



**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: sjsmcc.weconnect.com
myparishapp.com/download**



Sunday, September 25th, 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, September 27th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Lucille Franczszak
- Wednesday, September 28th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Bill & Pearl Suski & Deceased Family Members
- Thursday, September 29th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Deceased Member of Anton & Agatha Konkol
- Friday, September 30th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Jerome C Iwanski & Margaret R Iwanski

Weekend Mass Intentions

- Saturday, October 1st, **4:00 PM** @ SJ
..... Albert & Rita Kubisiak
- Sunday, October 2nd, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Harry & Jean Firkus
- Sunday, October 2nd, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

The Generosity Habit

Whenever possible, praise publicly. If we need to provide feedback to a person, it is best to do that privately. But never miss an opportunity to praise publicly. Look for opportunities to praise your children, spouse, friends, coworkers, and people you lead. Public praise can be ten times more effective than private praise.

*“Treat a man as he is,
and he will remain as he is.
Treat a man as he can and should be
and he will become as he can and should be.”*

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)



**ST. MARY'S PICNIC
APPRECIATION MEAL
SUNDAY AFTER THE
10:30 MASS:**

St. Mary's Picnic Appreciation Meal will be held Sunday, Sept. 25th after the 10:30 Mass. We wish to thank all who have helped through the years for our annual picnic or have donated

towards our no-picnic fundraiser. We truly appreciate all of the help from our parishioners and non-parishioners who gave of their Time, Talent and Treasure. May God Bless you for your generosity and dedication to our parish.

**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.



Why Do We Say this at Mass?

“LITURGY OF THE WORD”

THE SECOND READING

The second reading comes from the New Testament: one of the epistles, the Acts of the Apostles, or the book of Revelation. Though often selected independently of the first reading and the Gospel, these New Testament writings reflect on the mystery of Jesus Christ and his saving work and the meaning it has for our lives. It is from the Second Reading where examples of practical applications of life in Christ can be drawn, prompting us and showing us how to be ever more to “*put on Christ*” in our daily lives and to *turn away from sin*. While these readings were written centuries ago and shaped by the historical and cultural context of their time, they still are fundamentally relevant for us today.

The Second Reading articulates the reality of what it means to be a Catholic no matter where or when we live.



Stewardship
a way of living

St James			
Week Ending September 18, 2022			
Received	\$1,695		
Budget	<u>\$3,430</u>		
	(\$1,735)		
	Month of Aug 2022	Jul 2022 - Aug 2022	Jul 2021 - Aug 2021
Received	\$13,732	\$24,000	\$20,894
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$29,156</u>	
	(\$846)	(\$5,156)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel			
Week Ending September 18, 2022			
Received	\$1,909		
Budget	<u>\$3,564</u>		
	(\$1,655)		
	Month of Aug 2022	Jul 2022 - Aug 2022	Jul 2021 - Aug 2021
Received	\$10,777	\$21,790	\$25,392
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$30,296</u>	
	(\$4,371)	(\$8,506)	

Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Our next sales will be on October 2nd and 16th. You can purchase cards at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

Thank You to everyone who supports our Scrip program.

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

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

Please contact Hydrie Laidlaw or Pat Zielinski for more information.

Parish News...

MISSION PRIEST OCTOBER 1st/2nd:

Next week Father Peter will be here, as our mission priest speaking on behalf of the St Joseph Orphanage in India. Please see the bulletin insert for more information. Also, he will be bringing some handicrafts made by the children for purchase. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

THANK YOU:

A special Thank You to all who worked in organizing and helping for the Cemetery Prayer Service. We especially thank Father Jerzy, Father Todd, Deacon Art, the Knights of Columbus, Linda Konkol and the Mass Servers. Thank you to Chris and Woody Arch, Kathy and Dave Stoltz and Mike Chase who worked hard to clean the cemetery in preparation for the prayer service, you did an awesome job! We thank all of you and any others who helped in any way to make the Cemetery Prayer Service so powerful and beautiful. It was wonderful to see so many people joining in to pray for those who have passed away.

Faith Formation...

CCD UPDATE:

Thank you to all of the Catechists who will be passing on our faith! This year we will focus on cultivating gratitude. Catechists and students will have a brief discussion at the start of each session to share something they are grateful for. Parents, ask and/or help your children to identify something each day they are grateful for.

We must give thanks in order to live a joyful life.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."--1Thessalonians 5:18

NEW FAMILY CCD REGISTRATION:

If your child is entering first grade, CCD registration forms are available at the church entrances or by contacting Michelle at sjsmdre@gmail.com

Our Parish Family

MARRAIGES - CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Kendra Borski and Mitchell Wolding
- Dennis Cisewski and Karren Yaroo
- Lydia Kildahl and Thomas Obremski

Continue to pray for the repose of the souls of:

- ▷ Donald Peskie ▷ Elsie Bauer
- ▷Carolynn Cain

There will be a Sacred Worship Meeting
at St. James, Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 5:30 pm

*If you would like to join,
please come and check us out.*

“DID YOU KNOW”

from the Sacred Worship Committee

OUR LADY OF SORROWS WAS ON SEPTEMBER 15TH

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15, the day after the feast of the Holy Cross to show **the close connection between Jesus' Passion and Mary's Sorrows.**

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, “This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare “(Luke 2:34-35). ***These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial.*** In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, “let it be done unto me according to Thy word,” first uttered at the Annunciation.

Sorrow is complex, and each person faces grief differently. Mary herself can make a world of difference in helping us know that we are loved and we don't have to travel this path alone. *In her presence, we can pour out everything that is on our hearts. Her comfort and intercession can be a source of great consolation. She has walked this path of sorrow before us with deep faith and grace, and she will stand beside us and teach us to do the same.*
Are you ready to share your sorrows with “Our Lady of Sorrows?”

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...

ST. BRONS FALL FEST:

October 1, 2022 - October 2, 2022.
St. Bronislava Parish, Plover.
Saturday 5pm to 9pm & Sunday 11:30am to 4pm

FALL CHICKEN DINNER:

St. Wenceslaus Parish, October 2nd.
Drive Thru only serving from 11am to 1 pm.
Chicken breast & thigh, dressing, potatoes & gravy, Sauerkraut with sausage, carrots, dessert and kolache for \$13.

12th ANNUAL PORK ROAST DINNER:

St. Joseph Holy Name Society. October 8th.
Serving from 4:30-6:30pm. Dine-in or Carry-out.
Reservations are requested by October 2.
Call 715-340-4857

FALL HARVEST BREAKFAST:

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

BINGO EVENT:

St. Mary Tourn, Stevens Point. October 9.
Doors open at 12 Noon.
Bingo begins at 1pm. Food, Snacks, Beverages.

TASTE OF BEVENT BRUNCH:

October 16th. St. Ladislaus Parish.
Sample delicious foods and beverages prepared by our local chefs! 11am-1pm in the church basement. Buy your tickets before and after Masses, or at the rectory.

QUEEN OF THE AMERICAS GUILD:

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

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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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