



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30AM—1:00PM

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Fr. Jerzy Rebacz; Pastor | Deacon Art Schaller



September 20, 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, September 22nd 8:15AM @ SJ
Special Intention for the Bob & Barb Groholski Family

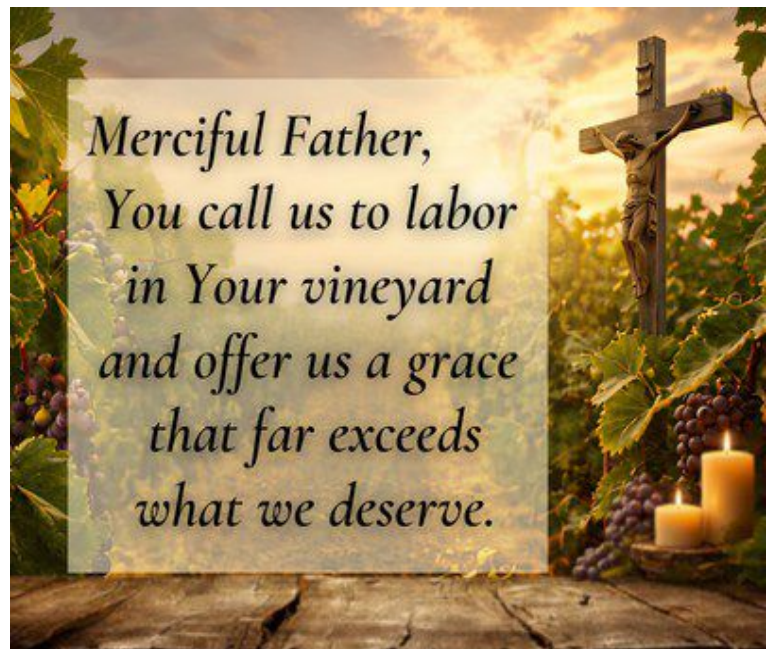
Wednesday, September 23rd 8:15AM @ SM
+Scot Martin

Thursday, September 24th 8:15AM @ SM
+Herman & Bernadette Przekurat

Friday, September 25th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Bob Helbach

Saturday, September 26th 4:00PM @ SJ
Living & Deceased Members of the
Irene & Walter Ostrowski Family

Sunday, September 27th
8:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM +Mike Trzebiatowski



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

*"Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Or are you envious because I am generous?"
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

Matthew 20:15-16a

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard often leaves us feeling a bit uncomfortable.

Human fairness tells us that those who labor all day in the blazing heat deserve more than those who arrive at the eleventh hour. Yet, the landowner pays everyone exactly the same wage.

This Gospel reminds us that God does not use our transactional, score-keeping yardsticks. His grace is a gift, not a wage. When we begrudge another person's blessings, healing, or late-life reversion to the faith, we fall into the trap of envy.

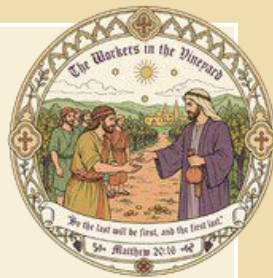
God's mercy is inexhaustible, and His love is expansive enough for everyone. Instead of measuring what we think we are "owed", we are called to celebrate the boundless generosity of a Father who never stops inviting souls into His vineyard.

This week, deliberately catch yourself when thoughts of comparison or resentment creep in. Instead of looking at what others have, look at your own life and name three specific ways God has shown you unmerited mercy.

Pray for someone who has wronged you or who seems to have an "easier" path, sincerely asking God to pour out His blessings upon them.

Prayer to Rejoice in God's Generosity

Merciful Father,
You call us to labor in
Your vineyard and offer
us a grace that
far exceeds what we deserve.
Deliver us from the trap
of comparison and envy.
Create in us humble,
grateful hearts that rejoice
in Your boundless generosity
to all people, whether they answer
Your call at dawn or at the final hour. May
our service always
be a joy-filled offering of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	\$ 3,025	\$ 2,900
- Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,418	\$1,695
- Online Giving	\$ 555	\$ 626
- Loose Offertory	\$ 362	\$ 380
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 3,335	\$2,701
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 310	\$ (200)
Other Giving:		
- Non Parishioner Donations	\$ 0	\$ 125
- St. Mary Restoration	\$1,075	n/a
- Bingo Social	\$ 155	n/a

Year to Date

YTD Budget	\$33,420	\$31,500
YTD Weekly Collections	\$33,861	\$32,648
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 441	\$ 1,148



It's hard to believe September is almost over! Next weekend—September 26th & 27th, a reminder that we will have our month-end 2nd collection after Holy Communion at each Mass to help subsidize St. Mary's restoration funding shortfall and short-term interest expense. All donations in this collection, no matter the size, will be welcomed and appreciated. If you would like to receive credit on your year-end giving statement (from the Diocese) for your contribution, please place your donation in a plain white envelope marked with your name. All donations are forwarded to St. Mary's 'Inspired by the Spirit' fund. ~ *Thank you.*

SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip is on sale this weekend! Our next sale dates are October 4th and October 18th. Give Pat Zielinski a call at (715) 824-3762 to purchase cards during the week.

St. James Scrip Update

Our next sale dates are September 26th and 27th. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.



Job Posting – Church Cleaning Person

Both St. James Parish and St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish are in need of an individual to clean the church buildings on a weekly basis. The job involves disinfecting bathrooms, dusting, emptying trash, vacuuming carpets, and scrubbing of floors and steps throughout the buildings. This is a part-time position, 14-16 hours per week. Hours are flexible. You must be over 21 years of age to apply. If interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office (715) 824-3455 or email sjsmparishlife@gmail.com.



Next Sunday! Next Sunday, September 27th, please stay and join us after the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary of Mount Carmel for our **Cemetery Procession with the Blessed Sacrament**, as we remember and pray for our beloved parish family members who have gone before us.



Plan to join us on Saturday, October 10th from 5:00-7:00pm in the St. James gathering space. A wide array of ethnic foods will be served by some of our very talented parishioners.

Tickets are on sale now through October 4th at the parish office or after each weekend Mass at St. Mary and St. James. (Adults \$15/Children \$5 (5-12 yrs))

Please note: Tickets will be sold next Sunday, September 27th at St. Mary's before the 10:30am Mass and after the above Cemetery Procession.

St. Mary & St. James Coat Drive. Warm coats can warm hearts! Many people will go without a warm coat this winter...You can help!

If you have any new or gently-used winter coats that could be donated, please place in the designated boxes at either St. James or St. Mary's. They will be donated to those in need via Operation Bootstrap.

Collection dates will be from October 3rd through October 24th.

If you have any questions, please call Laurie Hintz at (715) 592-4604. Thank you so much!



St. Mary of Mount Carmel - Fall Cemetery Clean Up
The Cemetery Caretakers will be removing adornments placed throughout the cemetery this past year beginning Monday, October 12th.

Please remove any flowers, solar lights, or other items you may want to save prior to October 12th.

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish is not responsible for any adornments removed and discarded.

~Thank you for your cooperation.



Wedding Banns I

- Alexander Kleiber & Olivia Lehman

Wedding Banns II

- Norbert Omernik & Amanda Wanta

Our beautiful statue in St. James Church of the Blessed Mother Mary has a name, OUR LADY OF GRACE!!

When lighting a candle, there is a new prayer card for you to directly offer your petition to Our Lady of Grace.



O glorious Mother of God,
Our Lady of Grace,
hear my humble prayers,
seeking your maternal
intercession in obtaining from
the Heart of Jesus, your Divine Son,
all the graces and favors necessary
for my spiritual and
temporal welfare, and for the special
needs I now place before you.
(Here state your intentions.)

O Heavenly Queen,
be my comfort, hope, strength
and consolation as,
through God's goodness and mercy,
I await the great day of glory.
Amen.

So why wait?

Light a candle to Our Lady of Grace, turn to her, with your heartfelt petition. By embracing her spiritual motherhood, imitating her virtues, and seeking her intercession, you are led into the fullness of divine grace.

Our Lady of Grace, Pray for Us.

(Check last week's bulletin for the history of Our Lady of Grace.)



**Connecting
the Diocese**
Televised Mass

Everyone is Welcome!

Televised Mass. The recording of 4 Masses will take place on Tuesday, September 29th.

Fr. Jerzy will be the celebrant for the first 2 Masses – 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. with the parishioners of St. James and St. Mary. Fr. Williams will celebrate the last 2 Masses with the students of Pacelli School at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Come join our parishes in celebrating the televised Masses for the La Crosse Televised Program. This will be taking place at St. Mary of Mount Carmel on Tuesday, September 29th beginning at 9:00a.m. Help support our parishes and those who are home-bound and rely on the televised Mass to meet their spiritual needs.

Please note you do not need to participate in all 4 Masses. Also, there will be no 8:15 am. Mass at St. James that day.

Area Events

Join us on our fall bus trip to the Polish district in Chicago, Thursday October 15th. This is a one day trip filled with Polish culture, food and fun. Father Jerzy Rebacz and Helen Damask will be escorting the group.

Transportation, 2 meals, (one meal is an authentic Polish buffet) prizes and guaranteed fun are included in the cost. The cost is \$140.00 per person with a pick-up in Schofield and Plover. Good for all ages. Minimal walking. To book or for more details please call Helen Damask @ [715-574-2654](tel:715-574-2654). **Booking deadline is September 30th**. Book early – seats go quickly!

Sept. 25 (postmarked) – Ponczka Pre-Order Sale, St. Michaels (Junction City). St. Michael's PCCW is taking pre-orders for Ponczka's the cost 1/\$2 or 4/\$5 these are a little larger Ponczka size this year. Flavors: Raspberry, Bavarian crème, Plain, Lemon, Blueberry, and Prune. Make Checks payable to St. Michael's PCCW, mailed orders must be postmarked by 9/25 mailed to B. Zarecki 5841 CTY RD O Rudolph, WI 54475 | Questions Brionna 715-540-0327 or Kylee 715-457-5265. PICK UP is on Sunday, October 18 from 8:30am to 12pm at the St. Michael Hall during the ProLife Walk & Basket Raffle.

Oct. 4 – Parish Chicken Dinner – DRIVE THRU ONLY St. Wenceslaus (Milladore) serving from 11am to 1pm. Meals are \$15 and includes: Chicken breast and thigh, dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with Sausage, Carrots, Dessert and Kolaches

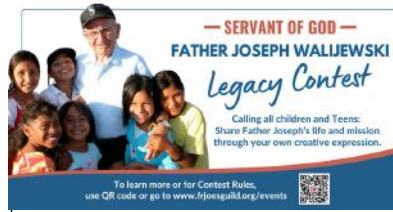
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish annual Fall Harvest Dinner & Picnic Sunday, October 4, 2026 in the Parish social hall located at 8611 State Highway 54-Almond, WI (approx 6 miles East of Plover). Serving from 10:30am-1:30pm. Featuring 3 piece Ambrosia chicken with all the fixins. Adults: \$14, Children 6-12: \$5; Under 6: FREE. Plus basket raffle, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and more. Dine in or Carry Out. Details at stmaxkolbe.org or call 715-824-3380.



Rebuild My Church. Principles for Pastoral Planning. When: Tuesday, October 6th Where: Holy Spirit Parish (Stevens Point). Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm All are invited.

Join us on a Pilgrimage to India and Sri Lanka. February 2027. Join India Mission Joy on a pilgrimage to India leaving Chicago on Thursday, February 25th and returning Tuesday, March 8th. Host church: St. Matthew, Wausau. For more information contact Fr. Peter Manickam. (715) 305-4510 or email: mpm60@gmail.com

St. Joseph Galloway Fall Breakfast. Sunday, October 11th. Buffet style breakfast. 9:30-11:30a (after 8:30am Mass). Scrambled eggs, ham & sausage, blueberry French toast bake, potato pancakes, fresh fruit, desserts and beverages!



Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski devoted his life to the poor-building churches, schools, orphanages and soup kitchens, and bringing

the love of Christ to those who needed it most. Now there's a meaningful way to introduce his story to the next generation: the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Contest.

Open to children and teens, the contest invites young people to learn about Fr. Joe's life of faith and service, then express what they've discovered through their own creativity. Entries can take almost any form-drawing, painting, storytelling, poetry, sculpture, photography, music, digital art, or another medium of the young artist's choosing.

If there's a child or teen in your life, consider encouraging them to take part. Awards will be given in three age divisions, plus a \$150 Best of Show – but more than that, it's a chance to help carry Fr. Joe's legacy forward. Entries are due October 30, 2026. Scan the QR code for the complete contest flyer, rules, and submission details.



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