



**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](http://sjsmcc.weconnect.com)  
[myparishapp.com/download](http://myparishapp.com/download)**



**Sunday, May 1st, 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  
First Thursday, May 5th - 8:15AM ..... @ St. Mary  
First Friday, May 6th - 8:15AM ..... @ St. James

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, May 3rd ..... Edward Hebblewhite  
Wednesday, May 4th ..... Jim Borski  
Thursday, May 5th ..... Ray & Verona Groholski  
Friday, May 6th ..... Ceil Adams

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, May 7th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ  
..... Theresa Kitowski  
Sunday, May 8th, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
..... *Parishioners of Our Two Parishes*  
Sunday, May 8th, 10:30 AM @ SM  
..... Maynard Shulfer

**Dedication to Mary,  
Mother of God**

Today we choose you as our mother,  
guide and friend. May we always be faithful  
to you. O most tender and loving mother  
we beg you through the goodness of  
Our Lord, your Divine Son, to keep us especially  
dear to you and to obtain for us the strength  
to lead a holy life, a life of goodness, purity  
and love, offered to God in thanksgiving and  
praise. Be present with us at all times,  
O Blessed Virgin Mary, and especially at the  
hour of our death. Then Mary, protect us from  
the evil one, the enemy of our souls. Guide us  
safely into the presence of Jesus, the Risen Lord,  
so that we may, with you and all the saints, share  
His life, happiness and love, forever. *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)*

# Liturgical Ministries

## MUSICIANS 7<sup>th</sup> in a Series

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

### **Musician**

*"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord."  
Ephesians 5:19*

The music at Mass is very important! It is not simply a performance by a soloist or choir, a background to accompany our prayer, a means to create a mood, or an incentive to shout and clap our hands.

### **Music is Integral to our Liturgical Worship**

Liturgical music today allows the congregation and community to participate actively in the liturgy, relating to both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist; these are the two main parts to the Catholic liturgy. The preparation and leadership of music within the Mass greatly assists the People of God, the community as the Body of Christ, to experience *"new life in the Spirit, involvement in the mission of the Church, and service to her unity"*. (CCC1072)

Pope Francis has clearly defined the purpose of music at Mass. He said that it is "first of all a matter of participating intensely in the mystery of God, in the 'theophany' that takes place in every Eucharistic celebration, in which the Lord makes himself present among his people, who are called truly to participate in the salvation realized by the crucified and risen Christ". Lifting our hearts to God in liturgy always goes beyond the boundaries of human speech. Thus, liturgy, by its very nature, calls upon the help of music and song to praise God.

Music plays such an important role in our worship of God because we are both body and soul. Prayer rises from the depths of our heart. Words alone do not express all that we wish to say. Music has the power to communicate the messages and emotions that words cannot capture. Music takes us out of ourselves and opens us up to God. Sound liturgical music, therefore, never centers on the community. Liturgy is not about what we want. Liturgy is, first and foremost, praise and worship of God and our entering into what the Lord himself wants for us.

**Music is designed by God to move both spirit and mind**

*"What am I to do?"*

*I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also;  
I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing  
with my mind also". Corinthians 14:15*

**Is this Ministry for you?**



## Stewardship

*a way of living*

### **St James**

**Week Ending April 24, 2022**

Received \$3,392  
Budget \$3,430  
(\$38)

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

### **St Mary of Mount Carmel**

**Week Ending April 24, 2022**

Received \$2,032  
Budget \$3,564  
(\$1,532)

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

### **SJ & SMMC - 2022 Lenten Almsgiving Update**

Ukraine Relief	\$9,559
Campaign for Human Development	\$785
Religious Retirement	\$2,155
Rice Bowl	\$607
Mite Boxes	\$213
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$1,516

## Support Scrip Gift Cards

### **SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:**

Scrip Gift Cards on sale this weekend. Our next sales will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase gift 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:**

A 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.

This weekend we are celebrating our graduating class from both St. Mary of Mt Carmel and St. James. Please pray for them as they begin a new chapter of their lives.

They are as follows:

✠ Noah Barz	✠ Josh Bentley
✠ Lauren Bird	✠ Gavin Blanton
✠ Macie Cohen	✠ Hailey Groholski
✠ Sydney Jastromski	✠ Sydney Lehman
✠ Talin Maves	✠ Sara Mischnick
✠ Taylor Modrzewski	✠ Dylan Werachowski
✠ Gracie Zanella	



## 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 Father & his family in your prayers.

### **First Thursday, May 5th at St. Mary:**

8:15 AM - Deacon Art will lead The Liturgy of the Word w/Eucharist - Exposition and Benediction.

### **First Friday, May 6th at St. James:**

8:15 AM - Deacon Art will lead The Liturgy of the Word w/Eucharist - Exposition and Benediction.

**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 at St. Mary's after the 10:30 Mass.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Will be held on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm. We will be continuing our discuss in ACTS, in Bible In A Year, 2021.

### **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

### **BUT HOW DO WE KNOW THE RESURRECTION DID HAPPEN?**

From the accounts of those who were too scared to stand with Jesus at His final hour. After death, Christians underwent a tremendous amount of persecution, being hunted, tortured, and crucified. So naturally, those who were closest to Jesus went into hiding. They denied Him for fear of death and suffering. But after Christ's resurrection and apparition to many, something changed. How is that so? They had been with Him for 3 long years, hearing Him teach, watching Him perform miracles. Why was this different? Because it was the ultimate victory: **Jesus showed us that death is not the end.** We have been shown that though our bodies may die, we can look forward to "the resurrection of the body and life everlasting", as professed in our creed. Every Sunday, when we gather before God in His house, we witness Jesus's sacrifice and celebrate His conquest over sin and death. The whole liturgical calendar bows to Christ and His resurrection. **You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! (Jn 20:29) Do you believe?**



### **MAY IS DEVOTED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER?**

The entire month of May became devoted to the veneration of the Virgin Mary. The high point has always been the ritual known as "The Crowning of Mary," said to have been instituted by St Philip Neri in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. May is called Queen because she is the perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute crown of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. She won the "crown of righteousness" (2Tim4:8), "the crown of life," (Rev 2:10) "the crown of glory," (1 Pet 5:4).

The flowers in her crown are said to represent Mary's virtues, and the ritual is held in spring because she brought life into the world. Mary is the masterwork of God & the start of God bringing mankind into communion with Jesus. In Mary's womb, Jesus is the manifestation of God's wonders, the fulfillment of God's plan of loving goodness.



### **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



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.

## *Upcoming...*

### **FANCHER RUMMAGE SALE:**

3995 Hwy. K. May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. 8:00AM-6:00PM.  
May 29<sup>th</sup>. 9AM-12PM. Church basement.  
Too many items to mention. Free will offering, unless marked. All proceeds go to repair & painting of statues. If you would like to donate items, leave in St. Joseph room by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please NO CLOTHES OR FURNITURE.

### **ST. MAX 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.

## **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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### **Bookkeeper:**

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### **Bulletin:**

[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