



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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8:30AM—1:00PM

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Fr. Jerzy Rebacz; Pastor | Deacon Art Schaller



June 21, 2026

Mission Statement

We, the stewards of St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes
in the Diocese of La Crosse, 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, June 23rd 8:15AM @ SJ
Living & +Deceased Members of the Kirsling Family

Wednesday, June 24th 8:15AM @ SM
+Theresa Kitowski

Thursday, June 25th 8:15AM @ SM
+Tom Printz

Friday, June 26th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Bob Helbach

Saturday, June 27th 4:00PM @ SM
Special Intention for Connie & Mary Groholski

Sunday, June 28th
8:30AM @ SJ +Sandy Konkol
10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes

Happy FATHER'S Day

Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of the summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it DAD

Exposition and Benediction Schedule

The First Thursday and the First Friday of every month following the morning Mass.

Confession Schedule

After weekday Masses*

Saturday at 3:30 PM at St Mary

Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass* at St Mary

*Kindly leave a note in the sacristy if you need Father to hear your confession after Mass-no names needed.



Faith Step

FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him."

Psalm 103:13

On Father's Day, we give thanks for the men who reflect God's fatherly love through sacrifice, guidance, and faithful service. Whether by teaching, protecting, encouraging, or praying for their families, fathers help reveal the tenderness and strength of our heavenly Father.

Let us pray for all fathers, that they may be renewed in wisdom, patience, and holiness, and remember those who have died, asking the Lord to grant them eternal rest.

This week, take a moment to thank a father, grandfather, godfather, or father figure who has reflected God's love in your life. Offer a prayer for him and, if possible, share a word of gratitude or encouragement.

Blessing for Father's Day:

*"Heavenly Father,
bless all fathers, grandfathers,
godfathers, and father figures.
Strengthen them with
wisdom, patience, and faith,
that they may reflect Your love and
guide their families closer to You.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen."*



Thank You

This Father's Day, we also thank all priests for their gift of spiritual fatherhood. They have dedicated their lives to taking care of us spiritually through prayer, the Sacraments, teaching, and spiritual counsel.

Wishing you Father Jerzy, a blessed Father's Day!

We are so grateful for your sacrifices and your faithful shepherding of our parish families!

St James

Week Ending June 14, 2026

Received \$3,498
Budget \$3,462
\$36



	Month of May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2025
Received	\$15,722	\$177,244	\$152,552
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u> \$722	<u>\$165,000</u> \$12,244	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (6/17/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$30,530 (111%)

Families who have Contributed: 58

Thank you

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending June 14, 2026

Received \$3,308
Budget \$3,923
(\$615)

	Month of May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2025
Received	\$19,059	\$191,446	\$196,936
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u> \$2,059	<u>\$187,000</u> \$4,446	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (6/17/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$30,310 (87%)

Families who have Contributed: 75

Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip gift cards are on sale this weekend. Our next sales will be on July 5th and on July 19th.

You can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

Scrip gift cards are on sale this weekend. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

Thank you for your support!

Missionary Cooperative Program Reminder. If you haven't already and would like to make a donation for the Mary Madha Mission, please drop it in the collection basket before June 30th and we will forward it to the Diocesan Mission Office. ~Thank you.



Welcome back Father!

Weekday Masses at 8:15am will resume this week as usual.

Congratulations to Cade & Macie Krings who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend at St. Mary. May God bless your union abundantly, filling your marriage with joy, peace, and unwavering faith.



Blessing of Vehicles

**After all Masses the weekend of
June 27th & June 28th**



As we approach the summer season and vacation travels, The Blessing of Vehicles is one way to ask for God's protection, grace, and safety in our travels.

After each Mass, Fr. Jerzy will go to the parking lot(s), bless, and sprinkle holy water on the vehicles.

Everyone will also receive a travel-sized bottle of holy water to take with you.



St Mary Annual Appeal. We still have \$4,620 needed to reach our parish goal.

The Appeal ends in just 1 week! Many of you have already generously contributed.

Thank you! If you have not yet made a contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so before the June 30th deadline. Any shortfall will need to be paid using parish general funds...so please help if you are able. You can drop your donation in the weekend collection baskets, mail it directly to the Diocese, bring it to the parish office, or make your gift online. If you are mailing your donation directly to the Diocese, it must have a postmark of June 30th or earlier. Donations received with a postmark of July 1st or later will be posted to next year's appeal.

www.sjsmmc.com/giving



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is celebrated annually on June 24th.

It is one of the only saints' birthdays observed in the Christian liturgical calendar, positioned exactly six months before Christmas to align with the summer solstice.



While most saints are honored on the anniversary of their death (their "birth into heaven"), John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary are the rare exceptions whose earthly births are celebrated along with their "birth into heaven". On August 29th, we will celebrate the memorial of St. John the Baptist's martyrdom. (We celebrate the Virgin Mary's birth on September 8th and her Assumption into heaven on August 15th.

The date of John's birth is tied to the Gospel of Luke, which notes that John was six months older than Jesus. The Church established his birth at the summer solstice and Jesus' birth at the winter solstice. This beautifully mirrors the theological concept of John's own words regarding Jesus: *"He must increase, I must decrease"*. As the days begin to shorten after June 24th, it serves as a symbolic parallel to the light of Christ growing as the days lengthen after December 25th.

The fact that the Nativity of St. John the Baptist is celebrated only days after the summer solstice is no coincidence. From his birthday on June 24th, three days after what is traditionally considered the longest day of the year, the sun will gradually begin its annual descent and the days become shorter. Three days after the winter solstice is Christmas Day, when days start to become longer and when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The timing of these days is significant because St. John is considered as the lamp, but Christ is the true Light of the World.

John was the last of the great prophets of Israel, the first to testify to Jesus, who initiated a baptism for the forgiveness of sins and, in this context, baptized Jesus.

John is highly venerated as the Forerunner, the final prophet of the Old Testament, and the bridge to the New Testament who prepared the way for Jesus Christ.

St. John the Baptist, Pray for us.

Saturday 4:00PM Mass. A reminder that next Saturday (June 27th), the 4:00PM Mass will still be held at St. Mary...and then moving forward **beginning with July 4th, the 4:00PM Mass will be held at St. James** through December.

THANK YOU to all those who have been helping with coffee and donuts! We couldn't do it without you. We will not have a coffee and donuts social in July but will resume the first Sunday of August. We are looking for volunteers to host. There are easy to follow-up instructions. Sign-up in the back of St. James or contact Misty Prater (mistyprater@gmail.com or 785-633-5206 - call/text).

Event in Bevent. June 27-28th. St. Ladislaus Parish. Music, food,, refreshments, mini raffles, ATV raffle, Kountry Kafe, train rides, bingo Sunday at 12 noon, & much more!

July 1st-9th. In celebration of America's 250th birthday, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion will host a nine-day in-person observance featuring a novena for the United States, praying for unity, holiness, and renewal through Our Lady's intercession. The Shrine will also present a Carlo Acutis-inspired exhibit on American Saints, Blesseds, Venerables, and Servants of God - including Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski of the Diocese of La Crosse - with talks on their lives and causes, along with opportunities for prayer and veneration of relics. July 1-9. 10:00am-4:00pm All are invited to join in prayer and reflection for our nation. For more info go to championshrine.org/americansaints/



Celebrate the 4th of July at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse with a delicious Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich for only \$7.00 or a plate including Sandwich , beans , coleslaw and potato chips for only \$12.00 (tax inc) Serving from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm or until sold out. Profits from the food will help us support our local school programs for "those with Intellectual Disabilities " which combines with our annual Tootsie Roll Drive . Enjoy inside or outdoors (weather permitting) . Lounge will be open and beer and soda available outside. A purchase of a Sandwich/plate or \$5.00 donation will allow free parking (space permitting)for the "Drone Show" a short walk to the river at dusk . Enjoy a great sandwich and help a great Charitable cause all on the 4th of July at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse 401 W Clark St just across the Clark St bridge.

St. Ladislaus Parish. Concerts on the Ground. Great music on select Tuesdays this summer from 6-8PM. July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, Aug 4th. Food & drinks, 50/25/25 drawing, Free will offering to pay for the entertainment. More details can be found at stladislaus.weebly.com

Point Catholic Faith will be hosting a free Vacation Bible Camp July 21-23! All children going into grades 5K-5th are welcome to learn about how they are uniquely loved by Jesus! Adult and teen volunteers are welcome too! Contact Christine Sommers (715) 341-1617 ext 104 or dre@pointcatholicfaith.org

Holy Spirit Parish. Spirit Fest. July 26th. 11:30am-5:30pm Mass @ 10:30 followed by Live Music. Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, UWSP Food Truck, Polito's Pizza, King Cone, Bingo, Basket Raffle, Dessert Spin, Free Kids Games & more!

Divine Image Sisters (in Polonia). Convent Gazebo Gift Shop. This June our country is being Consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You can find Sacred Heart images/ artwork available in the Convent Gazebo Gift Shop located in the convent grounds behind the convent building. Open daily and self serve. Check it out!
• Rummage Sale every Saturday until October 10th. Items are still being accepted! Please call the convent at 715-592-4213 or 715-340-2006 if you would like to donate anything to our rummage sale. ~Thank you

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