



**ST. JAMES
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES**

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

**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30AM—1:00PM**

Parish Website: sjsmmcc.weconnect.com



November 2, 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.

**Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK**

Tuesday, November 4th 8:15AM @ St. SJ
Katherine & Joe Davis, Living & Deceased Family Members

Wednesday, November 5th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Elsie Modrzewski

Thursday, November 6th 8:15AM @ SJ
+ Edmund Bruske

Friday, November 7th 8:15AM @ SJ
+ Deceased Members of David J. Helbach Family

Saturday, November 8th 4:00PM @ SJ
+ Pius & Philomena Selensky

Sunday, November 9th
8:30 AM @ SJ Parishioners of Our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SJ +Andy Kurszewski

Eternal Father, I offer thee
the most precious Blood of
Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in
union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in
Purgatory, for sinners
everywhere, for sinners in the
universal Church, those in my
own home and within my
family.

Amen

**-Prayer to St. Gertrude for
the Holy Souls in Purgatory**



Adoration Schedule

First Thursday of the month after morning Mass at St. James
First Thursday of the month 4:30-5:30PM; First Friday of the month after morning Mass at St. James

Confession Schedule

After weekday Masses and Saturday at 3:30 PM at St. James.
Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass at St. James.



If you haven't already, you should be receiving your Annual Appeal information from the Diocese in the mail very soon. If your family does not receive your information by mid-November, please contact us here at the parish office.

In case you missed last weekend's bulletin, below is information from Fr. Jerzy regarding the Appeal video and our parish targets.

Dear Parishioners,

The 2025-2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) for both St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes is underway. You should have received in the mail information from the Diocese on the 2025-2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Please take time to read the information to understand how the Appeal money is used to support our parishes, Catholic schools, religious, and missions.

If you would like to view the Appeal video please go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZ2cFz4cn5Q>

The parishioners of our parishes have done a terrific job supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal over the years. **THANK YOU!!** All dollars received in excess of the target amount are returned directly to our parish.

The target amounts for the 2025-2026 Appeal:
St. James - \$27,490
St. Mary Mount Carmel - \$34,930

The Appeal will run to June 30, 2026 for our parishes. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us to meet the goal of our parishes.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our parishes.

Fr. Jerzy

St Mary Renovation Update. The renovation is moving along on schedule. Painting will begin this week! Pictures will be forthcoming. We'll keep you updated on the progress! Please keep this project in your prayers!



St James

Week Ending October 26, 2025

Received \$3,612

Budget \$3,462

\$150

	Month of Sep 2025	Current Fiscal YTD Sep 2025	Prior Fiscal YTD Sep 2024
Received	\$12,295	\$43,482	\$36,944
Budget	\$15,000 (\$2,706)	\$45,000 (\$1,518)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending October 26, 2025

Received \$3,548

Budget \$3,923

(\$375)

	Month of Sep 2025	Current Fiscal YTD Sep 2025	Prior Fiscal YTD Sep 2024
Received	\$12,882	\$39,816	\$38,293
Budget	\$17,000 (\$4,118)	\$51,000 (\$11,184)	



Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update:

SMMC gift cards are on sale this weekend! Our next sales will be on Saturday and Sunday, November 15th-16th (4:00pm Mass and 10:30am Mass).

Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update:

St. James is also selling scrip this weekend (4:00pm and 8:30am Masses)!

Cards can also be purchased at any time by calling Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stopping by the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Gift Card Program!

Envelopes for 'World Mission Sunday' can be found at the church entrances. If you would like to make a donation, kindly do so by next weekend—November 8th and 9th.

Parish News...

Remembering Loved Ones Who Passed Away This Past Year

This weekend at the 8:30am and 10:30pm Masses we will remember loved ones who passed away this past year with a Memorial Service. Please see the bulletin insert with their names and short bios.

Also, please read the 'Did You Know' section in this week's bulletin to help you understand how very important it is to pray for the souls in purgatory. Let us always prayerfully remember our loved ones.

*Eternal Rest Grant onto them O Lord
and let the Perpetual Light shine upon them.
May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Attention all Lectors! Your 2026 Lector Workbooks are now available for pick up in the SJ sacristy. Thank you for your dedicated service to our parishes in proclaiming the Word of God!

Adult Faith Formation. Please join us on Monday evenings at St. James for an exciting viewing of a video program through the organization "Formed" entitled "*Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls*".

The archeological find of the 20th century, the Dead Sea Scrolls give amazing insights into the world Jesus Christ lived and died in—and into the New Testament, early Church, and the Catholic faith today.

The videos are 30 minutes in length. We will begin in prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

Faith Step

Scriptures, along with the tradition of the Catholic Church, form the theological basis for prayers for the souls in purgatory. The Church encourages the faithful to pray for these souls, believing that such intercessions can aid in their purification and help them enter heaven more quickly. Here are several biblical references that support the concept of praying for the dead and the existence of purgatory:

1 Corinthians 3:15 – Matthew 12:32 – 1 Peter 3:18-20.
Check them out.

*Thus he made atonement for the dead
that they might be freed from this sin.
~2 Maccabees 12:46*

Did You Know?

From our Sacred Worship Committee

How do we gain a Plenary or Partial Indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory?

All Souls Day is a solemn celebration commemorating all those who have died and are now in Purgatory. Purgatory is where the soul waits with great torment for the longing to be with God. Souls in Purgatory cannot offer sacrifice or pray for themselves to be purified. It is up to the living to offer Mass, prayers, fasting & acts of mercy for those who died.

A great work of mercy is to pray for the dead. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "*All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven*" (CCC 1030)

The Church grants a **plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory**, to the faithful who:

- On All Souls Day, November 2, devoutly visit a church and pray an Our Father and the Creed.
- From November 1 to 8, to those who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed.

A plenary indulgence offers the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

A partial indulgence speeds up the process of the perfection of a soul but doesn't promise immediate release.

One may gain a **partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory** throughout the year by devoutly reciting the "Eternal Rest" prayer.

To obtain an Indulgence, one must:

- Be in the state of grace, having gone to Confession
- Receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope
- For Plenary indulgence, it is also necessary to have complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.

This week!

First Thursday, November 6th

~Exposition and Benediction after Mass (SJ)

First Friday, November 7th

~Exposition and Benediction after Mass (SJ)



Adoration, November 6th from 4:30pm-5:30pm (SJ)

Take time to discover the greatness of God in those moments of stillness.

NEXT WEEK

ST BRONISLAVA HOLY NAME

"All You Can Eat Breakfast" will

be held Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 8:30AM to 11:30AM at St. Bronislava Catholic Church located at 3200 Plover Rd in Plover.

ST ADALBERT HARVEST DINNER. Saturday November 22 Serving 4pm to 7:30pm Menu: Homemade Chicken Soup, Baked Chicken, Ham, Kielbasa & Saurkraut, Rolls, Glazed Carrots, Dressing, Potatoes, Gizzards and Gravy, Dessert, Coffee, and Milk. Cost is \$18. Additional Activities: Bar, Harvest Raffle, Pull Tabs, Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle, Candy Bars,

Come join us for our BBQ & Bingo



This is a family activity for children & adults.

Sunday: November 9th

immediately following the 10:30am Mass
in the St. James Gathering Space

There will be a free light lunch followed by FREE BINGO. We will have a 50/50 raffle as well as baskets being raffled, with the event concluding at 1:00 pm Hope to see you there!

—The SMMC Bingo Committee

All Are Welcome!

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

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Parish Staff

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