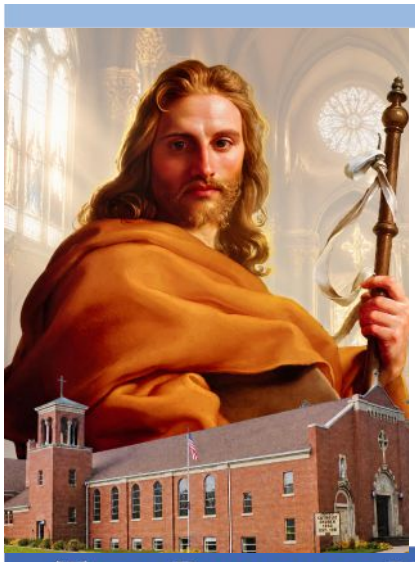


St. James
St. Mary of Mount Carmel
Catholic Parishes

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Two Parishes United in Faith, Community, and Tradition

Welcome

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

During St. James' renovation all Masses are held at St. Mary

Tuesday, November 10th 8:15AM @ SM
Living & Deceased Members of the
John & Lillian Wierzba Family

Wednesday, November 11th 8:15AM @ SM
+Mike Trzebiatowski

Thursday, November 12th 8:15AM @ SM
+Richard Shaver and +Greg Stanke

Friday, November 13th 8:15AM @ SM
+Herman Laskowski

Saturday, November 14th 4:00PM @ SM
+Ed & Sandy Karch and +Dale & Paula Shulfer

Sunday, November 15th
8:30AM @ SM +Harry & Jean Firkus
10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes



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

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus teaches us the importance of being prepared and ready to welcome Him.

The wise virgins brought extra oil for their lamps, while the foolish ones were unprepared when the bridegroom arrived.

Jesus reminds us that faith is not something we practice only when it is convenient. We must nurture it every day through prayer, kindness, forgiveness, and love for others. We cannot wait until tomorrow to begin living the faith God calls us to live today.

Keeping our lamps burning means keeping our hearts open to God's presence, even when life becomes difficult or we grow weary. We may not know when the Lord will come, but we can prepare by living each day with faith, hope, and love.

This week, let your faith shine through one simple act of kindness each day. Take time to pray, encourage someone who is struggling, or offer forgiveness to someone who has hurt you.

Keep your spiritual lamp burning by making room for Jesus in your heart every day.

Keep My Heart Ready, Lord

Dear Jesus, help me keep the lamp
of my faith burning brightly.
Teach me to live each day with a
loving heart, a spirit of kindness, and a
willingness to serve others.
When I become distracted or grow
weary, remind me to turn back to You.
Help me to be ready to welcome You,
not with fear, but with a heart filled
with faith, hope, and love.
May my life reflect Your light
to everyone I meet.

Amen.

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St. Mary Trivia Question. What do the Latin words 'SANCTUS SANCTUS SANCTUS DOMINUS DEUS SABAOTH' located on the arch over the sanctuary translate to in English?



Answer: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts

Stewardship *A way of living*

	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	**$ 2,970**	**$ 2,820**
- Adult Envelopes	$ 3,135	$ 2,193
- Online Giving	$ 595	$ 133
- Loose Offertory	$ 505	$ 477
Total Weekly Collection	**$ 4,235**	**$ 2,803**
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 1.265**	**$ (17)**
Other Giving:		
- Non Parishioner Donations	$ 35	$ 75
- All Souls Cemetery Care	$ 428	$ 565

Year to Date (As of 11/01/26)

YTD Weekly Collection Budget	**$ 54,640**	**$ 51,720**
YTD Weekly Collections	$ 58,270	$ 51,514
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 3,630**	**$ (206)**

MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION

2026 - 2027 Annual Appeal

Goal	$ 36,495	$ 28,170
$ Pledged to Date	$ 2,270	$ 8,180
% to Goal	6%	29%
# Families Participating	14	22

Buy Your Gift Cards Here!

SMMC Scrip Update

Our next scrip gift card sales will be on November 15th, November 22nd, December 6th and December 20th before and after the 10:30am Mass. Give Pat Zielinski a call at (715) 824-3762 to purchase cards at any time. Are you purchasing any cards for Christmas gifts? **Please place your orders early to ensure delivery.** Cards can be delivered to your home if you wish. THANK YOU!

St. James Scrip Update

Our next scrip gift card sales will be before and after the 4:00pm and 8:30am Masses on November 14th and 15th and then the weekend of Thanksgiving, November 28th and 29th. As we get closer to Christmas, we will be selling the weekends of December 12th and 13th and December 19th and 20th. Contact Hydie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

A quick thank you to everyone supporting our programs! Every purchase you make makes a difference. Earnings add up, and they go to help subsidize our monthly Pacelli Schools assessments.

Let us Prayerfully Remember Those who Have Passed Away

During the month of November, we prayerfully remember loved ones to whom we said farewell this past year at St. James and St. Mary. There is a memorial table located at the front of the church with a vigil candle for each person who passed away from October 2025-October 2026. These candles will be lit at every Mass throughout this month of November. As a parish community and family, let us join together to pray for repose of their souls and for the peace and comfort of those who mourn their loss.

In loving memory

St. James

Betty Wanta Thompson 9/24/25
Daniel Ostrowski 12/31/25
Genevieve Hebblewhite 3/11/26
Anthony Zblewski 6/5/26
Gordon Lamberty 7/3/26
Donald Spierings 7/23/26
Chad Konkol 8/28/26

St. Mary of Mount Carmel

Andy O'Brien 11/2/25
Paul Groshek 12/31/25
Joseph Modrzewski 2/10/26
David Trzinski 4/2/26
Myron Trzebiatowski 6/19/26
Isabelle Grace Kwiatkowski 6/20/26
Natalie Rose Kwiatkowski 6/23/26
Maria Nicole Yenter 7/19/26

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let the Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.



A huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated coats, hats, mittens, and beautiful handmade items again this year! The response from our parishes was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. As the cold weather sets in, please know that your love and kindness will directly keep someone warm, safe, and cared for this winter. You have made a beautiful difference in someone's life. Thank you for your endless generosity!

A very special thank you also to all who helped with last weekend's Memorial Service. It was a beautiful tribute to parishioners and loved ones who passed away this past year. May God bless all those who helped and those who participated in this heartfelt memorial.

BBQ & Bingo! Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 22nd and join us after the 10:30am Mass in the St. Mary basement for BBQ & Bingo! This is a FREE light lunch and FREE bingo! Everything concludes by 1:00pm. All are welcome!



Are you, or someone you know, homebound? If would like a weekly bulletin mailed to you, or a regular visit and/or Holy Communion from a member of our Homebound Ministry team, please contact the parish office. Also, Father Jerzy would like to visit and offer the Sacraments to his homebound parishioners this Advent Season. Please contact the parish office to have your name placed on his list for a December visit.

I wanted to become a Gregorian monk - but I never got the chants.

Important St. Mary Cemetery News. As you may have noticed while visiting the cemetery, the large crucifix located at the front of the cemetery is now unfortunately broken in pieces due to weather-related aging and the wood has deteriorated beyond repair. The entire cross will be taken down and removed very shortly. It will definitely be replaced, and we are actively in the process of locating a qualified carpenter who can assist. As you can imagine, it will take time to make a new cross, but rest assured it will be well done. Thank you for your continued patience as its replacement is being addressed. God bless.

Did You Know?

From our Sacred Worship Committee

November is the month we honor the Saints and pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

For those who have arrived (the Saints in Heaven), and those who are undergoing purification (Holy Souls in Purgatory), we are with them in the Communion of Saints. They are dear to God, and to us, their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Through November we honor the Saints and call upon them; and we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels, and the saints are vessels of God's grace. They are conduits and channels of God's love and blessing; and so, it pleases the Lord when we pray for their intercession.

November is a wonderful time to visit and pray at cemeteries. We celebrate their lives and their next destination - passing from Purgatory to eternal happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven!

Area Events

2026 Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Thursday, November 26th. Hosted by st. Bronislava Parish. Dine in served from 11:30am-1:30pm. Take out served 11-12:30. Cost: FREE. Dine in - Use the Southside Entrance. Carry Out - Use the Northside Entrance.

Volunteers Needed - 2026 Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Volunteers are needed to make this community event possible. Monday Options: 1-4PM; Tuesday Options: 1PM-10:30PM Wednesday Options: 7:30am-2:00pm; Thursday Options 7:00am-4:00pm. Or make your favorite dessert and drop it off at St. Bronislava anytime on November 25th or November 26th by 9:00Aam.

Nov. 14 - Take and Bake Fruit Pie Sale (St. Wenceslaus PCCW, Milladore) is selling Fruit pies from 2pm to 4pm with the following flavors: Cherry, Blueberry, Peach, Apple, and Cranberry Walnut along with Personal Hand Pies, while supplies last.

St. Bronislava Progressive Bingo. November 14th. Doors open at 4:30pm. Bingo starts at 5:30pm Concessions available. Bingo Cards 6 face $10 / 9 face $13. Progressive Black Out cards: $3|$6|$9 Cash Only.

St Casimir's Parish Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, November 15th, 8:30am-12 noon. All u Can Eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, juice, coffee. Aduts: $12 / 6-12 $6.00 / Pre-school free. (9:00am Mass)

St. Therese, Schofield. Holiday Showcase November 21st 9:00am - 3:00pm. Free admission. 65 craft vendors. Bake sale & raffle.

St. Bronislava. Craft & Vendor Sale. November 22nd. 9AM_12noon. Come for a relaxed shopping experience and stay for lunch.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse

All young adults ages 18-35 are invited to the fourth annual Behold retreat, which will take place on Saturday, January 16, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. Our theme for this year is "Behold: I Stand at the Door and Knock." This retreat will examine themes of the interior life and what it really means to let Christ into our hearts. The cost of the retreat is $30. Nursing infants are welcome! Contact Anne McMenomy-Rodman at dre@stpatsonalaska.com with any questions!

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