



**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**

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myparishapp.com/download**



Sunday, February 20, 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, February 22nd, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Judy Olds
- Wednesday, February 23rd, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Martin & Florence Yach
- Thursday, February 24th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Deceased Members of Herman Przekurat Family
- Friday, February 25th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Fred Jastromski

Weekend Mass Intentions

- Saturday, February 26th, 4:00 PM @ SJ
..... Marie Groshek
- Sunday, February 27th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes
- Sunday, February 27th, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Jacqueline Modrzewski

LENT 3-2-2022

is just around the corner!

Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But most of us just give up chocolate. Then, when Easter arrives, we realize we really haven't grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent. Giving things up can help us to have a meaningful Lent, but that's not what Lent is really all about. Lent is about doing something – something bold to become a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, neighbor, etc. What if this year you did more than just give up something during Lent? Do something life-changing. Welcome Jesus into your life during these weeks of Lent, and let him be the anchor of your soul.

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)



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Ash Wednesday Masses will be
12 Noon at St. Mary (no 8:15 a.m. Mass)
and **6:00 p.m. Mass at St. James.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5
5:30 p.m. at St. James

Friday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8
2:00 p.m. at St. Mary



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 progressing well. Both parishes are inching closer to their respective target amount for Contributions Pledged and/or Received to-date. Even though we are close to our financial targets, the percent of parishioners participating is only at the 20 – 25% level. For those parishioners who have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider participating. Remember, 100% of the financial contributions received above the target amount are returned directly to the respective parish.

		Target	Actual Pledged &/or Received
St James	Dollars	\$21,580	\$21,115
	% of Dollars	100.0%	97.8%
	# of Donors	252	59
	% of Donors	100.0%	23.4%
St Mary of Mt Carmel	Dollars	\$28,470	\$25,290
	% of Dollars	100.0%	88.8%
	# of Donors	325	67
	% of Donors	100.0%	20.6%



Stewardship
a way of living

St. James Contributions

Week Ending February 13, 2022

Received \$2,222
Budget \$3,430
(**\$1,208**)

	Month of Jan 2022	Jul 2021- Jan 2022	Jul 2020- Jan 2021
Received	\$9,350	\$94,618	\$98,843
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$102,046</u>	
	(\$5,228)	(\$7,428)	

St. Mary of Mt Carmel Contributions

Week Ending February 13, 2022

Received \$2,858
Budget \$3,564
(**\$706**)

	Month of Jan 2022	Jul 2021- Jan 2022	Jul 2020- Jan 2021
Received	\$8,174	\$100,783	\$89,970
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$106,036</u>	
	(\$6,974)	(\$5,253)	

Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip Gift Cards are on sale this weekend. Our next sales will be on March 6th and March 20th. Gift cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762. Thanks to everyone who supports our gift card program!

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

The next scrip sale dates at St. James are Feb. 26-27 following the Saturday afternoon and Sunday mass. 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...

THE SEASON OF LENT A JOURNEY TO HOLINESS:

Go and learn the meaning of the words, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." - Matthew 9:13

Each year when we start thinking about Lent, we often seem initially drawn to the concepts of sacrifice and self-denial. These issues are significant, but they are neither the starting point nor the end of the season. The goal of Lent, in fact, is quite the opposite. Lent is first and foremost a time for growth and development. We should aspire to expand our hearts, enlarge our souls, and enrich our minds. Perhaps the meaning of the Lord's words is this, **God prefers a full heart to an empty stomach.**

THE FIRST GOAL OF LENT:

The first question we often ask is, "What should I give up for Lent?" Perhaps instead we might begin by asking: "What is missing from my life?" the first goal of Lent is holiness and the meaning of holiness is wholeness. Such holiness is measured, not by the scale of our deprivation, but by the fullness of our life in Christ. Lent is a time to seek the real gifts we lack: patience, joy, trust, and compassion. True blessedness does not arrive by denying our craving for chocolate, but by fulfilling our hunger for righteousness.

THE TOOLS OF LENT:

Once we determine what we lack, only then do we turn to the question of self-denial. The human heart and soul are much like our computers and garages; they fill up with junk very quickly. The role of self-sacrifice is to discard the superfluous in order to clear a space for life's real treasures. We live in a culture that is often distracted by noise, materialism, and self-absorption. We use the three disciplinary tools of Lent – prayers, fasting, and alms giving – to open our hearts and minds to others and to make room in our lives for God.

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE –

February 22: On the feast of the Chair of Peter, we celebrate our unity as a Church. We celebrate the love, presence, and protection of Christ for us, the Church. St. Peter was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ and is widely regarded as the first Pope of the Catholic Church. He preached his faith in Rome but was eventually sentenced to death by crucifixion by Emperor Nero. St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, one of the holiest churches in the world, was built in honor of his martyrdom. The Chair of St. Peter, now a grand structure, was designed inside the Basilica to commemorate the sacrifice of the Apostle.

BIBLE DISCUSSION:

Come join us as we continue to discuss The Bible in a Year (2021) on Mon. Feb. 21st at 5:30 pm. Our last discussion was on day 304, 2 Maccabees 7 & Wisdom 3-4.

ADORATION – TODAY FEB. 20TH, FROM 4 – 6 PM

@ St. James. Welcome Jesus into your life during these coming weeks of Lent. By growing in character and virtue, learning to hear the voice of God in our lives, and walking where he calls us all, require the discipline of prayer. Begin with Adoration, Jesus is only a heartbeat away.

LENTEN MISSION: All are welcome to join us on March 6, 7, & 8 at 6:30 p.m. each day at St. Stephen Parish as we welcome Catholic inspiration speaker Paul Koleske as he helps us to Ignite the Light of Christ Within. For more information visit www.PointCatholicFaith.org/mission.

Upcoming...

BINGO:

St. Adalbert Catholic School. February 20th, 2022. 1:00p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Concessions available. All are welcome!

FISH FRY:

at St. Adalbert's Parish, Rosholt, WI. Every Friday, Feb. 25 thru Apr 8, 2022, 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Serving Fish, Shrimp and Combo meals. Dine-in or call 715-677-4518 for take-outs. Large and Weekly Raffles! Pontoon Boat Raffle

WINTERFEST FISH FRY:

St. Joseph, Stevens Point - Friday, February 25. Raffle & Drive Thru Fish Fry available, serving 4:30 to 7 p.m. For more information visit www.PointCatholicFaith.org/fishfry.

PONCZKA SALE: Sacred Heart Parish. Saturday, February 26th from 3:00pm to 6:00pm and Sunday, February 27th from 7:00am to 10:00am. Cost will be \$9.00 per dozen for unfilled and \$9.50 per dozen for filled. Peanut squares will be \$4.50 per box - 3 in a box if large and 4 if bars are small.

FISH FRY: St. Florian Parish, Hatley, WI will be having a Fish Fry on Friday, March 4th between 4-7PM in our church basement. TO-GO-ORDERS will be available. All are welcome.

HOLY TEMPTATIONS FEAST NIGHT:

Saturday, March 19, 2022 – 5:00 pm. St. Florina Church Basement. St. Florian Youth Group proudly invites you to their annual feast night – sample a variety of delectable dishes prepared by culinary professionals and novice chefs. Tickets: \$15 in advance. \$20 at the door.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY HAM DINNER:

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Almond. Sunday, March 20, 10am-1pm. Cost: Adults \$12, Children (6-13) \$6, 5 and under free. Dinner is carry-out or curbside pickup.

GRILLED PORK CHOP DINNER:

Sunday, March 27 from 10:30-1:00pm. The St. Michael PCCW (Junction City) will be having their famous Grilled Pork Chop Dinner as a Drive-Thru this year

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

Faith Formation...

CCD Classes:

Please make sure you have downloaded "myparishapp" for any unexpected cancellations. Also, 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.

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, developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

LENT: A Time of Purification and Enlightenment The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. In the Scripture Readings we hear Jesus' call to spend more time with Him, to become more like Him. This time of purification and enlightenment is for every Christian as we all need to be strengthened in our relationship with Him and others.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Parish Staff

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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.

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