



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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8:30AM—1:00PM

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July 12, 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, July 14th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Lillian Kaminski

Wednesday, July 15th 8:15AM @ SM
+Martin & Florence Yach

Thursday, July 16th 8:15AM @ SM
+Richard Shaver & +Gregory Stanke

Friday, July 17th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Bob Helbach

Saturday, July 18th 4:00PM @ SJ
+Ambrose & Evelyn Pionkowski

Sunday, July 19th
8:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM Special Intention for the 40th Wedding
Anniversary of Randy & Pat Kwiatkowski



Heavenly Father,

during this month of July,
we thank You for the gift of Your
Son, Jesus Christ, whose Precious
Blood was poured out for our salvation.

Fill our hearts with gratitude for Your endless
mercy and unfailing love. Strengthen our faith,
deepen our trust in You, and help us to follow
Jesus more closely each day.

Open our eyes to see the needs of others, our
hands to serve with compassion, and our hearts
to forgive as You have forgiven us.

May Your Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, words,
and actions so that we may be instruments of
Your peace and witnesses to Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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 James

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

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold."

(Matthew 13:23)

In the conclusion of the Parable of the Sower, Jesus reminds us that the seed planted in good soil represents those who hear God's Word, understand it, and allow it to transform their lives.

We are invited to look honestly at the condition of our own hearts. Are we open to God's voice, or do distractions, worries, and busyness keep His Word from taking root?

Good soil doesn't happen by accident. It is cultivated through prayer, trust, forgiveness, and a willingness to follow Christ each day. When we welcome God's Word with faith and put it into action, our lives begin to bear fruit, not only for ourselves but for our families, friends, and everyone we encounter. Even the smallest act of kindness or faithfulness can become a harvest of blessings in God's hands.

- So, are you the seed sown on the path, the one who hears the word and doesn't understand it and the evil one steals what was in your heart?
- Or, the seed sown on rocky ground who hears the word, receives it with joy, but has no root, lasting only a short time?
- Maybe, the seed sown among thorns who hears, but worldly anxiety chokes the word and it bears no fruit?
- Could it be *"the seed sown on rich soil, the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold"*?

Something to think about.

Which seed are you, and what seed do you want to be to open your heart so that God's Word will take deep root and bear abundant fruit.



SMMC Scrip Update

Our upcoming sale dates are July 19th and August 2nd. But—you can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

Our upcoming sale dates are also on July 19th and August 2nd. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

St James

Week Ending July 5, 2026



Received \$3,481
 Budget \$3,462
 \$19

	Month of June 2026	Fiscal YTD June 2026	Fiscal YTD June 2025
Received	\$11,932	\$189,734	\$165,144
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	
	(\$3,068)	\$9,734	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (7/08/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$30,600 (111%)
 # Families who have Contributed: 58

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending July 5, 2026

Received \$2,823
 Budget \$3,923
 (\$1,100)

	Month of June 2026	Fiscal YTD June 2026	Fiscal YTD June 2025
Received	\$16,455	\$207,901	\$213,001
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$204,000</u>	
	(\$545)	\$3,901	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (7/08/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$33,740 (97%)
 # Families who have Contributed: 83

Thank you again to all who contributed to our 2025/2026 Annual Appeal. Although the appeal has concluded for this year, there may still be donations en route that were postmarked by June 30th. We anticipate having the final numbers within the next week.

As of July 8th, the families at St. James have not only achieved their parish goal of \$27,490 but have exceeded it by contributing an additional \$3,110. This surplus will be returned to St. James and utilized for the benefit of parish. Well done, St. James!

Heartfelt appreciation is also extended to our St. Mary families. The parish has made remarkable efforts in recent weeks to bridge the gap towards their parish goal. As of July 8th, the SMMC parish families have collectively raised \$33,740 towards the \$34,930 target, leaving a shortfall of only \$1,190. Every contribution is valuable and appreciated.

Thank you again for your support and generosity. Our parishes are truly blessed.

~Fr. Jerzy and the Finance Councils of
 St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel



Celebration of our Parish Feast Days!

We will be celebrating the feast days for our two parishes during the month of July. The feast day for St. Mary of Mount Carmel

is on Thursday, July 16th. To celebrate—on Sunday, July 19th we will conclude our 10:30am Mass with Exposition and Benediction. The feast day for St. James is on Saturday, July 25th. To celebrate—we will have Exposition and Benediction to conclude both the 4:00pm Mass on July 25th and the 8:30am Mass on July 26th. Worship aids will be passed out after Communion by the ushers.



Faith Formation. Do you have a desire to learn more about your faith? Why not give teaching or co-teaching a try!

Grades 1-8 meet biweekly and grades 9-11 meet every week.

We are in need of teachers for grades 5, 7, 9 & 10. If you are not sure you want to commit to teaching, perhaps you could assist in a classroom instead—both are needed.

Please contact Michelle at sjsmdre@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to learn more.

-Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire-
St. Catherine of Sienna

Holy Water Bottles for Safe Travels. We have more holy water bottles available to use to bless your vehicles. They are available in the entryways at both churches. The bottle has a prayer to our Guardian Angel for safe travel. If you missed the blessing for your vehicle or if you'd like to give a bottle to your loved ones, be sure to pick up a bottle and use the holy water and prayer to pray for safe travel wherever you go.

As you head out on your summer travels, remember that God is with you everywhere! Experiencing Mass in a new city or country is a beautiful way to connect with the universal church and thank God for the gift of rest. You can easily find local Mass times and locations across the country by visiting MassTimes.org

May you continue to have a safe, restful, and blessed summer!



Month of JULY IS DEDICATED TO MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, reminding us of the infinite love of Jesus, who poured out His Blood for our redemption.

Yes, in the Catholic Church, July is traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. This month-long devotion invites the faithful to contemplate Christ's sacrificial love, His mercy, and the redemption of humanity through the blood He shed on the Cross.

The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

The Precious Blood which we worship—



* **Is the Blood** which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection.

* **It is the Blood** which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven.

* **It is the Blood** made present on our altars by the words of Consecration.

* **It is the Blood** which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it.

Almighty, and everlasting God,
who hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son to be the Redeemer of the world, and hast been pleased to be reconciled unto us by His Blood, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate with solemn worship the price of our salvation, that the power thereof may here on earth keep us from all things hurtful, and the fruit of the same may gladden us forever hereafter in heaven.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer from the Roman Missal)



Area Events

St. Ladislaus Parish. Concerts on the Ground. Great music on select Tuesdays this summer from 6-8PM. July 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

Holy Spirit Parish. Organ concert series. July 16th. 6:15pm Dr. James Gerber. Free parking. Free will offering. Public is invited.

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!

Come & See Day Retreat. Saturday, August 1st. The Seraphic Adorers of The Child Jesus are hosting a retreat day for young women ages 18-29. If you are interested or would like more information, please text 715-899-0768 or email prayers@seraphicadorers.com

St. Philip, Rudolph 105th Church Picnic. Sunday, August 2nd. At the world famous Grotto Shrine and Wonder Cave. Mass at 8:30am in church. All activities on the grounds Food, refreshments, games and raffles. Polka Pak from 11-3, Gray Catz from 3-6. Children's games & Bingo begin at 11:00am. Basket raffle drawing at 5:00pm.

St Adalbert Church Picnic. Sunday, August 2nd. Outdoor Polka Mass @ 10:00am. Baked or grilled chicken dinner starting at 11:00am. \$1,000 Bingo at 1:00pm. Cherry Tree, kids games, Packer Wagon Raffle, 50/50 raffle, Battle of the Bands 11am-7:00pm, and more!

St. Therese August Fest. August 8th 4:00-11:30pm & August 9th 10:45am-4:30pm. 1112. W. Kort Street, Rothschild/Schofield, WI. Music, raffles, cherry tree, beer tent, food stand, flea market, bakery spin, ice cream, pierogies, children's games, bingo on Sunday from 12-4:00pm.

Divine Image Sisters (in Polonia). 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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Anointing 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 parish office. Keep in mind that hospitals do not automatically notify the parish or priest.

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.

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