



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

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**-- Fr. Jerzy Rebacz --
Deacon Art Schaller**

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

**Parish Website: sjsmmcc.weconnect.com
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Sunday, August 28th, 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.*



Weekday Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 30th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... John Wierzba & Marie Groshek
Wednesday, August 31st, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Richard Rzentkowski
Thursday, September 1st, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Larry & Marge Bembenek
Friday, September 2nd, 8:15 AM @ SJ
The Living & Deceased Members of the Loecher Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 3rd, **4:00 PM** @ SJ
..... Joan Kaszubski
Sunday, September 4th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Edward Hebblewhite
Sunday, September 4th, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

The Generosity Habit

Catch someone doing something right. So much of our culture is focused on catching people making mistakes. This worldview destroys trust. Children thrive on positive reinforcement, but the truth is we all need positive reinforcement to thrive.

"Let us treat them, therefore, with all the kindness which we would wish to help it develop in them."

Tip generously. Leave a tip that is twice as much as you usually give, or three times.

"Money is like manure; it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow."

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)

Faith Formation...

CCD REGISTRATION:

CCD classes begin September 14th, 6 pm at St. James. CCD registrations have been mailed to each family. If you did not receive a registration packet, registration forms may be found in the church entrances, outside the main office, or by emailing sjsmdre@gmail.com

CCD CATECHIST MEETING:

Thank you to all who agreed to pass on the faith to our youth! I've scheduled a catechist meeting for Wednesday, August 31, 6 pm at St. James. Please email Michelle at sjsmdre@gmail.com or call 715-824-3455 if you are unable to attend.

CCD PARENT MEETING:

Greetings to all parents! I would enjoy meeting you prior to the start of the CCD program this fall. A parent meeting and meet & greet will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 6 pm at St. James. Hope to see you there!

Michelle Shulfer - DRE (Director of Religious Ed)

Why Do We Say this at Mass?

"GLORIA" & "COLLECT"

The tone of the liturgy now shifts from sorrowful repentance to joyful praise as we arrive at a prayer known as the *Gloria*. The opening line is taken from the words sung by the angels over the fields of Bethlehem, announcing to the shepherds the good news of Christ's birth: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased." (Lk 2:14) We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus by repeating the same words of praise that the angels used to herald Christ's coming.

We address him as "Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty *Father*." We do not stop with a mere mention of God's power and kingship. We go on to praise him ultimately as our heavenly *Father*, for not what he does for us, but for who he is, for his goodness and love.

The *Gloria*, in a sense, tells a story of Christ saving work moving from 1) his coming, to 2) his redeeming death, to 3) his triumphant resurrection and ascension into heaven.

In the *Gloria*, we joyfully express our gratitude for having received salvation from Christ. In this sense, the *Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)* allows us to enter the mystery of Advent as we express our longing for a savior, while the *Gloria* expresses the joy of Christmas, as we thank God for sending us his Son to redeem us.

Most remarkable is the line "*You alone are the Lord.*" This line from the *Gloria* today challenges us to be loyal to Jesus Christ and his commandments above anything else in this world, whether it be a job, possessions, financial security, prestige, or family. "*You alone are the Lord.*"

After the *Gloria*, the priest invites the people to pray a prayer known as the *Collect*. This prayer gathers together the intentions of the people participating in the Mass and concludes the Introductory Rites which you have been reading these past few weeks: 1. The Sign of the Cross - 2. Greeting: "The Lord be with you" - 3. The Confiteor (I Confess) - 4. Lord Have Mercy - 5. The Gloria and Collect.



Stewardship

a way of living

New Church Fiscal Year Began July 1st

St James

Week Ending August 21, 2022

Received \$2,763
Budget \$3,430
(\$667)

	Month of July 2022	Jul 2022	Jul 2021
Received	\$10,268	\$10,268	\$9,012
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$14,578</u>	
	(\$4,311)	(\$4,311)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending August 21, 2022

Received \$3,190
Budget \$3,564
(\$374)

	Month of July 2022	Jul 2022	Jul 2021
Received	\$11,013	\$11,013	\$11,437
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$15,148</u>	
	(\$4,135)	(\$4,135)	

Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip Gift Cards will be sold on September 4th and September 18th. You can purchase gift cards at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

Thanks to all who support program!

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Scrip Gift Cards will be on sale this weekend. Purchase Scrip, An easy way to support our parish. Stop by the parish office during office hours or contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 for more information.

Please contact Hydrie Laidlaw or Pat Zielinski for more information.

Parish News...

SJ-SMMC SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Since it's inception in 1984, the Diocese of La Crosse has sent over 450 tons of powdered milk from Wisconsin to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage in Lurin, Peru. During the month of September, we will be accepting donations for Project Milk. You can drop donations in the milk cans at church, or place an envelope in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to your Parish.

COFFEE AND DONUTS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Thank you to everyone that has been helping with coffee and donuts at St. James! We are looking for volunteers to do Coffee & Donuts on Sept. 4th, Nov. 6th, and Dec. 4th. If you have questions or would like to volunteer there is a sign-up in the back of St. James with instructions or contact Misty at 785-633-5206 call/text or mistyprater@gmail.com. Thank you for keeping this ministry going!

CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICE FOR BOTH

PARISHES: There will be a Cemetery Prayer Service on September 18, after the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's. We will be honoring and praying for loved ones as well as our ancestors who came together in faith and hard work to form and to build the parishes of St. Mary's of Mount Carmel and of St. James. Remember that the Souls in Purgatory cannot offer sacrifice or pray for themselves to be purified, it is up to the living to offer Mass, prayers, fasting & acts of mercy for those who died. Purgatory is where the soul waits with great torment for the longing to be with God. That is why our part is so important. Through prayers & acts of mercy, we can obtain the entrance into Heaven of a soul who is currently suffering in Purgatory. Please join us on September 18 as we pray for all who have passed away from our two parishes. You are welcome to attend the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's and join us immediately after Mass or if you attend another Mass, you may join us following the 10:30 Mass, at approximately 11:20 a.m. The Cemetery Prayer Service will begin in Church and will then move with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to special stations in the cemetery. All are welcome. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend this special Cemetery Prayer Service for both St. Mary's and St. James Parishioners.

ST. MARY'S HAS AN OPENING FOR AN ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT LITURGICAL MINISTER:

A Special Thank You to Melanie and Joe Anderson for their dedication and faithfulness in helping to create a beautiful place of worship at St. Mary's; especially during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. As you admire the beautiful flowers in the outdoor planters, take time to thank Melanie and Joe for all they have done throughout the years. We wish Melanie and Joe all the best as they move to another area.

As of September 1st, we will be in need of a new Arts and Environment Liturgical Minister. You will be responsible for planning and decorating the church for all liturgical seasons to create an atmosphere of worship, of caring for all plants and for planting and caring for the outdoor flowers. Please call the office at 715-824-3455 if you have ??? or if you feel this ministry is for you.

FIRST THURSDAY ADORATION:

on September 1st at 8:30AM at St. Mary's

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:

on September 2nd at 8:30 AM at St. James

“DID YOU KNOW”

from the Sacred Worship Committee

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTISTS ON AUGUST, 29TH:

The feast refers to the “passion” of John's martyrdom. His love for God and hunger for Israel to return to righteousness drove him to live an ascetic life in the desert, preaching repentance and baptizing people to prepare them for the coming of the Messiah. John only wanted to point the way to Jesus.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. The Angel Gabriel visited them to tell they would have a son and to name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leaped in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 AD. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, “It is I who need baptism from you.” Jesus told John to baptize Him, which he did, and the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, “*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*”

Following the baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod, Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned. John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife.

King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. She asked for the head of John the Baptist's on a platter in revenge for condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist was beheaded sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

John's passion for the truth, for loving and serving God, was like a magnet drawing others to God. *Jesus is attractive enough to melt, and ignite every human heart. Let him fill you with his love so that your love will overflow to all those around you, like John the Baptist.*

- WEDDING BANNS -

II Lydia Kildahl and Thomas Obremski

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

Upcoming...

SHRIMP AND STEAK DINNER:

Knights of Columbus Of Polonia. Saturday, September 17. American Legion Rosholt. Tickets sold at: People's Meat Market, St. Adalbert's Church of Rosholt, Sacred Heart Church of Polonia or any KC Member of Polonia.

ATTENTION BRIDGE PLAYERS:

Looking for women who would like to play in the Pacelli Catholic Schools Bridge Mixer Marathon. All are welcome! Play will start in September. All money raised supports Catholic schools in Portage County. For more information or to sign up contact Rose (715-312-0230) or Barb (715-498-8534).

QUEEN OF THE AMERICAS GUILD:

Annual Conference. October 21 & 22, 2022. Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. LaCrosse. For information: queenoftheamericasguild.org



ST. MARY'S PICNIC APPRECIATION MEAL

In Thanksgiving for all the help we have received through the years for our annual picnic and for our current NO-PICNIC Fundraiser, we will be holding an Appreciation Meal on Sunday, Sept. 25 following our 10:30 Mass w/Polka Music. We welcome everyone who has helped in any way over the years for our annual picnic and those who are currently donating towards our NO-PICNIC

Fundraiser. You are invited to attend our Appreciation Meal which will include, Charcoal Grilled Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Salads, and Cake (free will offering). Please return the bottom portion of the flyer that was in your bulletin last weekend, or call the office at 715-824-3455 and leave your name and number, along with how many will be attending. (Please indicate if anyone is under age 10.)

Parish Staff

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Send your Ambo announcements into the 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.

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