



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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October 12th, 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.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 14th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... John & Lillian Wierzba Family, Living & Deceased
Wednesday, October 15th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Delphine Shulfer
Thursday, October 16th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Jerome Glodowski
Friday, October 17th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Loecher Family, Living & Deceased

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 18th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ
..... Barbara & Steve Sternik
Sunday, October 19th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Harry and Jean Firkus
Sunday, October 19th, 10:30 AM @ SJ
..... *Parishioners of Our Two Parishes*

Know Your Saint...

Saint Faustina Kowalska ✠ 1905-1938

Jesus appeared to Faustina again and again to share just one message: MERCY. She received from Jesus the words of the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* and instructions to have the image of Divine Mercy painted with the words, "*Jesus, I trust in you*" across the bottom. Saint Faustina summarizes the message of mercy: All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God: even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary, that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest.

ADORATION:

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

- October 19th, 2025 -

Envelopes will be available in the entrances of the church. Please make checks payable to your parish. *Thank you.*



Stewardship

a way of living

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Restoration has officially begun!!!



This week the pews have been dismantled and shipped out to be refinished. Step 1 completed. Please keep the restoration project and the workers in your daily prayers.

St James

Week Ending October 5, 2025

Received \$4,429

Budget \$3,462
\$967

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

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending October 5, 2025

Received \$3,354

Budget \$3,923
(\$569)

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



Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Our next gift card sales will be on October 18th at the 4:00pm Mass and on October 19th at the 10:30am Mass - also on November 2nd at the 10:30am Mass. Gift cards can be purchased at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

Thanks to everyone who supports our Gift Card Program!

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Scrip will be available for purchase at St. James on Sunday, October 19th after the 8:30am Mass. Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 or stop by the parish office.

Parish News...



ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL CEMETERY

Fall Clean out October 19th

The Cemetery Caretakers will be removing adornments placed throughout the cemetery this past year after Sunday, October 19th. Any flowers, solar lights, or other items you may want to save must be removed prior to October 19th. Please help spread the word. St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish is not responsible for any adornments removed and discarded.

Thank you for your cooperation!

2025 COAT DRIVE

Warm coats can warm hearts!

Many people will go without a warm coat this winter...You can help!

If you have any new or clean, gently used winter coats that could be donated, please place them in the Coat Collection Box located in the Gathering Space at St. James. This year there is a particular need for children's coats. New winter hats and mittens are always needed as well! Collection dates will be from October 4th – 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Hintz at 715-592-4604.



Thank You to EVERYONE

who has helped in any way with moving large and small items out of the church as we start our Restoration work.

Join us on our

Bus Trip to the Polish District - Chicago

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

This is a one day trip filled with Polish culture, food and fun. Father Jerzy Rebacz & Helen Damask will be escorting the group. Transportation, 2 meals, (one meal is an authentic Polish buffet) prizes and guaranteed fun are included in the cost. The cost is \$140.00 per person with a pick-up in Schofield and Plover. Good for all ages. Minimal walking.

To book or for more details please call

Helen Damask at **715-574-2654**.

Booking deadline is Tuesday, October 21st

Book early – seats go quickly!

“DID YOU KNOW”

from the Sacred Worship Committee

There are seven pillars of Catholic social teaching identified by the Catholic Church that guide us toward social justice. First and foremost, we are called to proclaim that human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Each person is a child of God, created in the image of God (CCC 225, 2319), and therefore inherently deserving of respect and rights that flow from his or her dignity as a creature. The remaining principles flow from this concept of human dignity.

CCC 1926 states: “The dignity of the human person requires the pursuit of the common good. Everyone should be concerned to create and support institutions that improve the conditions of human life.”

As Catholics we turn to scripture, for example in Mt. 5:43-44 : “ As you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me”. The Church’s magisterium, or teaching office, provides us with a framework for applying the Church’s social doctrine to our lives.

Most people are familiar with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The third section, Life In Christ, encompasses teachings on social justice. I recommend the second edition which contains indices for biblical references, topics of interest, and ecclesiastical documents. Additionally, resources for understanding the social teachings can found in the encyclicals or papal documents. In 1991, Pope John Paul II wrote a major encyclical entitled “Centesimus Annus” which is Latin for “The Hundredth Year”. This is a foundational document in modern Catholic Social Teaching.

Overall, we are called to act from the heart, with love.

FAITH STEP:

Seek God, not just his blessing. It's rare to find someone who's earnest about seeking God. Most of us want just enough of God to bless us, but not to change us. You don't become a faithful disciple of Jesus by giving him your leftovers. Seek him first, with all of your heart, and he will keep every promise to deliver and restore you. Whether or not you get what you think is best for you, you'll be satisfied with what God thinks is best for you.

“The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any that act wisely, that seek after God”

(Psalm 14:2)

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:

Laurieplhintz5@gmail.com
Darlene.....715-592-4443
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SACRED HEART STEAK NIGHT DINNER

& Raffle. Saturday, November 1st, at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia. Dinner tickets: \$30. Available at Parish Office, Polonia Cafe, Sylvia's & Pinerias Bank. Dinner after 4:00pm Mass. Raffle drawing at 7:00pm.

Pray for Peace

On October 7, 1571, the rosary was instrumental in the victory of the Holy League against the Ottoman Empire at the Naval Battle of Lepanto. The Christians victory, against a more powerful Turkish fleet, was attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through the recitation of the Rosary!!

Pope Leo has encouraged the world to pray for Peace in our schools, in our families and in the world. During October, which is the month of the rosary, we invite you to pray the rosary for Peace. Consider joining Relevant Radio every night at 7:00 pm, with Father Rocky, who leads the Rosary Across America. Go to relevantradio.com to join with thousands of listeners who faithfully pray each night.



Come join us for our

BBQ & Bingo

This is a family activity for children & adults.

Sundays: Oct 19th & Nov. 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!

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

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Please send your request via email by **midnight Sunday**. Please refrain to a maximum of 100 words and in a word document.

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