



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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

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9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Website:
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September 14th, 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, September 16th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Emily Laven
Wednesday, September 17th, 8:15 AM @ SM
...Clifford & Caroline Pacocha, Living & Deceased Family
Thursday, September 18th, 8:15 AM @ SM
.....Andy Kurszewski
Friday, September 19th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Art & Lucy Wysocki

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20th, **4:00 PM** @ SJ
.....Bert & Helen Trzebiatowski
Sunday, September 21st, 8:30 AM @ SJ
.....Robert Groshek
Sunday, September 22nd, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes

The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross Feast Day 9-14-25

*The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross,
commemorates three historical events: the discovery
of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for
public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the
Cross from the Persians in 628.*

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's cross,
call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often
than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out,
succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger
and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those
crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory,
your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life
should not be avoided; they must be transformed.
Although the suffering may remain, it must become
redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of
good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

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.

ST. JAMES CEMETERY OUTDOOR MASS:



WE WELCOME:

Parishioners from St. James and St. Mary to join us for this Outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 28th, at 10:00 am.
Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE AND TELL OTHERS:

there will **NOT** be an 8:30 or 10:30 Mass on that Sunday, but **ONLY** the 10:00 am Mass in the cemetery. *The 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday at St. James will take place as usual.*

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION and prayer service will follow the outdoor Mass to pray for deceased members of both St. James and St. Mary. We will be honoring and praying for loved ones as well as our ancestors who came together in faith and hard work to form and to build the parishes of St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel.

PARKING: will be in the Greenwood Cemetery and part of the St. James Cemetery. There will also be parking available across the street by the old Subway and King Cone as well as by Stepping Stone Salon. **Another option** is to make plans with family and friends to meet at St. James parking lot and car pool to the cemetery.

HANDICAPPED PARKING AVAILABLE:

please watch for signs. Parking attendants will be there to assist.

SEATING: Chairs will be provided, but please feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets for you and your family to sit on.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: EMHC are needed to help with Communion. Please sign up on Sign-up Genius. Ushers are needed to help with the parking and set up as well as for Offertory Collection. Please let Judi Marquard or Barb Groholski know if you can help.

PRAYERS NEEDED: Please pray for good weather on September 28th. ***If it rains the Mass will be moved to St. James.***

A PORTA TOILET will be available if needed.



Stewardship
a way of living

St James

Week Ending September 7, 2025

Received \$2,721

Budget \$3,462
(\$741)

	Month of Aug 2025	Current Fiscal YTD Aug 2025	Prior Fiscal YTD Aug 2024
Received	\$16,563	\$31,187	\$25,825
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u> \$1,563	<u>\$30,000</u> \$1,187	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending September 7, 2025

Received \$3,550

Budget \$3,923
(\$373)

	Month of Aug 2025	Current Fiscal YTD Aug 2025	Prior Fiscal YTD Aug 2024
Received	\$12,265	\$26,934	\$27,164
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u> (\$4,735)	<u>\$34,000</u> (\$7,066)	



Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Our next Scrip gift card sales at St. Mary will be on September 21st. Cards can be purchased at any time by calling Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762.

***Thanks to everyone who
supports our Gift Card Program!***

ST. JAMES SCRIP CARDS:

Scrip gift card sales will be on sale this Sunday, September 14th. To purchase Scrip at St. James, please contact Hydrie Laidlaw at 715-347-3544 or stop by the parish office.

Parish News...

MAKE A TAX-FREE CONTRIBUTION

WITH AN IRA: Did you know that you may be able to contribute financially to your parish and save money at the same time? If you are age 70.5 or older, you may be able to give an amount each year from your IRA, directly to the church, without having to pay taxes on the money. This is a popular form of giving that is sometimes referred to as the IRA charitable rollover, or the qualified charitable distribution (QCD). Check with your financial adviser for more information.

SJ/SMMC SOCIAL CONCERNS:

First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center is holding their annual Banquet of Life on Thursday, October 2nd at Sentry World. We have reserved a table for ten people to represent our two Parishes. There is no cost to those attending. Couples are welcome! Doors open at 5:30 with dinner/program beginning at 6:30. Please call Pat Zielinski at 715-824-3762 if you have questions or would like to attend. (email: zielinskifarm@gmail.com)

WORD AMONG US:

Renewal or New subscriptions -- Payments of **\$21.84** are due by October 1st to guarantee no lapse in your subscription. Please submit your payment as soon as possible to the church office. You can put your payment in an envelope marked Word Among Us and include your contact information. Checks should be made payable to your parish.

A sincere and heartfelt Thank You

...to Sandy Trzebiatowski our Parish Finance Secretary and to Tina Maves our Parish Secretary who will both be retiring. The dedication and devotion they have displayed



while serving in these positions, have demonstrated the highest quality of service to our parishes and our parishioners. Their hard work and respect for the positions they held have built deep and lasting relationships with our parish committees and the people of our parishes. These positions were fulfilled not only by their wisdom and knowledge of the job but was also led by their heart and love for God. We greatly appreciate their efforts as they have served St. Mary and St. James Parishes.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Parish Finance & Office Secretary Veronica Bruski. She comes to us with extended experience to step into both positions along with spiritual inspiration to serve the parishioners of both St. Mary and St. James. Veronica is a parishioner of St. Mary & we are confident in her skills & ability to serve our parishes.

~ Fr. Jerzy

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church Restoration is scheduled to begin on October 1st

Beginning September 22nd all Masses, funerals, and baptisms will take place at St. James during the restoration. For the safety of our parishioners St. Mary Church will be closed and will not be accessible during the restoration.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Restoration Preparations

Mark your calendar – Following the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday, September 21st** please plan to stay after Mass - we need the help of our Parish Family to move larger size “furniture”, the Altar, hymnals, and small items out of Church to the basement. Lunch will be provided. Contact Laura Gould @ 715-347-6884 if you are willing to contribute a side dish.

FAITH STEP:

Respect has become a rare and endangered value over the past few decades. Yet the Bible makes it clear that stable families and stable societies are built around respect. Everyone, regardless of beliefs or behaviors, is worthy of respect. **WHY?** God made everyone. *Psalm 8:5* says, “You have made him little less than the angels, and you have crowned him with glory and honor.” So when you show respect to people, it shows you know God. And if you know God, then you'll fill your life with love, because God is love. **Love always treats people with consideration.**

Let love be genuine: hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good: love one another with brotherly affection: outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 9-10)

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

Upcoming...

SISTERS INTERGENERATIONAL FEAST:

October 5th, 2025. 10am-3pm (Following 8am Mass) Saint Clare Convent By Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia. EVERYONE (All Age Groups) WELCOME. Praise – Music – Worship Bake Sale – Food – 50/50 Raffle—Basket Raffle—Dance — Kid's Games and More! Please bring your own chairs and check out this First-Of-Its-Kind Event!

PRESENTATION ON THE FLAME OF LOVE:

John Sullivan, the International Director of the Flame of Love, will be at St. Peter's Church in Stevens Point on September 15th, at 6:30pm. He will give a presentation on the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Come to learn about this transformative outpouring of grace from a top leader in the Flame of Love movement.

October 12th - Prolife Basket Raffle & Ponczka Pick Up St. Michael Parish: (Junction City) Raffle from 8:30am to 11am, ProLife Walk (optional) following 9am Mass. Basket Raffle Winners drawn after walk (do not need to be present to win). Order Ponczka's by Sept. 21 contact Brionna 715-540-0327 or Kylee 715-457-5265.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Adalbert Parish in Rosholt has an opening for a part-time secretary. For application and more information please contact the parish office at 715-677-4519.

- WEDDING BANNS -

III Trevor Platta and Katelyn Schude

Parish Staff

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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.

Church Councils

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Barb Groholski

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Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat