



**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, November 19, 2023

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, November 21st, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Scott Trzebiatowski
Wednesday, November 22nd, 8:15 AM @ SMMC
The Living & Deceased Members of the Loecher Family
Thursday, November 23rd, 8:15 AM @ SMMC
..... Jim Borski
Friday, November 24th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Ben and Sophie Felckowski & Deceased Family Members

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25th, 4:00 PM @ SMMC
..... Lorraine Kostuch
Sunday, November 26th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Parishioners of our Two Parishes
Sunday, November 26th, 10:30 AM @ SMMC
..... Jerome Glodowski

Thanksgiving Prayer

*Gracious God, on this day of thanks,
we humbly gather
to express our gratitude.
For the bounty that graces our tables,
we offer thanks.
For the love that unites our hearts,
we offer thanks.
For the challenges that make us stronger,
we offer thanks.
Bless us with wisdom to cherish these
gifts and share with those in need.
May this spirit of thankfulness resonate
through our lives, today and always.
Amen.*

ADORATION:

St. Mary: First Thursday of the month after morning Mass.
St. James: First Friday of the month after morning Mass; First Thursday of the Month 4:30-5:30 PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

After weekday Masses at respective Church. Saturday at 3:30 PM at St. Mary of Mount Carmel.
Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary of Mount Carmel.
(Leave a note in Sacristy for Father before Mass if you wish to go to Confessions after Mass)



Come join us for our

BBQ & Bingo

Sunday, December 3

Noon—2:00pm ■ St. James Gathering Space
(Packers Play Sunday Night)

This is a NO COST family activity.

There will be a light lunch &
a 50/50 raffle. If you are able to help set-up,
work or clean-up, please contact:

Mike 715-824-3829 ■ Sandy 715-824-3660

Or call the Office at 715-824-3455



Advent

A Time of Preparation

This year, the season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is the four weeks we set aside for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ's birth on Christmas.

The Incarnation – God becoming man – is the turning point of history. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He promised to send us a Savior after the Original Sin of Adam and Eve. And He kept His promise. The Son of God was born in Bethlehem to give His life for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven, so that we “may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10). This preparation during Advent is to include interior penance, which involves a conversion of heart toward God and away from sin. Let us take Advent seriously by taking more time for prayer, offering small sacrifices for peace in families and the world, and receiving the Sacrament of Penance.



Stewardship

a way of living

St James

Week Ending November 12, 2023

Received \$2,633

Budget \$3,430
(\$797)

	Oct-23	Jul 2023 - Oct 2023	Jul 2022 - Oct 2022
Received	\$12,522	\$46,895	\$47,305
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u> (\$2,056)	<u>\$58,312</u> (\$11,417)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending November 12, 2023

Received \$2,768

Budget \$3,564
(\$796)

	Oct-23	Jul 2023 - Oct 2023	Jul 2022 - Oct 2022
Received	\$16,138	\$57,243	\$45,980
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u> \$990	<u>\$60,592</u> (\$3,349)	

Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Gift cards are on sale this weekend. Our next sales will be on December 2nd & 3rd and December 16th and 17th. Are you considering giving gift cards as Christmas presents? Please place your orders early to ensure delivery on time. Call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762 if you have questions or to place an order.

Thanks for your support!

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Script Gift Cards will be on sale this Sunday, November 19th. To purchase Scrip, stop by the parish office during office hours or contact **Hydie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544.**

Parish News...

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

Just a reminder: If Tomorrow River School is closed due to inclement weather, weekday Mass for St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel is cancelled as well.

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SUPPORT:

Please join us for a series of 5 sessions that will give tips for how to approach Thanksgiving & Christmas without your departed loved one(s). Also included is the viewing of two heaven-related movies & potluck fellowship. Monday, Nov. 13th - Monday, Dec. 11th from 6-8pm at the Jensen Center in Amherst. Co-facilitators: Cindi 715-570-0755 & Shawn 715-570-5082

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. JAMES:

Join us at St. James on Monday, November 20th at 5:30, to view and discuss Lesson seven, "HEAVEN on EARTH". All are welcome. Feel free to go to stpaulcenter.com and log in with: sjsmevangelization@gmail.com – then enter password: WeBelieve - Under Bible Studies click onto Video Studies where you will find 'The Bible & the Sacraments' & various other Bible Studies.

CANDLES LIT FOR THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR:

Continue to pray for them and all the Soul's in Purgatory:

"Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen"

DIVE INTO THE ADVENTURES OF THE

SAINTS: Help your family to grow in their faith through amazing stories of the Saints. Listen to a 10-minute daily podcast bringing the Saints to life with award winning actors, writers and sound designers. You will learn about a new Saint each week, with a new 5-Episode Adventure beginning each Monday. These are inspiring stories for the whole family. Go to themerrybeggars.com/the-saints and sign up for free. Listen to the adventures of Patrick of Ireland, Joan of Arc, Pier Giorgio Frassati, Francis of Assisi, Carlo Acutis, John Paul II, and many more. Let the lives of Saints bring you and your family closer to Jesus.

**THE SATURDAY,
EVENING 4:00PM MASS
WILL TAKE PLACE AT
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL
THRU THE END OF APRIL, 2024.**

"DID YOU KNOW"

from the Sacred Worship Committee

Veterans Day was November 11 a day set aside to **remember all veterans who served our nation during wartime and in times of peace.** So often we take our freedoms for granted in the United States but freedom isn't free. The freedoms to worship, to bear arms, and the freedoms of speech/press are presumed to be our entitlement as Americans. It's these selfless soldiers who left their comfort zones and their families to serve, and who gave their lives defending our American ideals. They represent the best of the best, a human almanac of something bigger, something almost holy, with courage, strength, and a depth of love for the United States that few of us can fathom.

We should honor them, not just one day but every day. ***By these soldiers' sacrifices, we can enjoy freedom by being called an American. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can, by His grace, be called a child of God. We shouldn't forget either!***

Thanksgiving Day Is Coming:

The November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily on all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increase gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

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:

Laurieplhintz5@gmail.com
Darlene..... 715-592-4443
Barb 715-824-3649

Upcoming...

YE OLDE MADRIGAL FEAST:

Saturday December 9th, 2023 St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Social Hall. 8611 State Highway 54, Almond. Cocktail Hour: 5:00 p.m.; Dinner Show: 6:00 p.m.. Individual Seats \$45. Tables of 8: \$360. Call 703.509.5180 to order your tickets.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:

St. Maximilian Kolbe is hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday December 2 and Sunday December 3, 2023.

ADVENT RETREAT:

Thursday Dec.7th to Sunday Dec 10th is the Advent retreat for women at the Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh. Focus on the spiritual riches we can encounter during the Advent and Christmas season, and throughout the year. Reservations: 920-231-9060 or office@jesuitretreathouse.org

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK:

St. Peter Parish Family Life Presents their Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec.9th, 8-11am at Kolbe Hall - located in the lower level of St. Peter Church, 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point. Cookies and Candy, \$10 per lb.

(Gloves and Containers Provided.)

Twelve silent auction items also available for bidding.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND:

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (Almond, WI) is pleased to announce that we have a new and improved pilgrimage trip to Ireland! September 11-21, 2024.

Trip will include many national landmarks, cathedrals, castles and many other beautiful sites of Ireland. The flight will be direct and the experiences breathtaking. The trip is planned using a local experienced agent, and US based travel agency. The estimated tour cost is \$3,999.00 (double occupancy). Those interested can contact Mary at 715-340-7217 with any questions, to request a copy of the itinerary, and to sign up!

Parish Staff

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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

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