



**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**

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**Sunday, September 17, 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, September 19th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Marie Eron  
Wednesday, September 20th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
.....Hubert Dombrowski  
Thursday, September 21st, 8:15 AM @ SM  
.....Richard Rzentkowski  
Friday, September 22nd, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Rose Yach

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 23rd, **4:00 PM @ SJ**  
..... Harry Sr & Genevieve Glisczinski  
Sunday, September 24th, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
..... Jean Firkus  
Sunday, September 24th, 10:30 AM @ SM  
..... Parishioners of our Two Parishes

**Questions and Answers for the  
Curious Catholic**

Because the more you know the more you grow

1. What early church did Jesus rebuke for being "neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm"?
  - a. Laodicca
  - b. Ephesus
  - c. Smyrna
  - d. Chicago
2. The Old Testament prophet Jonah was sent by God to warn which of these cities:
  - a. Tyre
  - b. Jericho
  - c. Nineveh
  - d. Sodom

**ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND IN BULLETIN**

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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; First Thursday of the Month 4:30-5:30PM

**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)*

# MISSION APPEAL

## September 23 & 24 , 2023



Stewardship  
*a way of living*

Next week Father Cryton will be here, as our mission priest speaking on behalf of The Diocese of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. The Mission Cooperative plan is a wonderful opportunity given by God to share their experience and the difficulties which they are facing in their country. It also gives them great hope that they are not alone but part of the universal Church. The Diocese of Batticaloa would like to thank all of you for your spiritual and financial contribution. Please see next week's bulletin for more information. They thank you in advance for your generous support.



### Thank you to all who have generously given to The Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

If you have yet to make your pledge, it's not too late. There are pledge cards and envelopes at the entrances of the church.

You may drop off your pledge at the parish office, mail it in, or place it in the collection basket at weekend Masses. Please make checks payable to: **Inspired by the Spirit**

You may even pledge online at [inspiredbythespirit.org](http://inspiredbythespirit.org)!

**All gifts are gratefully accepted and appreciated!**  
**Thank you to everyone whose generous pledges of sacrifice have helped us reach this point!**

This listing was updated on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**St. James has raised more than \$531,456.91 in pledges!**

**St. Mary of Mount Carmel has raised more than \$849,513 in pledges!**

*Families that have given this week to St. Mary of Mount Inspired by the Spirit Campaign:*

- > David & Kathy Stoltz
- > Carl Przekurat
- > **Memorial** - In Memory of Richard Shaver
- > **Memorial** - In Memory of David Stoltz

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

A complete list of all those who have given to the Campaign is posted at the campaign tables.

### St James

#### Week Ending September 10, 2023

Received \$2,339  
Budget \$3,430  
(\$1,092)

	Month of Aug 2023	Jul 2023 - Aug 2023	Jul 2022 - Aug 2022
Received	\$12,616	\$24,699	\$24,000
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$29,156</u>	
	(\$1,962)	(\$4,457)	

### St Mary of Mount Carmel

#### Week Ending September 10, 2023

Received \$2,246  
Budget \$3,564  
(\$1,318)

	Month of Aug 2023	Jul 2023 - Aug 2023	Jul 2022 - Aug 2022
Received	\$17,705	\$27,179	\$21,790
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$30,296</u>	
	\$2,557	(\$3,117)	

## Support Scrip Gift Cards

### SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Gift cards are on sale this weekend. The next sales will be on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762. **Thanks for your support!**

Answer 1 - (a) – Laodicea. See Rev.3:15, and Jesus follows it with, “because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth”!

### ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Scrip will be on sale September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Remember that every purchase helps offset the cost of our annual dues to Pacelli Catholic Schools. To purchase Scrip, stop by the parish office during office hours or contact Hydie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544.

## - Thank You -



We would like to thank all that helped with the preparation and the celebration of this past Sunday's Mass at St. James Cemetery. It was a beautiful celebration! Thank you to the Sacred Worship Committee and Deacon Art. They spent many hours planning and orchestrating every detail for the Mass, Procession, and Benediction. Thank you to all that assisted with the Mass – The Knights of Columbus, the volunteers from both St. James and St. Mary parishes that served as parking attendants, the servers, lector & Eucharistic Ministers. Also Janet Glodowski for leading us in song and ensuring that we had a sound system. A special thank you to Fr. Jerzy for inspiring us to have this wonderful celebration. Thank you to God, for providing us with a rain free morning!

- Our parishes are truly Blessed -

## Parish News...

### **A SINCERE THANK YOU:**

Kathy and the whole Stoltz family would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the love we have felt from the parishioners & staff at Fancher during this difficult time. Your community is one of a kind and one Dave loved dearly. *May the Lord bless & keep you always.*

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS UPDATE:**

St James-St Mary's Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a Diaper Drive for *First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center* in Stevens Point on the weekends of Sept.16-17 and Sept. 23-24. They are in need of diapers size 4-5-6 and pullups size 4-5. They would also appreciate new infant and toddler clothing. Please drop off your donations in the boxes located in church. All new items donated are tax deductible.

### **WORD AMONG US:**

Payments of **\$20.84** are due by October 1st to guarantee no lapse in your subscription. Please submit your payment to the church office. Checks should be made payable to your parish.

## “DID YOU KNOW”

### from the Sacred Worship Committee

**The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrow was on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>:**

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 dolor's 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:

1. The Prophecy 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 courage, love, & trust.
2. The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt
3. The loss & finding of the child Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary
5. Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified
6. Her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross
7. Our Lord's burial.

In your quiet time, meditate on the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. Ponder the pain she endured along with her Son. Ask her to help you understand the evil you have done and to lead you to repentance. By joining our sorrows with Mary's, as she joined her sacrifices with her Son's, we participate in the work of our Redemption.

## Upcoming...

### **FALL HARVEST DINNER:**

St. Maximilian Kolbe's Annual Fall Harvest Dinner is being held on Sunday, October 1st from 10am to 1pm. Dine-in and carry-out available. The menu will consist of Chicken (from Ambrosia's), mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, squash, green beans, rolls & butter, cranberry sauce, coffee, milk and a slice of delicious pie. Adults \$12.00; children 6-12 \$5.00; Kids 5 and under are free. We will have a basket raffle, silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle, along with our Country Store.



**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 continued...*

**THAT MAN IS YOU:**

(TMIIY) program is starting up once again this fall. The sessions will begin for the Stevens Point Deanery starting Tuesday, September 13th. The sessions this fall will be "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" and is based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book entitled "Hail, Holy Queen". The meetings will be held every Tuesday, starting with breakfast at 6:00 am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30 am. Sessions will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia, just east of Stevens Point."

***All men are welcome!***

**BREAKFAST AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, serving from 8:15-11am. Eggs, Fried Red Potatoes, ham, sausage, dessert and all you care to eat pancakes for only \$10 adults, \$6 for ages 6-12 and \$4 for under 6. Includes coffee & sales tax. Our popular bake sale will be held. Knights of Columbus Clubhouse 401 W Clark St., just across the Clark St Bridge in Stevens Point. ***Open to the public!***

**CHICKEN DINNER:**

October 1, 2023 (Sunday) St. Wenceslaus is having their Annual Parish Chicken Dinner (Milladore) Drive thru ONLY. Serving from 11am to 1pm \$14 a meal, Dinner Includes: Chicken Breast and thigh with each dinner, Dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with Sausage, Carrots, Dessert and Kolache

**ANNUAL PORK ROAST DINNER:**

St. Joseph's, Stevens Point 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork Roast Dinner October 14 from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Dine in or Carry Out Menu: Roast Pork, Parsley Boild Potatoes, Baked Beans Sauerkraut, Cole Slaw, Brownies and rolls Tickets: Adults 14 and Children under 12 \$6.00 5050 drawing and Basket Raffles

**TASTE OF BEVENT BRUNCH:**

Sun., Oct. 15. St Ladislaus, Bevent. 11am-1pm. Tickets for brunch and Basket Raffles on sale before and after 10:10am Sun. Mass starting September 24.

*Answer 2 - (c) - Nineveh.* This site is on the outskirts of the modern-day city of Mosul in northern Iraq.

**Parish Staff** \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Cindi Borski SM  
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Gilbert Patoka SM  
Sharon Stratton SJ  
Sandy Trzebiatowski SJ

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**Family Life:** Laura Gould & Misty Prater

**Sacred Worship:** Judi Marquard &  
Barb Groholski

**Social Concerns:** Pat Zielinski and  
Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat