



ST JAMES ST MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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May 17, 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

Please note: While Father Jerzy is in Poland, there will be no weekday Masses nor Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Any weekday Mass intentions previously scheduled will be listed here and honored in Father's private daily Mass.

For this upcoming week, no Mass intentions were scheduled.

Saturday, May 23rd 4:00PM @ SM
+David Trzinski

Sunday, May 24th
8:30 AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM +Carl & Barb Adamski



Prayer for the Ascension of our Lord

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,
right before your Ascension into heaven
you told your apostles to be His witnesses
to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.
May I be similarly inspired to
spread your Gospel message
in word and deed, according to your will for me.
And may I do so prudently and joyfully,
with your help, your guidance, and your grace!
And remembering this glorious event,
help me to seek what is above, Heaven,
where you are seated at
the right hand of God the Father!
Amen!

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.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

With a heart filled with profound gratitude to God and to all of you, I am overjoyed that our renovation of St. Mary of Mount Carmel is nearing a successful completion. Truly, this project is a testament to the dedication, sacrifice, faith, and incredible generosity of both St. Mary and St. James parishes. I am truly proud of how our parishes continually unite and come together as one family of God.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who has invested so much into making this happen. Each of you played a crucial role, whether through financial contributions, volunteering your time and skills, sharing worship space, or offering prayers for the project's success. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your perseverance and patience.

To the Renovation Committee – Thank you for your tireless planning and countless hours ensuring every detail was managed with care. While not without its challenges, your hard work and attention to detail have transformed our church into a place of beauty and reverence. The renovations not only preserve the rich history of St. Mary of Mount Carmel but also ensure that future generations will continue to have a place to gather and worship as a parish family. During the Dedication Mass as the new altar was being blessed and as the beautiful prayers and litany were being lifted to the heavens, I personally felt the presence of the past speaking to the future.

To the Donors – Thank you for your sacrificial giving and trust. It is because of your kindness and financial support that we have been able to preserve and enhance the historical beauty of our church for future generations. Your contributions reflect a shared commitment to our faith and the values we hold dear.

To the Countless Volunteers – Thank you for lending your hands and talents. From the moment St. Mary closed for renovation, so many of you from both of our parishes stepped forward: assisting with removing items from the church, providing coordination and guidance to the contractors, sharing ideas, helping to clean and prepare the church for re-opening, preparing for the Dedication Mass, planning, preparing and serving the luncheon... the list goes on of countless hours and activities. May God bless you all abundantly. Well done everyone!

As we move forward, let us remember our newly renovated church is not just a building; it is a symbol of our past, our shared faith, and our commitment to the future and to one another.

May God's blessings continue to guide us, and may our hearts remain open and welcoming to all who seek the love and grace of our Lord.

Please know that while I am away, you will be in my continued prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Jerzy

Pictures from the Dedication Mass can found on our website: www.sjsmmc.com/smdedication



St James

Week Ending May 10, 2026

Received \$3,951
Budget \$3,462
\$489

	Month of Apr 2026	Fiscal YTD Apr 2026	Fiscal YTD Apr 2025
Received	\$14,283	\$161,522	\$140,354
Budget	\$15,000	\$150,000	
	(\$717)	\$11,522	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (5/13/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$27,940 (102%)
Families who have Contributed: 56

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending May 10, 2026

Received \$6,481
Budget \$3,923
\$2,558

	Month of Apr 2026	Fiscal YTD Apr 2026	Fiscal YTD Apr 2025
Received	\$21,464	\$172,387	\$183,647
Budget	\$17,000	\$170,000	
	\$4,464	\$2,387	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (5/13/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$27,925 (80%)
Families who have Contributed: 70

Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip gift cards are on sale this weekend. Our next sale dates are June 6th/7th and June 20th/21st., You can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

Our next sale will be on May 24th after the 8:30am Mass. Contact Hydye Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

Money earned from our scrip sales is used to reduce our monthly Pacelli Catholic Schools assessment for each parish.

Thank you for your support!

Father Jerzy will be returning for Masses on the weekend of June 20th. During Father's absence, there will be no weekday Masses nor Liturgy of the Word at either parish.

On weekends, we are blessed to have help-out priests scheduled to celebrate the Masses. This weekend we were blessed to have Fr. Kyle Sladek from the Diocese of Green Bay with us. Next weekend, Fr. Dennis Lynch will be joining us. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Lynch when you see him.

Thank you to everyone who sold or purchased roses in support of the Annual Right to Life Rose Sale last weekend. \$376 was raised and will be forwarded to the Portage County Right to Life.



Congratulations to Xander and Makayla Miner 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.

Congratulations

May is a month of special devotion to our Blessed Mother. The crowning of an image or statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been a long-standing Catholic devotion

Thank you Eleanore, Immaculata, and Mariah Prater for assisting with the traditional May Crowning at St. James on May 3rd.



Saturday 4:00PM Mass. The 4:00PM Mass will continue to be held at St. Mary until the end of June. On July 4th, the 4:00PM Mass will changeover to St James and will continue to be held at St James through December. In January, it will alternate back to St Mary for 6 months.

Friendly Reminder Regarding St. Mary Church— Due to the several areas of hidden structural damage that needed attention and repairs, there are still areas that have yet to be completed such as the choir loft. For the next several weeks crews will continue to be working in the church. For this reason the church will be inaccessible during the week. The church will, however, be open for the weekend Masses.

Faith Step

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:19-20)

The Ascension of the Lord reminds us that Jesus did not leave His disciples behind — He entrusted them with a mission. Jesus promised that He would remain with them through the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension is not about Jesus going far away; it is about Christ opening heaven for us and calling us to live with hope and purpose here on earth.

We are reminded that our faith is not meant to stay inside the walls of the church. Like the disciples, we are sent to bring Christ's love, mercy, and truth into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Sometimes we look up waiting for God to act, while Jesus is asking us to be His hands and heart in the world today. The Ascension challenges us to move forward in faith, trusting that the Lord walks with us even when we cannot see Him.

This week, be a witness to Christ in one simple way: offer encouragement to someone who is struggling, pray with a family member, or share kindness where it is most needed.

Let others see the presence of Jesus through your words and actions.

*Be the
hands and
feet of
Jesus*

My Heartfelt Thanks

I am beyond grateful and overwhelmed with the response of volunteers from St. Mary, St. James and several other surrounding parishes...and even some people I didn't know!

You offered your time and talents to make our Dedication Mass and meal the great success that it was.

Because of all the help provided, the immense workload was lessened for all. The camaraderie made for a fun and delightful get together!

I also want to give a huge Thank You to Helbach Farms for the donation of potatoes and Amherst BP for the ice provided.

God Bless you all for your help, caring and dedication in this endeavor.

With my sincere appreciation,

Kathy Somers

Thank you

Rosary Novena to the Sacred Heart. Join Father Rocky and thousands Nationwide for a 54-Day Rosary Novena which began on April 20th and will lead up to the U.S. Bishops consecration of our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this June. Go to: relevantradio.com and scroll down to Family Rosary, 7:00 pm to pray with Father Rocky.

"When a Nation turns to the Heart of Christ, Everything changes."

Zeale for America 250 Rally Saturday, June 13th. LaCrosse. Our rally is dedicated to gathering hundreds of Catholics to pray for and celebrate our nation as we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the USA. Along with **Cardinal Burke**, Daily Wire's **Michael Knowles** and **Coach Joe Lombardi**, we have secured **Isabel Brown**, also from the Daily Wire, as our main speakers. They will share their Catholic faith, their family lives and how important our American freedoms are. Since St James & St Mary are a driving distance from La Crosse, we hope that many of your parishioners will honor us by participating in this unique, family-friendly experience. Other unique opportunities for anyone joining us in La Crosse include touring the **Freedom 250 Mobile Museum**, viewing the entire **Shroud of Turin** and shopping in our **Marketplace**. For more information go to:

<https://lp.catholicvote.org/america250-travel>



St. Joseph Annual Picnic, June 6-7 1709 Wyatt St, Stevens Point Events open at 5pm Saturday and again at 11am on Sunday. Join us for food, the Country Store, Raffles, and more.

St. Peter Parish Picnic, Stevens Point, June 13-14 Saturday, 3pm to 8pm; Sunday 11am-5pm Games, raffles, music and much more. Chicken dinner on Sunday from 11am -1pm for \$15 per person, which includes: chicken, stuffing, potatoes, dessert, & beverage.

Totus Tuus, June 14-19 SS Peter and Paul in Wisconsin Rapids This catechetical program for Catholic youth in 1st through 12th grades is dedicated to the Gospel and promoting the faith. Grades 1-6 meet June 15-19 from 8:30am-2:30pm daily; Grades 7-12 meet June 14-18 from 7:00-9:00pm daily. Cost \$35/child with \$150 max per family. For more information, please visit 222.rapidscatholic.org/youth-ministry or you may email maggiekosloski@gmail.com.

Bus Trips. St. Joseph & St. Stephen parishes invite you to join them on an upcoming bus trip: July 22 to watch the Milwaukee Brewers take on the New York Mets, the cost for this trip is \$110/person, and includes bus, game ticket and dinner. **Two more trips** are planned for later in the year to the Clauson Family Farm in October and a Christmas Stars performance in December. Find more Information online at www.pointcatholicfaith.org/trips or call the office at 715-341-1617.

Hail Holy Queen Prayer

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



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