



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 27th, 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 29th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Vince Fonti  
Wednesday, July 30th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Myron Meshak  
Thursday, July 31st, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Carolyn Chandler  
Friday, August 1st, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... Special Intention for Adam Cohen Family

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, August 2nd, **4:00 PM** @ SJ  
..... Jan Trzebiatowski  
Sunday, August 3rd, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
..... *Parishioners of Our Two Parishes*  
Sunday, August 3rd, 10:30 AM @ SM  
..... Norman Biadasz

Prayer to St. James  
The Greater

Oh St. James, you were chosen by Christ to be a pillar of His Church. We ask for your intercession, that we may be strengthened in our faith and dedicated to our mission of spreading God's Word. Like you, help us to answer Christ's call with a willing heart. To endure the trials of life with patience and grace. And to share the love of Christ with all those we meet. In times of difficulty, may we find courage in your example. And in times of joy, may we give thanks with a heart full of gratitude. Pray for us, St. James that we may always walk in the footsteps of Christ and be faithful to His teachings, now and forever. We ask this in the name of Jesus. *Amen*

**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.



## Thank You to our drop off site: Tomorrow River BP

*Additional thanks to all parishioners for taking advantage of this opportunity to help our parish.*

### Recycle Your Aluminum Cans

Our parishes are the benefactors of any aluminum cans dropped off at the Tomorrow River BP for recycling. Please drop your bagged cans into the wire cage at the gas station. **All proceeds from recycling go directly to our parishes.**

### 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:

**Have you ever thank God in advance for answering your prayer? The way you show God that you have faith is by thanking him in advance for the answer to your prayer.**

*And when he had taken counsel with the people,  
he appointed those who were to sing to the Lord  
& praise Him in holy splendor as they  
went before the army and say,  
"Give thanks to the Lord, for his mercy  
endures for ever". ( 2 Chronicles 20:21)*



Stewardship  
*a way of living*

### St James

Week Ending July 20, 2025

Received \$2,034

Budget \$3,442  
(\$1,409)

	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 20, 2025

Received \$3,295

Budget \$3,788  
(\$493)

	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 Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, 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 the weekend of August 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and again on Sunday, August 17<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...

## **FIRST FRIDAY:**

August 1<sup>st</sup>, at St. James 8:15am

## **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.

## **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](http://diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope)

## **- WEDDING BANNS -**

I Cray Rieckmann and Morgan Glodowski

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

The Feast of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" was on July 16<sup>th</sup> and was celebrated last weekend at St. Mary. July 25<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of "St. James". St. James will celebrate this weekend with a Litany to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction following both Masses. On the back cover of our Hymnals, you will find prayers for Our Lady of Mount Carmel and for St. James.

## **Facts about Saint Joachim & Saint Anne**

1. **Patronage:**  
Are the patron saints of grandparents.
2. **Feast Day:**  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, parents of Mary.
3. **Historical & Legendary Accounts:**  
Bible does not mention them by name, the stories came from apocryphal texts.
4. **St. Anne's Virtue:**  
A woman of deep faith, patiently enduring years of infertility before the miraculous birth of Mary.
5. **St. Joachim's Devotion:**  
A descendant of King David.
6. **Mary's Upbringing:**  
They dedicated Mary to God at a young age, perhaps at three, following a vow made to God.
7. **The Birth of Mary:**  
St. Anne's conception of Mary is a miraculous event, celebrating this through the feast of the Immaculate Conception., conceived without original sin, making her the "new Eve".
8. **Miracles & Devotion:**  
They are invoked for healing, especially those who are childless or struggling with family issues.
9. **"The Grandparents of Jesus":** They are called the "grandparents of Jesus, reflecting their intimate connection to the Holy family.  
**Their lives, carry deep meaning for our faith, especially in promoting the sanctity of family life and the importance of prayer and patience in God's timing.**

## **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)

## **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

[sjsmparishlife@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmparishlife@gmail.com)

### **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