



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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July 20th, 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, July 22nd, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Joe & Virginia Kwiatkowski  
Wednesday, July 23rd, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Delphine Shulfer  
Thursday, July 24th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Don Dombrowski  
Friday, July 25th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Loecher Family, Living & Deceased

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, July 26th, 4:00 PM @ SJ  
..... David Ciseski  
Sunday, July 27th, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
..... Philomena Selensky  
Sunday, July 27th, 10:30 AM @ SM  
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

Facts about St. James  
the Greater Feast Day July 25<sup>th</sup>

1. **Fisherman turned Apostles**  
James, the son of Zebedee & brother of John, left his fishing nets to follow Jesus.
2. **"Son of Thunder"**  
Jesus called James & John the "Sons of Thunder" hinting at their bold spirit.
3. **His Nickname Among The Apostles**  
James was called "the Greater" to distinguish him from St. James the Less.
4. **Inner Circle**  
James was present at the Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane with Peter & John.
5. **First Apostle to Be Martyred**  
He was beheaded around 44 AD.
6. **The Miracle after his death**  
It is said to have appeared in a vision to help Christian forces win a battle in Spain.
7. **Patron of Pilgrim**  
The Camino de Santiago leads to his shrine in Spain. Pilgrims often wear a scallop shell, his symbol.

**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.



## How does God speak to me?

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice

come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach.

In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear.

As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact: Father Steven Weller, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

### 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 STEP:

One of the purposes of your life is to serve others. And sometimes God uses your pain to help you serve more effectively. He does this by making you more sensitive to other people's pain. Jesus wants to redeem your suffering. Redemptive suffering is when you use the pain to help others. Whatever pain you are suffering right now, God wants to use it to help others if you'll surrender it to him.

God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

(2 Corinthians)



## Stewardship *a way of living*

### St James

#### Week Ending July 13, 2025

Received \$3,686

Budget \$3,442  
\$243

	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 13, 2025

Received \$2,618

Budget \$3,788  
(\$1,170)

	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:

Scrip gift cards will be on sale this Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and again August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>. 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:

Scrip will be on sale this Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" and July 25<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend. St. James will celebrate on the weekend of July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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**

The Gloria prayer is generally sung at Sunday Masses outside of Advent and Lent, as well as during special occasions such as solemnities and feasts. Biblical references are numerous in this prayer. At Jesus' birth, the gospel of Luke 2:14 tells us the angels addressed the shepherds as they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." The next lines of "we praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory" were added by Christians in the second century. Then in response to Christ's saving mission, we thank God and proclaim him as Lord, heavenly King, and almighty Father. These titles for God; "almighty" and "heavenly King", are referred from the book of Psalms 24:7-10, 68:14, and Isaiah 43:15. Jesus is referred to as "the Holy One" (Rev. 3:7, 16:5; Jn 6:61, Mk 1:24; Lk 4:34) and "the Most High" (Gn 14:18; Ps 7:17). Jesus is proclaimed as Lord. By saying "you alone are the Lord", the Jewish people understood that our God alone is the Lord, and not the emperor, as the ancient Romans called their emperor Lord. Ancient Romans were expected to worship their emperor as Lord. Recall Thomas' proclamation when he saw Jesus resurrected, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). Jesus is described as Lord and God in 1 Cor 8:6 and Phil 2:11. Next, Jesus is referred to as the "Only begotten Son". (Jn 5:17-18; 10:30-38; 2 Cor 1:19; Col 1:13; Heb 1:1-2). Within the Gloria prayer, we declare Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world". These are the words of the great prophet John the Baptist calling out to Jesus as he was passing by, revealing to us that Jesus is the new Passover lamb, offering up his life on the cross for our sins. (Jn 1:29). Then, this prayer declares that Jesus is "seated at the right hand of the Father" (Mk 16:19), a position of authority (Ps 110:1, Heb 1:13). "A biblical walk through The Mass" by Edward Sri, is an excellent reference for people who wish to understand more deeply the biblical foundations for our Mass.

## **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@pacellicatholicalschools.com](mailto:knitz@pacellicatholicalschools.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](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...*

### **St. Adalbert Church Picnic:**

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://diolc.org/still-the-answer)

*to learn more about the event and to register.*

## **Parish Staff**

### **Office:**

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

### **Parish Life Administrator:**

Ann Hemmy

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### **DRE:**

### **Bookkeeper:**

Sandy Trzebiatowski

Michelle Shulfer

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### **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