



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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**Sunday, June 8th, 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, June 10th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... John & Lillian Wierzba Family, Living & Deceased  
Wednesday, June 11th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Richard Rzentkowski  
Thursday, June 12th, 8:15 AM @ SM  
..... Dorothy Shulfer  
Friday, June 13th, 8:15 AM @ SJ  
..... David Ciseski

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday, June 14th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ  
..... Robert & Edna Groshek  
Sunday, June 15th, 8:30 AM @ SJ  
..... Jim & Arlene Domaszek  
Sunday, June 15th, 10:30 AM @ SM  
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

June is the Month of the  
**SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

St. John Paul II, a great devotee of the Sacred Heart, said, "This feast reminds us of the mystery of the love of God for the people of all times."

**Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

*O most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will.  
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of mind and body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do and the grace of the holy death.*  
~ 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.



# 2024 Diocese of La Crosse Annual Appeal

**St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishioners**  
**Your Contribution is Needed to Meet Our Goal!**

Your parish needs your financial support  
for the 2024-2025 DAA.

We have only 3 weeks left to meet our goal!

**The deadline is June 30, 2025.**

**Remember, any shortfall to the DAA target must still  
be paid to the Diocese and will be paid out of our  
general funds, which we need to support our  
day-to-day operations.**

If you have any questions and/or  
need a DAA pledge cards, please  
call the parish office:

**715-824-3455**

|   |              | Target   | Actual<br>Pledged<br>&/or<br>Received |
|---|--------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>St. Mary<br/>of Mount<br/>Carmel</b> | Dollars      | \$33,515 | \$28,280                              |
|   | % of Dollars | 100%     | 84%                                   |
|   | # of Donors  | 330      | 80                                    |
|   | % of Donors  | 100%     | 24%                                   |

## Time to Get Involved

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

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

**715-824-3455**

### FAITH STEP:

Have you ever wondered why you do what you don't want to do? Ever wondered why it's so hard to do the things that you know are the right things to do? Because of our sinful nature, we often make the wrong choice. When you know the truth, the truth will set you free. When you change the way you think, it changes the way you feel. And when you change the way you feel, it changes the way you act. You can only change and fulfill God's purpose for your life if you start with God's truth.

"You will know the truth and  
the truth will set you free" (John 8:32)



Stewardship  
*a way of living*

### St James

Week Ending Jun 1, 2025

Received \$3,435

Budget \$3,442  
(\$7)

|          | Apr-25                     | Jul 2024 -<br>Apr 2025         | Jul 2023 -<br>Apr 2024 |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Received | \$20,046                   | \$135,354                      | \$133,808              |
| Budget   | <u>\$14,917</u><br>\$5,129 | <u>\$149,167</u><br>(\$13,813) |                        |

### St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending Jun 1, 2025

Received \$4,116

Budget \$3,788  
\$328

|          | Apr-25                     | Jul 2024 -<br>Apr 2025       | Jul 2023 -<br>Apr 2024 |
|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Received | \$25,139                   | \$178,647                    | \$173,612              |
| Budget   | <u>\$16,417</u><br>\$8,722 | <u>\$164,167</u><br>\$14,480 |                        |



## Support Scrip Gift Cards

### SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip will be on sale this weekend. Our next Scrip gift card sales will be on June 21<sup>st</sup> and July 6<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:

Our next scrip sales at St. James will be on June 7th & 8th, and June 22nd. To purchase Scrip at St. James, please contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 or stop by the parish office.

## Pentecost & Holy Spirit Trivia for the Curious Catholic

1. What does "Pentecost" literally mean?
2. How many days after Easter is Pentecost celebrated?
3. In which book of the Bible is the story of Pentecost told?
4. What did the apostles begin to do after receiving the Holy Spirit?
5. Who gave the first sermon after the coming of the Holy Spirit?
6. What Jewish feast was being celebrated at the time of Pentecost?
7. What gifts did the Holy Spirit give the apostles on Pentecost?

*(Answers can be found on back of bulletin)*

## "DID YOU KNOW"

### from the Sacred Worship Committee

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit is received by the Apostles and our Church officially begins. This account is captured in the book from the bible entitled "The Acts of the Apostles" written by St. Luke. This book temporally follows St. Luke's account of Jesus' Gospel. Luke was a close friend and confidant of St. Paul the apostle. He was trained as a physician and he spoke Greek, Aramaic, and Hebrew; his writings were in Greek. In the lectionary for our Sunday and daily masses, we read from chapters of Acts throughout the seven weeks of Easter season. *(continued above...)*

The first chapter of Acts begins with the Ascension of our Lord and the choosing of the apostle Matthias to replace Judas. Chapter 2 tells the story of Pentecost. From there, the story of teaching the Word and evangelization by the 12 apostles begins. One of the greatest opponents and persecutors of early Christians was Saul, to whom Jesus appeared. Jesus asked the key question, "Why are you persecuting me?" Henceforth, Saul was converted to Christianity and became one of the foremost proponents of our church. St. Paul is the writer of many epistles, or letters, in the New Testament. Think Ephesians, Corinthians, Colossians.

There are 28 action-filled chapters in the Acts of the Apostles, describing the trials, miracles and travels of the apostles with the subsequent conversion of many throughout eastern Asia, Greece and Rome. The historical significance of this book is grand, as it sets the stage for the understanding of writings of the remainder of the books of the New Testament. Acts provides us with an understanding of the difficulty early Christians had in spreading the Word of Jesus Christ, including martyrdom, torture and alienation. We read of many heroes, ordinary citizens who are moved by the teachings of the Way, who are transformed and are key to the establishment of the Church. The USCCB will send the daily readings with accompanying videos directly to your email. Go to [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) and click on daily readings!

### - WEDDING BANNS -

III Michael Stremkowski and Kristin Hoffa

## Welcome Newly Ordained Priest Fr. Justin Damask

Please join us in welcoming newly ordained priest Fr. Justin Damask. Ordained on June 6th, 2025, we celebrate his commitment to serve and guide us in our faith. We invite you to offer your prayers and support as he begins his ministry.

On Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Fr. Damask will be celebrating his Mass of Thanksgiving with us. We are truly blessed to have this Mass take place at our parish.

Following Mass, Fr. Damask will give First Blessings to the parishioners. We welcome everyone to attend this very special event in the ministry of the priesthood. What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to gather and support the continued vocation of the priesthood.





### **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

## Families Needed to Adopt a Prayer Table for Our Corpus Christi Procession:



We need families to adopt and prepare a Prayer Table for our Corpus Christi Procession which will be held on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> after the 4:00 Mass at St. James and on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary.

4 Prayer Tables are needed for each procession.

You can prepare a table to honor a loved one who has passed, or prepare a table in Thanksgiving for Blessings received. Families need to set up and decorate a table for your prayer intention.

Call Judi at 824-2047 or Barb at 824-3649 if you would like to adopt a table or if you have questions.

## 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 after the 4:00pm Mass at St. James on **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** or after the 8:30am Mass or 10:30am Mass on **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

For more information contact: **715-570-0755**

ANSWERS: (1.) Fifty (2.) 50  
(3.) Acts (4.) To speak in different languages  
(5.) Peter (6.) Weeks (Shavuot)  
(7.) Wisdom – Faith – Courage

## Parish Staff

### **Office:**

Tina Maves PH: 715-824-3455  
catholiccentral54406@gmail.com

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

### **Parish Life Administrator:**

Ann Hemmy  
sjsmparishlife@gmail.com

### **DRE:**

### **Bookkeeper:**

Sandy Trzebiatowski  
sjsmbkkpr@gmail.com

Michelle Shulfer  
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### **Bulletin:**

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