



ST. JAMES  
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
PARISHES

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-- **Fr. Jerzy Rebacz** --  
**Deacon Art Schaller**

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Website:  
[sjsmmcc.weconnect.com](http://sjsmmcc.weconnect.com)



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August 10th, 2025

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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, August 12th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... David J Helbach  
Wednesday, August 13th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Brian Groholski and Rose Yach  
Thursday, August 14th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Ray & Betty Przekurat - 65th Wedding Anniversary  
Thursday, August 14th, 6:00PM @ SM  
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes  
Friday, August 15th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Loecher Family, Living & Deceased

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, August 16th, 4:00 PM @ SJ  
..... Casey Groshek  
Sunday, August 17th, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes  
Sunday, August 17th, 10:30 AM @ SM  
..... Myron Meshak

The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
- August 15<sup>th</sup> -

*Prayer: Dearest Mother, assumed into Heaven, you are the Immaculate Conception, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we honor your glorious Assumption into Heaven, please pray for me and for all your children. In Heaven, you are honored by your Son and your prayers are most effective. I believe this with all my heart and entrust myself, my family, our Church, and the entire world to your motherly care and intercession. Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**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 James.

Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary of Mount Carmel.

## Jubilee 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope”

A meaningful way to participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope is by making a pilgrimage, which is different from a vacation. A pilgrimage is to a sacred place and involves stepping out of the normal routine with the goal of coming closer to God. Making a pilgrimage reminds us that in our everyday lives we are pilgrims on a journey to heaven, and therefore, our desire is to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ with whom we hope to spend eternity.

Take this opportunity to receive an abundance of God's grace by making a pilgrimage. The following locations have been set aside as sites of pilgrimage:

- The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman - La Crosse
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church - Eau Claire
- Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church - Wausau
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church - Nekoosa

If planning a pilgrimage outside of normal open hours, call ahead to ensure that the church will be unlocked.

For more information on Jubilee 2025 visit:

[diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope](http://diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope)

### What Can You Do For Your Parish?????

*If interested in helping in one of our ministries,  
please call the parish office at*

**715-824-3455**

### FAITH STEP:

Ask yourself, “What's going to be the center of you life for the rest of your life?” It's the most important thing you will ever have to decide. God wants to be at the very center of your life. He doesn't want to be on the edge of your life, and he doesn't want to be just a segment of your life. God wants to be the hub of your heart and the axis of your existence. Anything beside God at the center of your life is an idol.

*“You must not have any other god but me. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea”. (Exodus 20:3-4)*



Stewardship  
*a way of living*

#### New Fiscal Year - July 1, 2025

#### St James

##### Week Ending August 3, 2025

Received \$2,511  
Budget \$3,442  
(**\$931**)

	Month of July 2025	July 2025	July 2024
Received	\$14,624	\$14,624	\$12,562
Budget	<u>\$14,917</u>	<u>\$14,917</u>	
	( <b>\$292</b> )	( <b>\$292</b> )	

#### St Mary of Mount Carmel

##### Week Ending August 3, 2025

Received \$3,028  
Budget \$3,788  
(**\$760**)

	Month of July 2025	July 2025	July 2024
Received	\$14,669	\$14,669	\$15,586
Budget	<u>\$16,417</u>	<u>\$16,417</u>	
	( <b>\$1,748</b> )	( <b>\$1,748</b> )	



## Support Scrip Gift Cards

#### SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Our next Scrip gift card sales will be on August 17<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

***Thanks to everyone who  
supports our Gift Card Program!***

#### ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Scrip will be on sale Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. To purchase Scrip at St. James, please contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 or stop by the parish office.

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Holy Day of Obligation: Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

MASS TIMES:

Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel

Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - 8:15 a.m. St. James

## Parish News...

### St. Mary of Mount Carmel

#### **RESTORATION PREPARATIONS**

##### **- ALL HANDS ON DECK -**

*"Many hands make light work"*

High School Students and Adults, with young legs, and strong backs and muscles are needed on

**Saturday, August 23rd starting at 9:00am**

Come when you can for  
as long as you are able to help.

We will be moving large items of furniture,  
as well as numerous smaller items,  
to the church basement for storage  
during our Church Restoration project.

#### **YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL!!!**

We encourage Confirmation Students  
to come and fulfill Service Hours.

Please make plans to join in our efforts for

***"Keeping our Father's House"***

with these necessary preparations.

**Lunch will be provided.**

Please RSVP so we have a count  
for planning the lunch.

RSVP to Deacon Art at 715-824-5801  
or [dchakch@iglide.net](mailto:dchakch@iglide.net)

**Thank you and God bless!**

## Faith Formation...

### **FAITH, Pass It On!**

Do you have a desire to talk about your faith?  
By becoming a catechist or classroom aid you  
have the ability to talk freely and openly about  
what we profess at each Mass. Commitment of  
your time is minimal with Grades 1-8 meeting just  
2x's per month. If you would like to learn more,  
contact Michelle at [sjsmdre@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmdre@gmail.com)

## "DID YOU KNOW"

### from the Sacred Worship Committee

From listening to the word  
of God, faith is born or  
strengthened. So says  
Pope Benedict XVI  
in his reflection on the  
Eucharist as the Source and  
Summit of the Church's Life and Mission.



In Romans 10:17 Paul tells us, "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the teaching of Christ". This portion of the Mass referred to as the Liturgy of the Word, contains readings from the Old and New Testament, culminating in the New Testament Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. Correlating the Liturgy of the Word with biblical references is straightforward. These readings from Divine Scripture provide us with exhortations for moral living and reflections about spiritual life. Each book of the bible is written by a human author with their own writing style, personality, theological point of view and pastoral concerns.

In these inspired books, God breathed forth his divine words through the human words of the authors. In that way, Scripture is like Jesus, fully human and fully divine. In the Mass, we prepare for the serious matter of the readings and Gospel by making the sign of the cross, confessing our sins, and praising God in the Gloria prayer. Vatican II tells us, "In the sacred books the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them." The lector, deacon and priest are privileged to be the instruments selected to read the Word of God, and we are blessed to hear it!

The Sunday readings are determined by a three year cycle and the weekday readings are determined by a two year cycle. Within the authority of the Catholic Church, the Apostolic See selects these readings, which allows for more complete coverage of the Word of God, versus depending upon preferences from a particular pastor or congregation.

### **- WEDDING BANNS -**

III Cray Rieckmann and Morgan Glodowski

### **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

## **RECYCLE YOUR SCRAP METAL... FOR THE CHURCH:**

We again have an offer to assist our parishioners with the disposal & recycling of Scrap Metal with proceeds going back to our churches. The offer includes access to a high traffic area for parishioners to park & sell their used vehicles, just asking a small donation for the use of the area which will come back to our churches. Please adhere to the following:

**NO TELEVISIONS, TIRES AND ABSOLUTELY  
NO ITEMS WITH FREON ARE ALLOWED.**  
**DROP OFF ITEMS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Please comply with these requests or unfortunately this program that benefits our parishes will no longer be available to us.

For more information and/or to set up  
an appointment:

**Please Call 715-347-5295**

## *Upcoming...*

### **RUMMAGE SALE:**

St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point will be holding a rummage sale on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, St. Joseph Parish will be taking a bus trip on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, to Door County. Stops include Pilgrimage Site, St Pius Church in Appleton, before we head off on a Scenic Trolley tour, winery tour, and lunch. Bus departs St. Joseph at 7:00AM and returns around 7:00PM. Cost is \$118 per person. To register, call 715-341-1617 by August 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC:**

August 16<sup>th</sup> & August 17<sup>th</sup>. (Polonia)  
Music, Food, Refreshments, Raffle, Bingo  
and Much, Much More!  
[www.sacredheartpolonia.com](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com)

## **Parish Staff**

#### **Office:**

Tina Maves PH: 715-824-3455  
[catholiccentral54406@gmail.com](mailto:catholiccentral54406@gmail.com)

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

#### **Parish Life Administrator:**

Ann Hemmy  
[sjsmparishlife@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmparishlife@gmail.com)

#### **DRE:**

#### **Bookkeeper:**

Sandy Trzebiatowski  
[sjsmbkkpr@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmbkkpr@gmail.com)

Michelle Shulfer  
[sjsmdre@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmdre@gmail.com)

#### **Bulletin:**

[bulletininfo06@gmail.com](mailto: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