



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



July 13th, 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, July 15th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Edna Groshek
Wednesday, July 16th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Deceased Members of David J Helbach Family
Thursday, July 17th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Martin & Florence Yach
Friday, July 18th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Pius Selensky

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 19th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ
..... Tony Bronk
Sunday, July 20th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes
Sunday, July 20th, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Jerome & Irene Glodowski

**Prayer to Our Lady
of Mount Carmel Feast Day 7-16**

*O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel,
Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed
Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin,
assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea,
help me and show me you are my Mother.*

*O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven
and Earth, I humbly ask you from the bottom of
my heart, to assist me in this necessity;
there are none that can withstand your power.*

*O, show me herein you are my Mother,
O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who come to you.*

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.

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.



2024 Diocese of La Crosse Annual Appeal

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!! To all St. James and St. Mary Mount Carmel parishioners that so generously gave to the 2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

With only 58 families giving to the Appeal, St. James raised \$35,955. This is \$9,035 over the goal.

100% of the \$9,035 will come back to St. James.

With only 87 families giving to the Appeal, St. Mary raised \$31,325. This was only \$2,190 short of the goal.

Our parishes can be very proud of all those that gave to the Appeal. Through your giving you are supporting our parishes.

Thank You!

MISSION APPEAL

If you haven't already, please don't forget to return your checks, made payable to your church, for the Diocese of Vellore. They would like to acknowledge all of you for your spiritual and generous financial support. Your contributions will continue to strengthen the ministerial initiatives and evangelization efforts.

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

- > Lector
- > Usher/Greeter
- > Altar Server
- > Extraordinary Minister - Communion

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

715-824-3455

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



Stewardship *a way of living*

St James

Week Ending July 6, 2025

Received \$4,650
Budget \$3,442
\$1,208

	Month of June 2025	Jul 2024 - Jun 2025	Jul 2023 -Jun 2024
Received	\$12,592	\$160,145	\$158,330
Budget	<u>\$14,917</u> (\$2,325)	<u>\$179,000</u> (\$18,855)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending July 6, 2025

Received \$2,772
Budget \$3,788
(\$1,016)

	Month of June 2025	Jul 2024 - Jun 2025	Jul 2023 -Jun 2024
Received	\$16,065	\$208,001	\$196,491
Budget	<u>\$16,417</u> (\$352)	<u>\$197,000</u> \$11,001	



Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Our next Scrip gift card sales will be on July 20th, August 3rd and August 17th. Gift cards can be purchased and delivered at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

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

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Our next scrip sales at St. James will be on July 20th. To purchase Scrip at St. James, please contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 or stop by the parish office.

Parish News...

FEAST DAYS OF OUR TWO PARISHES DURING THE MONTH OF JULY:

July 16th is the Feast of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" and July 25th is the Feast of "St. James". Both parishes will celebrate their respective feast day with a Litany and Benediction following Mass. St. Mary will be celebrating next weekend. St. James will celebrate on the weekend of July 26th & 27th, following both Masses. Worship aids will be passed out after Communion. On the back cover of our Hymnals, you will find prayers for Our Lady of Mount Carmel and for St. James.

LIVE WEBINAR:

from the Augustine Institute on Mary Magdalene in the Gospel of John. Tuesday, July 22nd from 4-5 pm at St. James. *All are welcome to attend!*

GROUNDKEEPER POSITION ST. JAMES & ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES:

With the many maintenance projects that have taken place at our parishes the past couple of years and with the upcoming St. Mary Church restoration this fall and hopefully, St. James next year, it has become necessary to do some restructuring of our buildings and grounds position to departmentalize specific responsibilities. Currently, we are looking to fill the position of groundskeeping for both St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes. The position consists of mowing and trimming of the lawn in spring, summer, and fall months and the removal of snow from the walkways during the winter months. You must be over the age of 21. If you are interested or have questions please contact the parish office at 715-824-3455.

FAITH STEP:

Are you reading the Bible? It will help you reset your life! The Bible is like a mirror, reflecting the good, the bad, and those areas that need a reset. Let God show you the truth he offers in his Word so you can make changes that will lead to a life of purpose and joy.

All scripture is inspired by God & profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, & for training in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

"DID YOU KNOW"

from the Sacred Worship Committee

Do you know of the biblical references to our Catholic Mass? In the next few weeks, I will provide you with some of these references and how they play a part in our worship. In our first prayer, the sign of the cross, the words come directly from Matthew 28:19 when Jesus commands his apostles to go out into all nations and baptize them "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit". The gesture of the sign of the cross is found in the Old Testament book of the prophet Ezekiel where Ezekiel gave instructions to "mark" those among the faithful of God's people who were spared from God's wrath and judgment (Ez 9:4). The Greek word for "mark" is tau, which is t-shaped, reminding us of Jesus' crucifixion. We also make the sign of the cross to reaffirm our baptism and for protection. In another part of the introductory rite in the Mass the priest says "The Lord be with you," and we respond, "And with your spirit." The biblical reference is from the second book of Timothy 4:22: "The Lord be with your spirit." In Judges 6:12, an angel calls Gideon to defend God's people from invasion saying, "The Lord is with you". The angel Gabriel greets Mary with the same phrase in Luke 1:28. When applied to our experience in praying the Mass, this greeting signifies that we, as lay persons, have access to the power of God to carry out its unique vocation in the Father's plan of salvation: to be "witnesses to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8) and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). When the congregation responds, "And with your spirit," the people are acknowledging the Holy Spirit's unique influence through the priest during the sacred liturgy by virtue of his ordination. Next week, a review of the references in the Glory prayer and our liturgy will be reviewed. One book I have found helpful is entitled, "A biblical walk through the mass, understanding what we say and do in the liturgy" by Edward Sri.

CHILDCARE LEAD TEACHERS NEEDED:

Pacelli Catholic Schools Tim Copps Early Childhood Center. PCS ECC is seeking childcare lead teachers and childcare teacher aides. Full and part-time opportunities. Please contact Kelly Nitz with resume or more questions: knitz@pacellicatholicschools.com or call 715-341-2445

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...

St. Adalbert Church Picnic:

Sunday, August 3rd, Polka Mass-10am, Baked or Grilled Chicken until gone, \$1000 Bingo at 1pm, Cherry Tree, Kids Games, Basket Raffle, Packer Wagon Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Farmers Market, Food on Grounds, Battle of the Bands 11am-7pm.

"Still the Answer" Eucharistic Rally 2025:

Saturday, August 9th, 2025 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire. The day's events will include a river walk procession, Mass, engaging speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. Take this time to remember how much you need Jesus—and that He is Still the Answer for you, for your family, for your parish and for the world.

Visit diolc.org/still-the-answer

to learn more about the event and to register.

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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.

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