ST. JAMES
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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Sunday, October 23rd, 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, October 25th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Lee Ryczek
Wednesday, October 26th, 8:15 AM @ SM
.....Richard Rzentkowski
Thursday, October 27th, 8:15 AM @ SM
.....Deceased member of Anton & Agatha Konkol
Friday, October 28th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
.....Dorothy Trinkl

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 29th, 4:00 PM @ SJ
..... David Dombrowski
Sunday, October 30th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
.....Father Bob Pedretti
Sunday, October 30th, 10:30 AM @ SM
.....*Parishioners of Our Two Parishes*

The Generosity Habit

Get involved. Become a volunteer. Pick something that you are passionate about and allocate a specific amount of time to volunteering each day, week, month, year. Whatever your place or space in life, work out how you can best serve others, your church. It may be for one hour a week, or it may be for one weekend a year. And if you see a need, *volunteer before you are asked.* Generosity is proactive.

"When you become detached mentally from yourself and concentrate on helping other people with their difficulties, you will be able to cope with your own more effectively. Somehow, the act of self-giving is a personal power-releasing factor."

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…

FOCUS OF THE YEAR:
Cultivating GRATITUDE. Families, daily discuss the blessing you received from our Heavenly Father.

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join the CCD students at 5:40 pm on Wednesdays for the Month of October.

CONFIRMATION:
Please pray for the 2022 confirmation students. The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, 1 pm at St. Bronislava. There will be one Mass only this year. St. Bronislava has a Hispanic Mass scheduled later in the afternoon and therefore cannot offer two confirmation Masses. Seating will be limited to 5 guests per student and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Overflow will be directed to the Mary Room with a live stream screen.

Why Do We Say this at Mass?
"LITURGY OF THE WORD"
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After the Homily and the Creed come the Prayers of the Faithful. This is one of the most ancient parts of the Mass. The practice of intercessory prayer goes back to when Peter was imprisoned by Herod, the church in Jerusalem offered up "earnest prayer for him," and that night an angel came to release him from his chains (Acts 12:1-7). When St. Paul gave instructions to his disciple Timothy, he told him to intercede for all people: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way." (1 Tm 2:1-4) With strong call for intercessory prayer in the New Testament, it is fitting that general intercessions formally found a home in the Mass from the earliest centuries of Christianity.

The *Catechism* notes that intercessory prayer is "characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy." (65) If we are truly in tune with God's heart, we will naturally want to pray for others.

The priest introduces and closes the Prayers of the Faithful, while the reader announces the various intentions and invites the congregation to pray by saying, **"We pray to the Lord."** and the people respond, **"Lord, hear our prayer."**

There is an order to the petitions by praying for the needs of the Church and the world. Since the prayers are meant to be universal in scope – for those in authority, for those experiencing various needs and sufferings, and for the salvation of all and recently deceased in the parish. The intercessions train us to look not only after our own interests, "but also to the interests of others."

Stewardship
a way of living

St James
Week Ending October 16, 2022

Received	$4,138
Budget	$3,430
	$708

	Month of Sep 2022	Jul 2022 - Sep 2022	Jul 2021 - Sep 2021
Received	$10,808	$34,808	$31,906
Budget	$14,578	$43,734	
	($3,770)	**($8,926)**	

St Mary of Mount Carmel
Week Ending October 16, 2022

Received	$3,753
Budget	$3,564
	$189

	Month of Sep 2022	Jul 2022 - Sep 2022	Jul 2021 - Sep 2021
Received	$11,134	$32,924	$34,101
Budget	$15,148	$45,444	
	($4,014)	**($12,520)**	

Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:
Our next Scrip gift card sales will be on Nov. 6th and 20th. Are you thinking of giving gift cards for Christmas presents? Please place your orders early by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762. The money earned through our gift card sales is used to help pay our monthly Catholic Schools Assessment.

Thank You to everyone who supports our Scrip program.

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:
Purchase Scrip, an easy way to support our parish. Stop by the parish office during office hours or contact Hydie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544.

Please contact Hydie Laidlaw or Pat Zielinski for more information.

Parish News…

BEGINNING NOVEMEBER 5TH THE 4:00PM SATURDAY EVENING MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL THRU THE END OF APRIL, 2023.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:
This weekend is World Mission Sunday. Envelopes may be found attached to the bulletins. Please make checks payable to your church and return in next week's offertory collection. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

SJ-SMMC SOCIAL CONCERNS:
We are currently collecting old eyeglasses (prescription and non-prescription) and eyeglass cases for the Casa Hogar Optical Mission. They are also in need of sunglasses. Please drop them off in the designated boxes at both St James and St Mary Mt Carmel.

COAT DRIVE:
Warm coats can warm hearts! Many people will go without a warm coat this winter...You can help! If you have any new or clean, gently used winter coats that could be donated, please place them in the Coat Collection Boxes located in the St. Joseph Room at St. Mary of Mount Carmel or in the Gathering Space at St. James. This year there is a particular need for children's coats. New winter hats and mittens are always needed as well! Collection dates will be from October 22 - November 12, 2022.

FATHER PETER'S BOOK ABOUT *MOTHER THERESA* IS AVAILABLE:
Father Peter left copies of his book, "A Moment with the Saint of the Slum". The books are $10 each and you can pay with cash or write a check to your respective parish. Father Peter met Mother Teresa in 1975 and again in 1990. Mother Teresa had a great impact in Father Peter's life. Father has been profoundly moved and motivated by Mother Teresa's mission. This book was written by Father Peter and carries his translations, collections and reflections of Mother Teresa. Find the books at the entryways of each parish. Buy one for yourself and buy another one to give as a gift to a friend or relative.

HOLY WATER FONTS:
You now have a choice on whether to use the automatic holy water dispensers or the original holy water fonts for dipping fingers. Both parishes have them available at the entryways. St. Mary's has 3 finger dipping fonts and 1 automatic dispenser in the back of church and St. James has both, a finger dipping font and an automatic dispenser in back of church and in the front.

November 1st All Saints Day
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS TIMES:
Monday, October 31st 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary;
Tuesday, November 1st 8:15 a.m. at St. James

"DID YOU KNOW"
from the Sacred Worship Committee

Holy Hour. What's That?: Also known as Adoration, this special hour is to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Venerable Fulton Sheen tells us that with each Holy Hour we do, in a way, we undo the first failed Holy Hour of the disciples when our Lord said to them:

"Could you not keep watch one hour with me?"

In our Holy Hours we keep vigil with the Lord. Here are some Biblical Reasons for wanting to spend one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

1. He is really there!
2. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His Infinite love for you!
3. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return is to spend one quiet hour with Him.
4. When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God.
5. It will increase His Divine Life within you and deepen your personal relationship with Him.
6. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.
7. Jesus will give you all the graces you need to be happy!
8. Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all He has done for our salvation.
9. For peace in our country!
10. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in heaven!
11. Jesus will bless you, your family, and the whole world for this hour of faith.
12. It will brings joy, pleasure, and delight to His Sacred Heart!

Are you ready to make your appointment with Jesus at our next Holy Hour? Jesus says,

"Come to me...and I will give your rest."

There's nothing wrong with simply resting silently in the Lord. Isn't that really the heart of the matter, Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is the way of "being there" for you.

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:
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Darlene..... 715-592-4443
Barb 715-824-3649

Upcoming. . .

SACRED HEART STEAK NIGHT RAFFLE:
Sacred Heart's Steak Night will be held on Saturday, November 5th following the 4:00pm Mass. Dinner. Tickets ($25.00) are available now at the parish office and at the following locations: Polonia Cafe, Backyard Grille-Ellis, Kim's Barrel Inn, Pineries Bank, and Ski's Meat Market.

PORKIE PANCAKE ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST: The Bevent Lions Porkie Pancake All You Can Eat Breakfast will be held Sunday, November 6 at St Ladislaus Church in Bevent. 8am to Noon.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:
St Casimir's Potato and Buttermilk Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, November 13th. Mass 9 AM. Serving 8:30am – Noon, Adults: $10, 6-12: $5, 5 and under FREE. *Pancake Breakfast, Raffle Baskets, Bake Sale & More!*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:
St. Philip Church-Wagner Hall. Rudolph, WI. Sunday, November 6th. Serving 8:00-12 Noon. (Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes) Bake Sale. Serving: Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes, Pete's Pork Sausage Patties, Applesauce and Sweet Rolls. Adults - $10.00. Ages 6-12 - $4.00. 5 and under – Free. Mass at 8:30am. *All proceeds and matching funds will be used to upgrade the parish parking lot.*

31ST ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER:
St. Michael's, Junction City. Nov. 13. Mass 9AM. Chicken Dinner (Drive-Thru Only) Serving from 11am to 1pm. Chicken Dinner with Chicken Soup and all the trimmings. $13 a meal.

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