



ST. JAMES  
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISHES

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**Sunday, September 11th, 2022**

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**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.*



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**Weekday Mass Intentions**

- Tuesday, September 13th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
.....Byron Shaw
- Wednesday, September 14th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Jim Borski
- Thursday, September 15th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Jacqueline Modrzewski
- Friday, September 16th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Father Bob Pedretti

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

- Saturday, September 17th, 4:00 PM @ SJ  
.....Ryan & Keith Krupka
- Sunday, September 18th, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
.....Genell Thomas
- Sunday, September 18th, 10:30 AM @ SM  
.....Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

**The Generosity Habit**

Say thank you. Not casually like we do a hundred times every day, but in an epic way. Think about a person who has had an enormous positive impact on your life, seek them out, and thank them like they have never been thanked before.

*“Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon them with a bright and friendly face.”*

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**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)*



## Grandparents Day is on September 11th

Believe it or not, foundation for the celebratory day came from a 9-year old, Russell Capper, in 1969. This child wrote to then President Richard Nixon, asking for a dedicated day to celebrate and honor grandparents. Several other citizens joined this advocacy effort and in 1978, then President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation. National Grandparents Day to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It was first celebrated in 1979.

*If you're lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them and celebrate them while you can.*

### Why Do We Say this at Mass?

#### “LITURGY OF THE WORD”

#### THE FIRST READING

The First Reading is usually from the Old Testament (except during Easter Season, when it is from Acts of the Apostles, following an ancient practice.) Although the Old Testament awaits the fullness of divine revelation in Jesus Christ, it is accepted by the Church with veneration as “authentic divine teaching.” One cannot adequately understand Jesus and the New Testament Scriptures without knowing the story of Israel in the Old. The inclusion of the Old Testament reading at Mass helps us to enter into that story of Israel and thus see the unity of the Bible more clearly.

At the end of the first reading, the lector says, “*The Word of the Lord.*” We are expressing our amazement, and we are saying that we do not take it for granted when we cry out from the depths of our hearts, “*Thanks be to God.*”

When we hear or read the Sacred Scriptures we should ask the Holy Spirit for help to understand the meaning as it applies to us today, here and now. Take a moment of silence as you sit in awe and adoration of the God who just spoke to you, and reflect on the words you just heard. Become like Mary who “kept all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Lk 2:18)



## Stewardship *a way of living*

### New Church Fiscal Year Began July 1st

#### St James

##### Week Ending September 4, 2022

Received \$2,731

Budget \$3,430  
(\$699)

	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 September 4, 2022

Received \$2,400

Budget \$3,564  
(\$1,164)

	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 18<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can purchase gift cards at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

***Thank you for your support  
of our Scrip Program!***

### ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Purchase Scrip, an easy way to support our parish. Scrip will be on sale at St. James this weekend. The next sale dates will be September 24-25. Stop by the parish office during office hours or contact Hydie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 for more info.

***Please contact Hydie Laidlaw or  
Pat Zielinski for more information.***

# Parish News...

**WORD AMONG US:** October Edition is in and ready to be picked up at respective parish.

**SJ-SMMC Social Concerns:** When you donate to Project Milk all of the money goes to the purchase and shipping of the milk powder. It costs approx. \$100 to ship a 50 pound bag of to Peru. The Diocesan goal for 2022 is to ship 800 bags at a cost of \$80,000. Donations can be dropped in the milk cans at church, put in the collection basket or mailed to the office. Make checks payable to your Parish. Please help us send nutritious Wisconsin milk to those in need!

## **RESERVATIONS FOR ST. MARY'S PICNIC APPRECIATION MEAL ARE DUE TODAY:**

Have you turned in your Reservation for St. Mary's Picnic Appreciation Meal?? In Thanksgiving for all the help we have received through the years for our annual picnic, we will be holding an Appreciation Meal on **Sunday, September 25** following our 10:30 Mass. 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, Coffee and Lemonade. **Please return the bottom portion of the flyer today**, copies at entryways, or call the office at 715-824-3455 by **Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**, and leave your name and number attending who are age 10 and over, and number attending who are under age 10.

## **CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICE FOR BOTH PARISHES NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, BEGINNING AT 11:20 AM 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 with a Prayer Service on September 18 following St. Mary's 10:30 AM Mass. 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 prayers are 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 for a Cemetery Prayer Service 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 at approx. 11:20am 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 make plans to attend this special Cemetery Prayer Service next Sunday for deceased members of both St. Mary's and St. James.

## **WORD AMONG US RENEWAL OR NEW:**

Payments of \$19.84 are due by October 1st to guarantee no lapse in your *Word Among Us* subscription. Please put your payment in an envelope marked "Word Among Us" and include your contact information. Drop off the envelope with payment in the offertory collection or at the office. Checks made payable to your parish. If you wish to start NEW with a *Word Among Us* subscription, just do as noted with payment in an envelope. If you do NOT wish to renew your subscription, please contact the office so we can adjust our subscription accordingly.

## **DO YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR DECORATING AND A LOVE FOR THE CHURCH??**

St. Mary's has an opening for an Arts and Environment Liturgical Minister:

### **THIS MINISTRY COULD BE FOR YOU!!**

You will be responsible for planning and decorating the church for all liturgical seasons to create an atmosphere of worship, and of caring for all plants and for planting and caring for the outdoor flower planters. Please call the office at 715-824-3455 if you have questions or if you feel this ministry is for you.

## **“DID YOU KNOW”**

### **from the Sacred Worship Committee**

#### **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IS ON SEPT. 14TH**

The feast was formerly known as the Triumph of the Cross, but it has been renamed the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. "Exaltation" means "to lift up," and for centuries Christians have elevated crosses so they can be clearly seen and venerated by genuflection, kneeling, a profound bow, and other expressions of respect and reverence.

Queen St. Helena went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 320, and it was her desire to build churches in the locations associated with the events in the life of Jesus and to find the *True Cross*. When she arrived there was a pagan temple to the Roman goddess Venus over Calvary, which her son, the Emperor Constantine, ordered destroyed. As the workers dismantled the structure they broke into a cistern which contained three crosses, one to be determined to be the *True Cross*.

Jerusalem was ransacked by the Persians in 614. The *True Cross* was stolen. Heraclius I, a Christian assembled an army in 622. Historical records differ over what transpired next, but one version claims that Heraclius challenged the King of Persia to a duel or sword fight and won, and the *True Cross* was returned in 629.

The feast is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

Jesus could have stopped his death at any point, but he didn't. He let us lift him up in death so that he could raise us up to eternal life. *Let's all exalt the cross in our hearts.*

**“We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.”**

**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

*Upcoming...*

**PACELLI PANACEA:** September 9, 10 & 11.

**SHRIMP AND STEAK DINNER:**

Knights of Columbus of Polonia.  
Saturday, Sept. 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.

**MARCH FOR LIFE WISCONSIN:**

Saturday, September 24, 2022.  
Wisconsin State Capitol. 1:30-3:30pm.  
Find more details at: [ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife](http://ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife)

**FALL BREAKFAST:**

St. Joseph Galloway. Sunday, October 9, 2022.  
Buffet Style Breakfast. 9:30-12.

**QUEEN OF THE AMERICAS GUILD:**

Annual Conference. October 21 & 22, 2022.  
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. LaCrosse.  
For information: [queenoftheamericasguild.org](http://queenoftheamericasguild.org)

*Faith Formation...*

**CCD UPDATE - NEED TEACHERS:**

We are still in need of teachers for CCD. Classes meet every other week from 6-6:45pm. Parents, please consider passing on your faith to the children of our parishes. Please contact Michelle at [sjsmdre@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmdre@gmail.com) if interested in teaching or would like more information about the curriculum.

**NEW FAMILY CCD REGISTRATION:**

If your child is entering first grade, CCD registration forms are available at church entrances or by contacting Michelle at [sjsmdre@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmdre@gmail.com).

**Parish Staff**

**Office:**

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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.

**Church Councils**

**Pastoral Council**

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