



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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

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9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Website:
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August 31st, 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, September 2nd, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Special Intention for Adam Cohen Family
Wednesday, September 3rd, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Ray & Verona Groholski
Thursday, September 4th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Gregory & Regina Piesik
Friday, September 5th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Clarence Trzebiatowski

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6th, 4:00 PM @ SJ
..... Brandon Somers
Sunday, September 7th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Firkus and Ksionsk Families
Sunday, September 7th, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

Prayer for
Labor Day

Lord God, we thank You for the gift of
work and the dignity it gives to our
lives. Bless all workers, that their labor
may bring justice, peace, and provision
for their families. Be with those who are
unemployed or struggling, and guide us
always to use our gifts in service to You
and others. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

REFLECTION:

*On Labor Day, we honor the dignity of
work and remember that every task, great
or small, can be offered to God in love.*

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.

ST. JAMES CEMETERY OUTDOOR MASS:



WE WELCOME:

Parishioners from St. James and St. Mary to join us for this Outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 28th, at 10:00 am.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE AND TELL OTHERS:

there will **NOT** be an 8:30 or 10:30 Mass on that Sunday, but **ONLY** the 10:00 am Mass in the cemetery. *The 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday at St. James will take place as usual.*

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION and prayer service will follow the outdoor Mass to pray for deceased members of both St. James and St. Mary. We will be honoring and praying for loved ones as well as our ancestors who came together in faith and hard work to form and to build the parishes of St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel.

PARKING: will be in the Greenwood Cemetery and part of the St. James Cemetery. There will also be parking available across the street by the old Subway and King Cone as well as by Stepping Stone Salon. **Another option** is to make plans with family and friends to meet at St. James parking lot and car pool to the cemetery.

HANDICAPPED PARKING AVAILABLE:

please watch for signs. Parking attendants will be there to assist.

SEATING: Chairs will be provided, but please feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets for you and your family to sit on.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: EMHC are needed to help with Communion. Please sign up on Sign-up Genius. Ushers are needed to help with the parking and set up as well as for Offertory Collection. Please let Judi Marquard or Barb Groholski know if you can help.

PRAYERS NEEDED: Please pray for good weather on September 28th. ***If it rains the Mass will be moved to St. James.***

A PORTA TOILET will be available if needed.



Stewardship
a way of living

New Fiscal Year - July 1, 2025

St James

Week Ending August 24, 2025

Received \$3,173

Budget \$3,462
(\$288)

	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 24, 2025

Received \$2,314

Budget \$3,788
(\$1,474)

	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 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:

To purchase Scrip at St. James, please contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 or stop by the parish office.

Parish News...

Please Welcome Fr. Weller as he celebrates with us this Sunday. Fr. Weller grew up in Wittenberg, WI, and after a reversion to the faith in high school, he found a calling to seminary. After four years in the Twin Cities at St. John Vianney Seminary, he attended another four in Milwaukee at St. Francis de Sales Seminary. Upon ordination, he was a school chaplain in Wisconsin Rapids, and has just recently been appointed Vocations Director. Working with youth is extremely rewarding, and he looks forward to serving the diocese and Jesus in this role. Please keep him in your prayers.

FIRST THURSDAY:

Exposition and Benediction, September 4th, at St. Mary, after the 8:15am Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY:

Exposition and Benediction, September 5th, at St. James after the 8:15am Mass.

ADORATION:

on September 4th, at St James, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. *"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus."* Please join us for that loving feeling.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church Restoration is scheduled to begin on October 1st

Beginning September 22nd all Masses, funerals, and baptisms will take place at St. James during the restoration. For the safety of our parishioners St. Mary Church will be closed and will not be accessible during the restoration.

FAITH STEP:

God doesn't want you walking around in shame and carrying a load of regrets. He wants you to let it go! You'll always struggle to make it through hard times when you're carrying unnecessary junk from the past. Lighten the load by confessing your sin to God, and you'll start feeling the pressure lift. You'll be ready for your next assignment!

(2 Timothy 2:21)

If any one purifies himself from what is ignoble, then he will be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the master of the house, ready for any good work.



Town Hall Meeting

– Your Presence is Needed!

Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session. A team will travel to facilitate 40 of these, inviting all of us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning.

The sessions closest to us will be:

Sacred Heart, Polonia

11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 13th

Pacelli High School

6:30 p.m. Sunday, September 14, and

6:30 p.m. Monday, September 15th.

Brochures are available with more information, along with the website where you can sign up:

www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch

Brochures are available at the church entrance.



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.

- 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
Darlene..... 715-592-4443
Barb 715-824-3649



Taste of Our Heritage

Do you enjoy cooking or baking or both?

Do you prepare favorite ethnic foods such as perogi, tamales, schnitzel, gyros, eggrolls, lefse, rosettes, etc.

We need your help **to add flavor to** an event being planned by SMMC & St. James, taking place this fall. *(similar to a food fair)*

You would make & serve one ethnic dish/item at our event. Please attend a very brief meeting on **Sunday, September 7th** after the 10:30am Mass in the St. Joseph Room of St. Mary of Mount Carmel. If you attended the first planning meeting, please attend this one as well.

For more information contact: 715-570-0755

St. Mary of Mount Carmel RESTORATION PREPARATIONS

Thank You to EVERYONE

who participated in "Moving Day" Saturday, August 23rd by moving items out of the church and sacristies to storage locations. Our gratitude also to the Family Life Committee for providing a delicious lunch for hungry appetites after the hard work.

Planning ahead – our next "Moving Day"...

will take place on Sunday, September 21st. We will again need you, our Parish Family, to assist with moving items out of the church following the 10:30 Mass. "Many hands make light work," so if you could plan to stay and help, your efforts would be greatly appreciated. More details will be announced later in September.

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

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Family Life: Laura Gould

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Social Concerns: Pat Zielinski and

Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat