



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



August 17th, 2025

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, August 19th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Janet Spierings
Wednesday, August 20th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Richard Rzentkowski
Thursday, August 21st, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Jerome & Irene Glodowski
Friday, August 22nd, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Tom Rzentkowski

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23rd, 4:00 PM @ SJ
..... Ambrose Pionkowski
Sunday, August 24th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Philomena Selensky
Sunday, August 24th, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes
..... Ed & Ceil Konkol 60th Wedding Anniversary

Blessed Virgin Mary Biblical?

The word "Assumption" of Mary is not mentioned in the Bible. For some people, unless the exact word is in the Bible, it can't really be called God's revealed truth. But the Catholic Church does not hold that Sacred Scripture is the whole of Divine Revelation. Along with the Scriptures, the Catholic Church holds tradition, literally, "the handing on" as also Sacred and Spirit-inspired.

Tradition (with a capital T) helps us to understand Scripture and to proclaim some of our most basic teachings. The doctrine of Mary's Assumption is based on what is called a theological conclusion because of other indirect references to it in the Scriptures.

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

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:

Whatever problem has you scared, worried, or fearful, the antidote for it is to praise God. We can't ever know or understand how big and great God really is. It's like an ant trying to understand the Internet? We just don't have the brain capacity. If we could completely understand God, then we would be God. But God is God, and we are not.

*“The Lord is great and is to be highly praised,
his greatness is beyond understanding.”*

(Psalm 145:3)



Stewardship
a way of living

New Fiscal Year - July 1, 2025

St James

Week Ending August 10, 2025

Received \$6,372
Budget \$3,462
\$2,910

	Month of July 2025	July 2025	July 2024
Received	\$14,624	\$14,624	\$12,562
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u> (\$376)	<u>\$15,000</u> (\$376)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending August 10, 2025

Received \$3,377
Budget \$3,788
(\$411)

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



Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip will be on sale this Sunday, August 17th. Our next Scrip gift card sales will be on September 7th. 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 this Sunday, August 17th. To purchase Scrip at St. James, please contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 or stop by the parish office.

Parish News...

COFFEE AND DONUTS:

Thank you to all those that make coffee and donuts possible on the first Sunday of each month at St. James. If you would like to host contact Misty Prater at mistyprater@gmail.com or 785-633-5206 (call/text) or sign-up in the back of St. James. We have easy to follow instructions and I am always available if you have questions. We are looking for volunteers for September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th.

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
dcnaksch@iglide.net

Thank you and God bless!

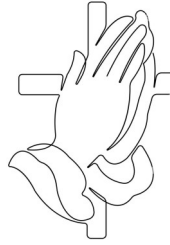
Faith Formation...

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

"DID YOU KNOW"

from the Sacred Worship Committee



In the Catechism, prayers of intercession are referred to as a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. Since the time of Abraham, intercession- asking on the behalf of another has been

characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy (CCC 2634-2635). When Peter was imprisoned by the Jewish leader Herod, "earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church" (Acts 12:5). In St. Paul's letter to Timothy, he instructed his disciple to intercede for all people: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way" (1 Tim 2:1-3).

In our Catholic Mass, after the Gospel and Homily is given by the priest or deacon, we rise to say these "Prayers of the Faithful". These prayers of intercession in the Mass were referred to by one of our early church fathers, St. Justin Martyr in A.D. 155. He was writing to the Roman emperor giving an outline of the prayers and rituals. He noted: "Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves... and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation" (quoted from CCC 2634). Consider these references the next time we all stand to listen to the prayers and we reply: "Lord, hear our prayer".

I recommend reading the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John, where Jesus pours out his heart in loving intercession for the whole world. The entire chapter is a priestly prayer of Jesus, just before His entrance to the garden of Gethsemane and his subsequent arrest and sacrifice.

- WEDDING BANNS -

I Nathan Korb and Shelby Stuczynski

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

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...

CHICKEN DINNER:

Sacred Heart Cassel Chicken Dinner and Bazaar Sunday, September 14th, 2025. 10:00am -3:00pm. Come and enjoy a charcoal chicken dinner with all the fixings, BINGO, kid's games, basket raffles, 50/50, refreshments, and live music.

Located at 222761 Hwy S, Marathon WI.

BUS TRIP:

St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point will be taking a bus trip on Wednesday, September 17th, 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 19th.

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

Pastoral Council

Cindi Borski SM
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Michelle Shulfer SJ
Christine Thompson SJ

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Sandy Trzebiatowski SJ

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Barb Groholski

Social Concerns: Pat Zielinski and

Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat