



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:  
[sjsmcc.weconnect.com](http://sjsmcc.weconnect.com)



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August 24th, 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 26th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... John & Lillian Wierzba Family, Living & Deceased  
Wednesday, August 27th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Elsie Bauer  
Thursday, August 28th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Delphine Shulfer  
Friday, August 29th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Don Dombrowski

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, August 30th, 4:00 PM @ SJ  
..... Family of Tilly Harder  
Sunday, August 31st, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes  
Sunday, August 31st, 10:30 AM @ SM  
..... Dave Stoltz

August 22:

Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman  
clothed with the sun, with the moon under her  
feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.  
Revelation 12:1

*Prayer: Mother and Queen of Heaven, this  
day I run to you as a child with confidence  
and trust. You are the glorious Queen Mother,  
reigning over all of your children with love  
and mercy. Please pray for me, and bestow  
upon me all that I need. I open my heart to the  
grace of your Son, which you are entrusted to  
dispense. Make me holy and free from sin, so  
you can present me spotless and pure to your  
beloved Son, the King of the Universe. Queen  
of 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.

# DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting).

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

## FAITH STEP:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” It's such a simple command that extends to every person in your life. Don't let busyness be your excuse not to follow God's command to love your neighbor. Reach out, open up, and share life with your neighbors so they can one day share eternity with you.

*If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. (James 2:8)*



Stewardship  
*a way of living*

New Fiscal Year - July 1, 2025

### St James

Week Ending August 17, 2025

Received \$3,829

Budget \$3,462

\$367

	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 17, 2025

Received \$3,146

Budget \$3,788

(\$643)

	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:

Our next Scrip gift card sales will be on Sunday, 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:

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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## *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)

## *Our Parish Family*



### **In 2025, we welcome these children through the living waters of Baptism:**

- ▷ Daughter of Patrick & Amber Peterson
- ▷ Daughter of Brad & Liz Cieslewicz
- ▷ Son of Charles & Hannah Wilson
- ▷ Son of Thomas & Lydia Obremski
- ▷ Twin Sons of Justin & Kayla Pacocha
- ▷ Daughter of Chris & Miranda Poeschel

### **Continue to pray for the repose of the soul:**

- ▷ Sandy Konkol

### **Congratulations to these couples who were joined in the sacrament of marriage:**

- ▷ Mark & Kassidy McSweeney
- ▷ Michael & Kristin Stremkowski
- ▷ Joel & Tessa Biadasz
- ▷ Cray & Morgan Rieckman

# “DID YOU KNOW”

## **from the Sacred Worship Committee**

The first half of the mass is called the Liturgy of the Word, the second half is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Within the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there are three principal sections:



- 1) the Preparation of the Gifts,
- 2) the Eucharistic Prayer, and
- 3) the Communion Rite.

In AD 155, St. Justin Martyr recalls the custom of someone bringing bread and wine to the priest after the Prayers of the Faithful during the celebration of the early mass. Roots of this sacrifice in Scripture are seen in the offering of bread and wine at the Last Supper (Mt 26:26-29; Mk 14:22-25, Lk: 15-20) and in Israel's sacrificial rites. The Old Testament is replete with talk of the sacrifice of bread ( Ex 29:2; Lev 2:4-7; 7:13, 23:15-20). These sacrifices would be seen as a personal sacrifice as bread was necessary to sustain life (Sir 29:21; 39:26; Lv 26:26; Ps 105:16).

Similarly, wine was a pervasive drink at Israelite meals and offered up in Israel's sacrifices and tithes (Neh 10:36-39; Ex 29: 38-41; Nm 15:2-15). As we present our gifts in the Mass today, we offer back to God the gifts of creation and the result of our labors, symbolizing the giving of our entire lives to God in the offering of bread and wine. Recall the prayer in our Mass, “fruit of the earth and work of human hands”.

In a similar light, the giving of money is the expression of the giving of our lives to God. Our money is a symbol of the hours of our lives and work, which we now offer to God during Mass in the presentation of the gifts.

## **- WEDDING BANNS -**

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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](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...*

### **CHICKEN DINNER:**

Sacred Heart Cassel Chicken Dinner and Bazaar Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 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>.

## **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