



ST. JAMES ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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November 9, 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 11th 8:15AM @ St. SJ
+Arlene Domaszek

Wednesday, November 12th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Nick & Eleanor Trzebiatowski

Thursday, November 13th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Anton & Martha Trzebiatowski,
Living & Deceased Family Members

Friday, November 14th 8:15AM @ SJ
+ Dale & Paula Shulfer

Saturday, November 15th 4:00PM @ SJ
+ Leonard & Elizabeth Chojnacki

Sunday, November 16th
8:30 AM @ SJ +Art Lepak & +Sammy Jo Kurdydyk
10:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

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.

St. Mary Renovation Update

Painters have arrived!

Installation of the large scaffolding throughout the church took just under 2 weeks to complete. The painters are now doing the necessary prep work required to get the church ready so they can repair the plaster and paint the walls and ceilings. This week they securely covered the high altars to protect them from dirt and dust during the restoration. All of the stained-glass windows have also been covered for protection.

This upcoming week the painters will attach towers to the scaffolding in the back of the church and in the sanctuary in order to reach the high peaks.

Note: The pictures from atop of the scaffolding were taken by one of the painters...as this person was not going to those heights!



St James

Week Ending November 2, 2025



Received \$2,646

Budget \$3,462
(\$816)

	Month of Oct 2025	Current Fiscal YTD Oct 2025	Prior Fiscal YTD Oct 2024
Received	\$15,315	\$59,096	\$50,281
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	
	\$315	(\$904)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending November 2, 2025

Received \$2,711

Budget \$3,923
(\$1,213)

	Month of Oct 2025	Current Fiscal YTD Oct 2025	Prior Fiscal YTD Oct 2024
Received	\$11,976	\$51,792	\$57,909
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$68,000</u>	
	(\$5,024)	(\$16,208)	



Scrip Gift Cards

Thank you everyone for purchasing gift cards and supporting our Gift Card Program! Buying scrip is an easy way to earn money for our parishes and very much appreciated! Thank you also to both Pat and Hydrie for your time and dedication in managing the program for each parish. May God bless you both!

SMMC Scrip Update

Our next gift card sales will be next weekend (November 15th & 16th) at the 4:00pm and 10:30am Masses. and then again at the 10:30am Mass on December 7th.

Christmas is just around the corner! Please place Christmas orders early. If you would like to place an order, or get a list of cards available through Pacelli, please call Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

St. James will be selling scrip next Sunday (November 16th) after the 8:30am Mass.

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

Let Us Prayerfully Remember Those Who Have Passed Away

During the month of November, we will prayerfully remember loved ones to whom we said farewell this past year at St. Mary and St. James. We will have a Memorial Table with a vigil candle for each person who passed away. These candles will be lit at every Mass throughout this month of November. As a parish community and family, let us join together to pray for the repose of their souls and for those who mourn their loss.

Let us prayerfully remember:

St. James		+	St. Mary	
Nicholas Echevarria	07/31/24		Leroy Schulfer	11/24/24
Ralph Glodowski	11/09/24		Carolyn Chandler	11/26/24
Eileen Peplinski	12/10/24		Paul Chandler	02/06/25
Charles Trzebiatowski	12/22/24		Pauline Miller	04/02/25
Arlene Domaszek Koehl	12/31/24		Anton Bronk	04/07/25
Dr. Raymond Backe	01/19/25		Vincent Fonti	04/10/25
Thomas Rzentkowski	02/26/25		Dale Shulfer	07/07/25
Emily Laven	03/12/25		Paula Shulfer	07/07/25
Hazel Shulfer	03/24/25		Scot Martin	09/23/25
Sandy Konkol	06/18/25			

*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.*

A very special Thank You to all who helped with the memorial service this past weekend. It was a beautiful tribute to parishioners who passed away this past year. May God Bless all those who helped and those who participated in this beautiful, heartfelt memorial service.



A HUGE Thank You to everyone who donated coats, hats, mittens and so many beautiful handmade items this year! In working with Operation Bootstrap, it was noted that this year has already seen an exceptionally high need for coats...and you all came through!!! Know that you will make such a positive impact in someone's life this winter and it is all done through your love and generosity. The appreciation of our donations was overwhelming and so heartfelt!
Again...THANK YOU!!

Are you, or someone you know, homebound? If you would like a weekly bulletin, please contact the parish office. Also, Father Jerzy would once again like to visit his homebound parishioners this Advent season. Please contact the parish office to have your name placed on his list for a December visit.

We have new booklets of our Diocesan seminarians available at the entrances. Please pick one up for your household and pray daily for our seminarians.

Did You Know?

From our Sacred Worship Committee

November is the month we honor the Saints and pray for the Holy Souls

For those who have arrived [the Saints in Heaven], and those who are undergoing purification [Holy Souls in Purgatory]; we are with them in the Communion of Saints. They are dear to God, and to us, their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Through November we honor the Saints and call upon them; and we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and Saints are vessels of God's grace. They are conduits and channels of God's love and blessing; and so, it pleases the Lord when we pray for their intercession.

November is a wonderful time to visit and pray at cemeteries. We celebrate their lives and their next destination...passing from Purgatory to eternal happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven!

November is a time to reflect on death, our death.

Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Lord, welcome into your presence your children whom you have called from this life. Release them from all their sins, bless them with eternal light and peace, raise them up to live forever with all your saints in the glory of the resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Congratulations to our newly confirmed!

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit always guide you and may you continue to walk in faith.



Front L to R: Carlee Patoka,
Jozlyn Stuczynski, Ezekiel
Prater

2nd L to R: Claire Gould,
Katherine Gould, Addison
Allen, Gwen Fredy, Tanner
Kampert, Antek Zorowski-
Linde

Faith Step

Before you judge someone else, remember that you have blind spots, attitudes or weaknesses in your life that you don't see, even though they cause conflict with others. Why are we so concerned about the sin in someone's else's life when we haven't dealt with our own sin? Take care of your blind spots so that you will be able to see clearly to help others. In Corinthians 11:31, "if we judged ourselves in the right way, God would not judge us. When we seriously examine our lives and evaluate our own weaknesses, faults, and failures, then God doesn't have to judge us. God is for you, not against you."

Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?

Matthew 7:3



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!

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