



ST. JAMES  
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISHES

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-- Fr. Jerzy Rebacz --  
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Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**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, April 9th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Scott Trzebiatowski
- Wednesday, April 10th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Esther Megal
- Thursday, April 11th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Deceased Members of Anton & Agatha Konkol
- Friday, April 12th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Frances Berna

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

- Saturday, April 13th, 4:00 PM @ SM  
..... Steve Borski
- Sunday, April 14th, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes
- Sunday, April 14th, 10:30 AM @ SM  
..... Bert & Millie Glodowski

**DIVINE MERCY**

Saint John Paul II spoke about God's Divine Mercy often, and said:

*"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God."*

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Today we celebrate the good news that God is always ready to forgive. His merciful love triumphs over every imaginable obstacle!

***"Jesus, have mercy on me and on the whole world!"***

**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.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:



Everyone is welcome to Sacred Heart Parish on **Sunday, April 7th** as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday! In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Adoration will be from 9:00am – 3:00pm. At 3:00pm they will have Divine Mercy hours / chaplet, and procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. Confession will be held from 12:30 pm until 3:00 pm. Father Todd Mlsna will give a presentation at 2:00 pm and the day will end with a Mass at 4:00 pm.

### The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

normally falls on March 25, but since that date falls on the Monday of Holy Week this year, this feast is transferred to Monday, April 8. It is not a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. The Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Archangel Gabriel to Virgin Mary and announcing to her that she is to be the mother of the Savior. The Church acknowledges the coming of the Savior with hope and joy.



### 2023 Diocese of La Crosse Annual Appeal

Update as of 4/3/2024:

The Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) is extremely critical to the needy in our Diocese and beyond. Many of you have generously made a contribution and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

St James is at 70% of target: \$17,644 pledged against a target of \$25,285 with 41 families contributing.

St Mary is at 56% of target: \$17,510 pledged against a target of \$31,475 with 46 families contributing.

Both parishes have previously met and exceeded target for the DAA for the past **6 years – thank you!**

Your parish needs your financial support for the 2023-2024 DAA. Remember, any shortfall to the DAA target must still be paid to the Diocese. Any shortfall gets paid out of our general funds, which we need to support our day-to-day operations.

**The deadline is June 30, 2024.**

*Please prayerfully consider and act on a contribution to the DAA. Every contribution, any amount helps! If you have any questions and/or are not able to find your DAA pledge cards, please call the parish office for assistance at 715-824-3455.*



## Stewardship *a way of living*

### St James

Week Ending March 31, 2024

Received \$5,616

Budget \$3,430

\$2,186

	Feb 2024	Jul 2023 - Feb 2024	Jul 2022 - Feb 2023
Received	\$10,873	\$102,123	\$112,936
Budget	<u>\$14,578</u>	<u>\$116,624</u>	
	(\$3,705)	(\$14,501)	

### St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending March 31, 2024

Received \$9,258

Budget \$3,564

\$5,694

	Feb 2024	Jul 2023 - Feb 2024	Jul 2022 - Feb 2023
Received	\$13,783	\$134,123	\$121,355
Budget	<u>\$15,148</u>	<u>\$121,184</u>	
	(\$1,365)	\$12,939	

## Support Scrip Gift Cards

### SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Our next Scrip gift card sales will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

*Thanks to everyone*

*who supports our Scrip program*

### ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Our next Scrip gift card sales at St. James will be April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>. Scrip cards make excellent gifts while supporting your parish. Stop by the parish office during office hours or contact: Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544.

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

# Parish News...

## **SATURDAY 4:00PM MASS:**

Beginning May 4<sup>th</sup>, the 4:00pm Saturday evening Mass will take place at St. James through the end of October, 2024.

## **WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:**

Deacon Art Schaller has agreed to serve both St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel not only as our Deacon but also as maintenance and grounds. Gary Shulfer will continue his role in maintenance and grounds for both parishes working along side Deacon Art. Much work is being done in both parishes with more projects in the future to maintain our beautiful buildings and grounds.

## **HELP WANTED:**

In need of 2 people to assist with food preparation and serving for funeral luncheons. Please contact Kathy Somers @ 715-824-3770.

## **BIBLE STUDY AT ST. JAMES:**

We will have Bible Study on Monday, April 8 at St. James at 5:30 pm. We are doing the video study, "HOLY IS HIS NAME", from the St. Paul Center.

We welcome you to join us or to view it online by going to: [stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com) and log in with:

[sjsmevangelization@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmevangelization@gmail.com) –

Password: WeBelieve – go to Bible Studies & click on Video Studies to find HOLY IS HIS NAME.

## **ST. FLORIAN, HATLEY, WI STAFF POSITION:**

As of June 1, 2024 Jessie Zorowski will be retiring. The staff position of CRE/DRE (Coordinator of Religious Education/Director of Religious Education) will be open at that time.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Fr. Patric (1-608-317-3514) or Jessie (715-446-3085, Ext. 304 or email: [cre@stflos.org](mailto:cre@stflos.org)) for more details. This position would include all Faith Formation for grades K-10<sup>th</sup> grades & the Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

## **A Minute with Jesus:**

### **Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday**

Jesus is alive! We receive the living resurrected Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus holds nothing back in the Holy Eucharist. He gives Himself completely to us when we receive Him at Mass every Sunday. Receiving His Resurrected Body and Blood will raise us to Him to live forever.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, help me realize that You are alive and that You are alive in me every time I receive You.*

This week, as we celebrate Easter, make a practice that was common after the Resurrection with the early Christians to say to family members and friends,

***"Jesus Christ is risen; He is alive!"***

# "DID YOU KNOW"

## from the Sacred Worship Committee

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 7:**

It is a significant time for reflection on our faith.

As Pope John Paul II stated, "It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified." Divine Mercy Sunday focus is on the gifts that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, his mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. People from all walks of life can humble themselves before God, and ask for his mercy, love, and forgiveness, which he grants to all those who are willing to ask for it. It is also about forgiveness and mercy, how Jesus offered his to us, and how we should act in kindness throughout our lives. *Are you ready to humble yourself and ask for God's mercy?*

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - IS HERE 4-7!**

#### **THE ABC'S OF MERCY**

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly.

Be Merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others,

Completely trust in Jesus, God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust.

God expects us to let His mercy flow through us to others. His words to Saint Faustina are unmistakably clear: **"I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere"** (Diary, 742)

#### **WHAT IS THE MEANING TO THE SACRED RAYS ON THE IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY?**

St. Faustina received this explanation from the Lord:

**The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous.**

**The red ray stand for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him** (Diary 299).

The little prayer that Jesus wants associated with His image of the Divine Mercy is:

**O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a font of mercy for us,**

**I TRUST IN YOU!** (Diary 187)

As you leave church each Sunday, gaze at the beautiful image of the Divine Mercy Picture, and silently say: **"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU"** and feel His love pour out upon 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:**

Laurie .....plhintz5@gmail.com  
Darlene..... 715-592-4443  
Barb ..... 715-824-3649

**CHILI DINNER & RAFFLE:**

Sacred Heart, Cassel Pro-Life Chili Dinner and Raffle. April 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am-2:00pm. 222761 Cty. Rd. S. Marathon. Adults: \$8.00; Children 6-12: \$4.00; 5 and under: Free. All you can eat chili, crackers, bread, cheese, pickles, milk or coffee and 1 dessert. Carry-outs available: \$6.00. Raffle tickets: \$1 per ticket, available at the door. Drawing at 2:00 pm.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST:**

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, April 7, 2024 from 8:30AM to Noon at St. Bronislava Catholic Church located at 3200 Plover Rd in Plover. The Menu includes buttermilk & potato pancakes, French toast, breakfast sausage links & ham (Limit 4 in combo), milk, juice & coffee. Cost is \$10.00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 & under. The meal is cooked by the men of Holy Name and table service is provided by St Bron's Boy Scout troop #201. Proceeds from the breakfast go towards the Parish, School & Youth Needs.  
*Thank you for your support.*

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:**

The Sacred Heart Home and School and PCCW are planning a Spaghetti Dinner at 7379 Church Street, in Polonia on Saturday, April 13th from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Spaghetti dinner will include spaghetti w/ homemade meat sauce, garlic bread, salad bar, and homemade desserts for \$13, ages 6-12 \$10 & children under 5 free. Come sit, and enjoy your meal or carryout. The proceeds from the dinner will go towards the painting of the Stations.

**TAX DAY CELEBRATION:**

at the Knights of Columbus; PORTESI PIZZA NIGHT -Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> , all you care to eat Pizza and Cheese fries only \$10.00 , kids 5-11 \$7.00 and 4 and under free. Includes coffee, milk, water and sales tax. Serving 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Lounge will be open. Knights of Columbus Clubhouse , 401 W Clark St , just across the Clark St bridge. Pizza night open to the public. Profits from pizza night go to our Charity Fund .

**Parish Staff**

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***Send your Ambo announcements into the office via email by Noon Tuesday***

**Parish Life Administrator:**

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**Bulletin:**

bulletininfo06@gmail.com  
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**

Cindi Borski SM  
Justen Pacocha SM  
Barb Gutschow SM  
Judy Zinda SM  
Michael Juris SJ  
Michelle Shulfer SJ  
Christine Thompson SJ

**Finance Council**

Mark Doll SM  
Gilbert Patoka SM  
Sharon Stratton SJ  
Sandy Trzebiatowski SJ

**Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs**

**Family Life:** Laura Gould

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

**Social Concerns:** Pat Zielinski and

Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat