



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



October 26th, 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.

Tuesday, October 28th - 8:15 AM @ St. SJ
—————> Deacon Art leads Liturgy of the Word w/Eucharist

Weekday Mass Intentions

Wednesday, October 29th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
.....Leroy & Grace Shulfer & Deceased Family Members
Thursday, October 30th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
.....Joseph & Mary Rzentkowski
Friday, October 31st, 8:15 AM @ SJ
.....Wallace Wadzinski

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 1st, 4:00 PM @ SJ
.....Frank & Irene Kirsling & All Family Members
Sunday, November 2nd, 8:30 AM @ SJ
.....*For our loved ones to whom we said
farewell this past year from St James and St Mary*
Sunday, November 2nd, 10:30 AM @ SJ
.....*For our loved ones to whom we said
farewell this past year from St Mary and St James*

Bible Verses to Strengthen Your Faith

Hebrews 11:1

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the
conviction of things not seen."*

Isaiah 40:31

*"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles."*

2 Corinthians 5:7

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Romans 10:17

*"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through
the word of Christ."*

Proverbs 3:5-6

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He will
make straight your paths."*

ADORATION

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.

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

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

Don't forget to fall back! Daylight savings time ends November 2nd! Turn your clocks back 1 hour next weekend...or you may be the first one to church on Sunday!



St James

Week Ending October 19, 2025

Received \$2,425

Budget \$3,462
(\$1,037)

	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 19, 2025

Received \$2,311

Budget \$3,923
(\$1,612)

	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)	



Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update:

SMMC will be selling scrip on Sunday, November 2nd (10:30 a.m. Mass) and on Saturday and Sunday, November 15th-16th (4:00 p.m. Mass and 10:30 a.m. Mass).

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

St. James Scrip Update:

St. James will be selling scrip on Saturday and Sunday, November 1st and 2nd (4:00 p.m. Mass and 8:30 a.m. Mass).

Cards can 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!**

Parish News...

faith Formation



2025 Confirmation

This year's Confirmation Mass will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 2 at St. Bronislava.

Please pray for our confirmation candidates:

Addison Allen

Gwen Fredy

Claire Gould

Kathryn Gould

Carlee Patoka

Ezekiel Prater

Tanner Kampert

Jozlyn Stuczynski

Antek Zorowski-Linde



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

Anytime you're in a situation you have no control over, switch your focus to the greatness of God. When you're focused on God's greatness, you're actually worshipping. Worship is one way to set your sail so that the winds of life drive you toward Jesus. Stormy winds can push you off course and threaten to drown you. Instead, let winds of pain, trauma, and stress drive you to focus on God and set your sail toward him. What are you afraid of in this season of your life? With Jesus aboard, your boat is unsinkable!

Did You Know?

From our Sacred Worship Committee

October is designated as the month of the Rosary in the Catholic church.

Not long ago, I discovered a way to pray the rosary that has brought much joy to my prayer life. There are four mysteries of the rosary; Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful and Luminous. We focus on one of these mysteries each day of the week. As we pray these mysteries and cite a scripture prior to each decade, we are invited to contemplate those scriptures as we pray. Furthermore, when praying a "scriptural rosary", we cite a verse prior to each Hail Mary! For example, the Sorrowful Mysteries are usually prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays. The first mystery is "The Agony in the Garden". After the Our Father prayer and before the first Hail Mary, we are invited to contemplate this scripture: *Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."* (Matthew 26:36). Prior to the second Hail Mary, we are invited to contemplate this scripture: *He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.* (Matthew 26:37). And so on with more verses related to the Agony, until we arrive at the second mystery; The Scouring at the Pillar.

I like to follow along on the Hallow app. A site on the internet entitled "A Scriptural Rosary" can be found at <https://scripturalrosary.org>.

I have purchased a book entitled "Rediscover the Rosary" by Matthew Kelly. I will donate this book to our library at St. James (after I finish reading it). Please check it out!

"The mysteries of the Rosary should be reproduced in our lives. Each mystery is a lesson in some virtue- particularly in the virtues of humility, trust, patience, and love."

-Father Reginald Garrigou-LaGrange



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 & Pineries Bank. Dinner after 4:00pm Mass. Raffle drawing at 7:00pm.

ST BRONISLAVA HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S "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, and December Calendar Raffle.

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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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!

Parish Staff

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Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs

Family Life: Laura Gould
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Barb Groholski

Social Concerns: Pat Zielinski and
Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat