



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



May 10, 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.

Please note: Due to continued construction, weekday Masses will continue to be held at St. James. The weekend Masses will be held at St James and St Mary as scheduled below.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, May 12th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Jacci Modrzewski

Wednesday, May 13th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Brian Groholski & +Rose Yach

Thursday, May 14th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Frances Bannach

Friday, May 15th
→ No Mass or Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, May 16th 4:00PM @ SM
+Joe Modrzewski

Sunday, May 17th
8:30 AM @ SJ +Philomena Selensky
10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes

Happy Mother's Day
To all the wonderful Mothers
God bless you always!

God's Love Through my Mother

You held my hand, you wiped my tears,
you prayed for me throughout the years.
With every trial you helped me stand,
by lifting me with loving hands.
You taught me how to seek God's grace,
to walk in faith, to run the race.
You showed me love, both strong and true,
reflecting Christ in all you do.
When I was weak, your prayers were strong,
you pointed me to where I belong.
You planted seeds that now have grown,
because of faith that you have shown.
Mom, you are a gift from above,
a vessel of God's endless love.
On this day, I give God praise,
for guiding me through your gentle ways.

Happy Mother's Day!

Exposition and Benediction Schedule

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

Confession Schedule

After weekday Masses* and Saturday at 3:30 PM at St. James.
Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass* at St. James.

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



Faith Step

"In the tenderness of a mother's love, we glimpse the comfort of God: 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.' "
(Isaiah 66:13)

Mother's Day invites us to pause and recognize the quiet, faithful love that mirrors God's own care.

Whether through mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, or other nurturing figures, we see a reflection of self-giving love—patient, sacrificial, and steadfast. This kind of love doesn't seek recognition, yet it shapes hearts and homes in lasting ways.

In honoring mothers, we also honor the God who entrusts life and love into human hands.

For those who rejoice today, we give thanks.

For those who grieve, struggle, or feel the absence of a mother's love, we pray for comfort and healing. God's love holds every story.

Take a moment this week to express gratitude to your mother or mother-figure who has impacted your life, through a call, a note, or a prayer.

If your mother is no longer with you, offer a prayer of thanks for her life and ask God to bless her with eternal peace.



Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of our Mothers! Thank You that our Mothers always believe in us, no matter what. Thank You that they always love us, just like You! Please bless our Mothers with the gift of Your love, O Lord. May each of them feel Your love in their hearts. Your peace in their minds, and Your joy in their spirits this day.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, we ask You to refresh our Mothers and fill them with Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name.

Amen.



St James

Week Ending May 3, 2026

Received \$3,572
Budget \$3,462
\$110

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



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (5/05/2026)

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

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending May 3, 2026

Received \$2,965
Budget \$3,923
(\$958)

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



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (5/05/2026)

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

Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip will be available next weekend, May 16th/17th at St. Mary. 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 Hydie 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!



It's time to say good bye.

Father Jerzy and his sister Janina will be leaving for Poland this upcoming Friday (May 15th). **Father 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.

If you have a weekday Mass intention scheduled during this timeframe, Father will still celebrate his private Mass for that intention. However, if you prefer to re-schedule a Mass intention, please contact the parish office this week—either via email or phone.

We thank Janina for her laughter, her presence, and of course her fabulous Polish cooking! She will be missed!

If you are able, please take a moment to wish Father and Janina safe travels...and keep them both in your continued prayers.

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 and confessional. For the next several weeks crews will continue to work in the church.

For this reason the church will be inaccessible during the week. The church will, however, be open for the weekend Masses.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.



Wedding Banns

Xander Miner and Makayla Konkol

Lenten Mite Boxes. If you still have a Lenten Mite Box, kindly turn it in by May 24th. You can drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. ~Thank you.

Recycle your aluminum cans! Our parishes receive all proceeds from any aluminum cans dropped off at the Tomorrow River BP here in Amherst for recycling. Please drop your bagged cans into the wire cage at the gas station. A big thank you again to everyone who has supported the program in the past!



If you would like to be more involved with your parish prayerfully consider being an usher, greeter, lector, altar server, extra-ordinary minister of Holy Communion, funeral luncheon helper, or joining one our committees. Getting involved is a great way to both serve our Lord and get to know some pretty great people in the process! Contact the office if you might be interested but perhaps need some more info—or if you already know where you want to help.



If you are experiencing the grief related to the passing of a loved one—whether recent or past, please contact Shawn (715) 570-5082 or Cindi (715) 570-0755.

The Importance of Praying the Rosary in May



The Rosary is important because it focuses on the pivotal moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary, known as the “mysteries.” In reflecting on these major events of Jesus’ life, you will grow in your awareness how much Jesus loves you personally. You will also be guided

by the Holy Spirit to make connections between each mystery of Jesus’ life and your own life—and you may ask the Holy Spirit to help you see how this mystery gives guidance to your life right now.

Praying the Rosary, with the repetition of the Hail Marys, creates a quiet, contemplative space which allows the mind and heart to focus on God. Take even five minutes to pray a decade of the Rosary (one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and Glory Be) with your family.



This upcoming Friday, May 15th is the Feast Day of St. Isidore the Farmer,

the patron saint of farmers, rural communities and laborers. Here is some interesting info from Fr. Samuel Martin of our Diocese.

As we till the soil and tend the flocks, we are reminded that our labor is part of God's ongoing creation. In the Church's tradition, we are blessed with heavenly companions who intercede for us in this sacred work. Among them is St. Isidore the Farmer, a humble man of the land whose life of prayer and service reminds us that holiness can be found in the furrows of the field where daily labor becomes an offering to God and every act of care participates in the renewal of creation.

A story often told about St. Isidore was his practice of often coming late to work after attending Mass. Squire de Vergas, his master, decided to observe Isidore at his work. He hid himself in a clump of bushes near the field where his laborers were working. Isidore arrived later than usual, walking slowly behind his team of oxen and plow. The gentleman's anger soon turned to astonishment. Two angels, one on either side of Isidore and each with a plow, were helping their companion. Maria always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble rural home. Often Isidore would bring hungry people home to feed them. One day in frustration, Maria told Isidore that there simply was no more stew to give. He insisted that she look one more time and five more people were fed.

The qualities found in the lives of Isidore and Maria—commitment to family, social justice work, love for the land, service to the poor, and a deep spirituality— are qualities that exist in rural America.

**We thank God for our rural lives,
formed still by the rhythms of nature and church.
With you, help us to rejoice in the
relationships with God, each other and the land.
Isidore and Maria, pray for us.
Amen.**



Frassatti Young Adults (Young adults ages 18-35. Families and single young adults are always welcome to join us.) For the month of May, join us to dive deeper in the Jewish roots of Mary. Small groups, discussion, and light snacks. May 11th after the 5:30pm Mass. St. Bronislava, Plover.

Rosary Novena to the Sacred Heart. Join Father Rocky and thousands Nationwide for a 54-Day Rosary Novena which began on April 20 th 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."




ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

4th Annual Pancake Breakfast with Uncle Pancake!

We are having an open house and pancake breakfast at the fire station. You are invited to come and see what we offer to our community. There will be equipment displays, services offered displays, fire trucks and more.

WE FLIP THEM. YOU CATCH THEM!

Sunday, May 17th
Serving 8am - Noon

4585 Fairgrounds Road
Amherst, WI 54406

26th Annual
Saint Peter Parish Picnic
Saturday, June 13th & Sunday, June 14th
Saturday 3 pm to 8 pm Sunday 11 am to 5 pm
Many Hands Working Together
708 1st Street (Stevens Point) • www.stpeter.us

SATURDAY JUNE 13TH
Celebrating 150 Year Anniversary
Craft Beers & Wine

St Peter Jubilee Walk at 8 am
Bake Sale 2 PM both in Faustina Room
Cornhole Challenge 5 pm
Contact Matt at 715 540 0528 for Info
Silent Auction
Food & Refreshments
Live Music by "Frank Thomas"

SUNDAY JUNE 14TH
Enjoy Polka Music Alternating "TNT ... The Natural Talent Polka Band" and "Happy Notes" starts 11 am

Chicken Dinner 11 am – 1 pm Church "Kolbe Hall"
Games & Fun for Kids, Monti Carlo
Cherry Tree, Basket Raffle, Cake Raffle
Food Stand & Refreshments
Silent Auction (Close at 4 pm)

Don't Miss Main RAFFLE \$2500
Drawing at 5 pm

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Prayer Chain

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June 6 & 7
St. Joseph Annual Picnic Under One Roof

June 6 4pm Mass
5pm All Events Open
Concessions, Music, Kids Games, Cherry Tree, Country Store, Refreshments, Pull Tabs, Sweepstakes, Basket Raffle (drawing at 8 p.m.)
Air Conditioned Comfort!

June 7 9:30am Corpus Christi Procession Begins at St. Stephen, processing to St. Joseph
10:30am Polka Mass with the Choraleers and Old Time Brass
11:30am All Events Open
Concessions, Refreshments, Cherry Tree, Country Store, Pull Tabs, Basket Raffle, Kids Games, Bounce House, Sweepstakes.
Fun for All Ages! 11:30am until 4pm continuous music with The Old Time Brass
4pm Basket Raffle & Sweepstakes Drawing. \$1,000 Sweepstakes Prize!

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