM @ SJ

..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

Sunday, April 10th, 10:30 AM @ SM

..... Mary Raflik

**MEMORARE**

LET US PRAY FOR THE END OF  
ABORTION & PEACE IN UKRAINE

*Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone who  
fled to thy protection, implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee,  
O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother.  
To thee do I come, before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.*

*O Mother of Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy,  
hear and answer me. 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)

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**Holy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:00p.m. Mass at St. Mary  
"Adoration from 7:00 to 9:00 pm"

**Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 p.m. Service at St. Mary

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. James

10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary

## Liturgical Ministries

### SACRISTANS 5<sup>th</sup> in a Series

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

#### Sacristans

"... 'Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the reparations for us there.'

The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover."  
Mark 14:15:16

A sacristan, always under the general direction of the clergy, undertakes the overall preparation of liturgical celebrations, including all that is needed for daily Mass and special days such as Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The sacristan carefully arranges the liturgical books, the vestments and other things necessary in the celebration of Mass, such as cruets, chalices, ciboria, linens, oils, processional crosses and candles. They need to keep the sanctuary light burning at all times, replace used vigil candles, and change the altar cloths as needed. The sacristan in harmony with the pastor also makes sure that the vestments and liturgical vessels are kept in good condition.

He or she, should be vigilant to insure there is a sufficient supply of fresh hosts and wine as well as clean purificators, corporals, hand towels, incense and coals. The sacristan is responsible for making sure that those who wash the altar linens do so according to the indications of the missal and that the water for the first wash is poured down the sacrarium or to the earth. They also take care of burning old linens and other objects that are no longer suitable for liturgical use. In our parishes, the sacristan is also responsible for opening and closing the church.

"And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy."  
Psalm 43:4

The Sacristan Ministry is a "behind-the-scenes" service which can be performed by individuals or couples. The entire service of this ministry occurs before and after the Mass Liturgy.

**Is God calling you to this ministry?**



Stewardship

*a way of living*

### St. James

**Week Ending March 27, 2022**

Received \$1,966

Budget \$3,430  
(\$1,464)

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

### St. Mary of Mt Carmel

**Week Ending March 27, 2022**

Received \$2,239

Budget \$3,564  
(\$1,325)

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

## Support Scrip Gift Cards

### SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip Gift Cards will be sold this weekend. Our next sales will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. You can purchase gift cards at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762. Money earned through the Scrip gift card program helps pay our Catholic Schools Assessment. Thank you for your support!

### 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.**

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 p.m. at St. James

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary

*The Rosary will be prayed a half an hour before  
Stations for Peace in Ukraine & Conversion of Russia.*

## *Parish News...*

**No Morning Mass: Wednesday, April 6.** However, there will be a Communion Service 8:15 @ St. Mary

**Parish Reconciliation April 4th:** 6:00PM St. James

### **WASHING OF FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY:**

Volunteers are needed to represent the 12 Apostles having their feet washed by Jesus. In Church, the foot washing ceremony is an important call for all people that they too should be willing to serve others. In the Catholic Church, this is called the Holy Thursday Mandatum, and the rite takes place after the homily. Members of the congregation are chosen to sit and have their feet washed by the priest, who plays the role of Christ. One by one, the priest will wash the participant's feet with a basin and a towel. We encourage men, women and children to please sign up. Sign-up sheets are available at both parishes.

**TUESDAY LENTEN DINNERS:** Join us for dinner after Stations of the Cross this Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at St. James. Stations start at 5:30, dinner will follow in the gathering space around 6pm. Free will donations will go towards the cost of the meals. If you have questions or would like to help with set-up or clean-up, please contact Misty Prater at [mistyprater@gmail.com](mailto:mistyprater@gmail.com) or 785-633-5206 (call/text).

**BIBLE STUDY** – No Bible Study until after Easter. Scheduled for 4-18-22 at 5:30 pm at St. James.

## “DID YOU KNOW”

from the Sacred Worship Committee

### **WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PALM SUNDAY?**

(April 10<sup>th</sup> 2022): Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. It's the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, marking the start of what is often called Passion Week, the final seven days of Jesus' earthly ministry. Palm Sunday was the “beginning of the end” of Jesus' work on earth.

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem with His disciples to celebrate Passover. He sent two of the disciples to retrieve a donkey colt for Him to ride, laying their cloaks over it for Him to sit on it. As He rode into the city, people spread their cloaks, palm branches in the road, while waving palm branches, proclaiming, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The onlookers lay their garments down in front of Him, and wave palm branches is a demonstration of victory.

The triumphal entry was predicted in Zechariah, (9:9) “*Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*”

Palm Sunday opens Holy Week. The priest blesses palms and distributes them to the congregation recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The prime attention is given to a lengthy reading of the Passion. The palms are taken home by the members of the congregation to serve as sacramentals (sacred signs of the sacraments) and kept as a reminder of Christ's victory throughout the year, or are burned & used as the ashes for the next year's Ash Wednesday service.

### **DO YOU KNOW WHAT A RECONCILIATION SERVICE IS? ( April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm @ St. James)**

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful & just and will forgive us our sins & purify us from all unrighteousness. (John 1:9)”*

Communal Penance Service or Reconciliation Services are held during Advent and Lent to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Reconciliation Service are a form of sacramental confession. It mixes public prayer and individual confession to a priest, followed by absolution. A Reconciliation service always includes:  
\*The penitents and sorrow for sin, usually expressed in an Act of Contrition  
\*Confession of sins to a priest with absolution given  
\*An act of penance  
Usually, a reconciliation service includes a Scripture reading and brief exhortation by the priest. This is followed by and examination of conscience, and then the entire community prays the Act of Contrition together. Those present will individually confess their sins to the priest and receive absolution and a penance. The Act of Contrition is not repeated privately, because it has been part of the service. The words of absolution are said by the priest individually over the penitent or a collective penance is given. God sees everything about us, the good, bad, indifferent & he loves us completely, ready to forgive us unreservedly.

### **DO YOU KNOW**

#### **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?**

##### **13<sup>th</sup> – Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross**

Jesus, how brutally you were put to death. How gently you are taken from the cross. Your suffering and pain are ended, and you are put in the lap of our mother. The dirt and blood are wiped away. You are treated with love.

##### **14<sup>th</sup> – Jesus Is Laid In The Tomb**

Jesus, your body is prepared for burial, Joseph gave you his own tomb. He laid our body there and rolled a large stone in front of it, then went home. What a sad day it has been for so many people.

*The Stations of the Cross depict 14 events in the Passion of Jesus Christ, beginning with Jesus being condemned to death and ending with His body being laid in a tomb.*

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.baraboocatholic.org/adult-faith-formation), or contact the St. Joseph's Faith Formation office at 356-5353.

## **Parish Staff**

### **Office:**

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**Send your Ambo announcements into office via email by Noon Tuesday**

### **DRE/Parish Life Coordinator:**

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[bulletininfo06@gmail.com](mailto:bulletininfo06@gmail.com)  
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**

Cindi Borski SM  
Shawn Lea SM  
Steve Piesik SM  
Judy Zinda SM  
Justen Pacocha SM  
Barb Gutschow SM  
Michael Juris SJ  
Michelle Shulfer SJ  
Christine Thompson SJ

### **Finance Council**

Mark Doll SM  
Gilbert Patoka SM  
Sharon Stratton SJ  
Sandy Trzebiatowski SJ

### **Committees Chairperson Co-chairs**

**Family Life:** Laura Gould & Misty Prater

**Sacred Worship:** Judi Marquard &  
Barb Groholski

**Social Concerns:** Pat Zielinski and  
Laura Trzebiatowski - Przekurat

**Education:** TBA

**Stewardship:** TBA