



ST. JAMES
ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES

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

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Website:
sjsmmcc.weconnect.com



September 7th, 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 9th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Tony Bronk
Wednesday, September 10th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Jerome Glodowski
Thursday, September 11th, 8:15 AM @ SM
..... Loecher Family, Living & Deceased
Friday, September 12th, 8:15 AM @ SJ
..... Sandy Konkol

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13th, 4:00 PM @ SJ
..... Joe & Virginia Kwiatkowski
Sunday, September 14th, 8:30 AM @ SJ
..... Parishioners of Our Two Parishes
Sunday, September 14th, 10:30 AM @ SM
..... Stephen Piesik

The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

**The Church celebrates the Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th**

rejoicing in the birth of the one chosen to be the Mother of our Savior. It is exactly nine months after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th). Her coming into the world was a sign of hope, for through her, God prepared the way for Christ. Tradition holds that Mary was born in Jerusalem near the Pool of Bethesda, and her birth brought joy not only to her parents, Saints Joachim and Anne, but to all of humanity. As we honor her nativity, we are reminded of God's loving plan of salvation and the importance of saying "yes" to His will, just as Mary did.

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

New Fiscal Year - July 1, 2025

St James

Week Ending August 31, 2025

Received \$2,870

Budget \$3,462
(**\$592**)

	Month of July 2025	July 2025	July 2024
Received	\$14,624	\$14,624	\$12,562
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u> (\$376)	<u>\$15,000</u> (\$376)	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending August 31, 2025

Received \$2,999

Budget \$3,788
(**\$789**)

	Month of July 2025	July 2025	July 2024
Received	\$14,669	\$14,669	\$15,586
Budget	<u>\$16,417</u> (\$1,748)	<u>\$16,417</u> (\$1,748)	



Support Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC SCRIP UPDATE:

Scrip gift card sales will be on sale this Sunday, September 7th. 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 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...

NEWEST FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBER:

We are pleased to announce the newest member of the St. James Finance Council. *Welcome Pat Kwiatowski!!*

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.

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.



Town Hall Meeting

Your Presence is Needed!

Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session. A team will travel to facilitate 40 of these, inviting us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning.

The sessions closest to us will be:

Pacelli High School

**6:30 pm Sunday, September 14
& 6:30 pm Mon., September 15th.**

Brochures are available with more information, along with the website where you can sign up:

www.dioclc.org/rebuildmychurch



- WEDDING BANNS -

II Trevor Platta and Katelyn Schude

“DID YOU KNOW”

from the Sacred Worship Committee

Following the Presentation of the Gifts during the Mass, the priest mixes water and wine at the altar. The wine symbolizes Christ's divinity and water symbolizes our humanity. This mixing calls us to share in Christ's divine life, to become “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Pt 1:4). When the priest prays over the bread and wine, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life”, he is using words similar to first century Jewish blessings of bread and wine. Then he prays, “With humble spirit and contrite heart, may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight be pleasing to you.” Note that the sacrifice is not some “thing”, but actually ourselves. The priest is making a similar petition as the three men who were being thrown into the fiery furnace in Daniel 3:15-16, 39-40. The men were associating their lives with a sacrifice offered up to God. Next, the priest washes his hands, as did the priests of the Old Testament. The priests and Levites were expected to undergo ritual washings before they performed their duties in the sanctuary (Ex 29:4; Nm 8:7). Clean hands are associated with a pure heart. “And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart” (Ps 24:3-4). The washing of hands signals that something very important is about to happen, the gifts of bread and wine will soon be changed into Christ's body and blood. The priest's actions echo David's humble prayer of contrition to prepare his soul for this holy task: “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin” (Ps: 51:2). In the last act of preparation, the priest begins the Eucharistic prayer: “Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father”, and we respond: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands...” recognizing that our sacrifice *and* Christs will be united and offered to the Father through the *hands* of the priest.

FAITH STEP:

If you've ever prayed, “God, help me I'm overwhelmed and discouraged. I don't know if I can keep going, “you were being honest with God, and it's the kind of prayer God wants to hear from you. So whenever you're distressed and at the end of your rope, pray honestly and “cry out in the night, pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord”. (Lamentations 2:19)

“I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. (Psalm 116:1-2)

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:

Laurie plhintz5@gmail.com
Darlene..... 715-592-4443
Barb 715-824-3649

Upcoming...

CHICKEN DINNER:

Sacred Heart Cassel Chicken Dinner and Bazaar
Sunday, September 14th, 2025. 10:00am -3:00pm.
Located at 222761 Hwy S, Marathon, WI



Taste of Our Heritage

Do you enjoy cooking or baking or both?

Do you prepare favorite ethnic foods such as perogi, tamales, schnitzel, gyros, eggrolls, lefse, rosettes, etc.

We need your help **to add flavor to**
an event being planned by SMMC & St. James,
taking place this fall. *(similar to a food fair)*

Please attend a very brief meeting on **Sunday, September 7th**
after the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary of Mount Carmel.

For more information contact: 715-570-0755

St. Mary of Mount Carmel **RESTORATION PREPARATIONS**

Thank You to EVERYONE

who participated in "Moving Day" Saturday, August 23rd by moving items out of the church and sacristies to storage locations. Our gratitude also to the Family Life Committee for providing a delicious lunch for hungry appetites after the hard work.

Planning ahead – our next "Moving Day"...

will take place on Sunday, September 21st. We will again need you, our Parish Family, to assist with moving items out of the church following the 10:30 Mass. "Many hands make light work," so if you could plan to stay and help, your efforts would be greatly appreciated. More details will be announced later in September.

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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Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs

Family Life: Laura Gould

Sacred Worship: Judi Marquard &
Barb Groholski

Social Concerns: Pat Zielinski and

Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat