



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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Fr. Jerzy Rebacz; Pastor | Deacon Art Schaller



June 7, 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

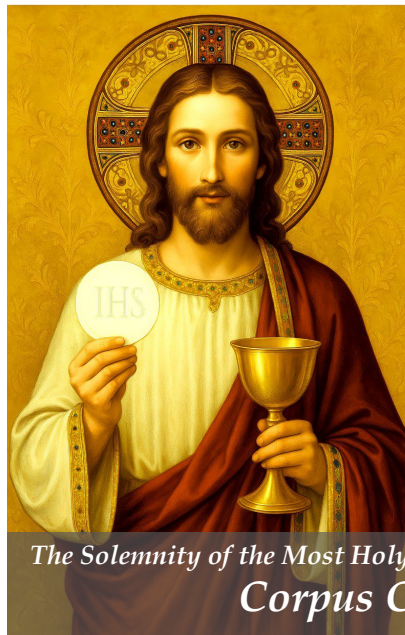
Please note: While Father Jerzy is in Poland, there will be no weekday Masses nor Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Any weekday Mass intentions previously scheduled will be listed here and honored in Father's private daily Mass.

For this upcoming week, the following Mass intention will be honored:

+Michael R. Patoka...Thursday, June 11th

Saturday, June 13th 4:00PM @ SM
+Richard Rzentkowski

Sunday, June 14th
8:30AM @ SJ +Bob & Edna Groshek
10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes



"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth.

Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

--Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi

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.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

O Precious and Wonderful Banquet

(From a sermon written by Saint Thomas Aquinas on the Feast of Corpus Christi - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ)

“Since it was the will of God’s only- begotten Son that men should share in His divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh, He dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation.

He offered His body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed His blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin.

But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us forever, He left His body as food and His blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value?

Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ Himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this?

No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it, sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all.

Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in His passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper.

As He was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with His disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of His passion. It was the fulfillment of ancient figures and the greatest of all His miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of His departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.”

Receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord:

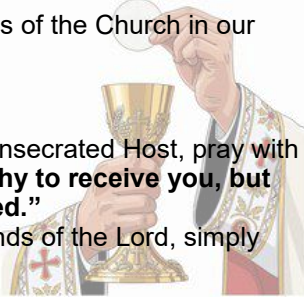
The Church asks all of us to examine our consciences to make sure we are truly prepared to receive Jesus:

- * Are we in a “state of grace,” that is, not aware of any unconfessed grave sin? If not, then we should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation first.
- * Have we observed the one-hour fast from food and drink (except for water and medicine) before receiving Our Lord?
- * Do we believe in the Real Presence; do we believe that Christ is present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity?
- * Are we faithful to the moral teachings of the Church in our personal and public lives?

At Mass:

When you are in the presence of the Consecrated Host, pray with heartfelt sincerity, **“Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.”**

With St. Thomas, who touched the wounds of the Lord, simply say, **“My Lord and my God.”**



St James

Week Ending May 31, 2026

Received \$3,636
Budget \$3,462
\$174

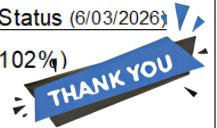


	Month of May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2025
Received	\$15,722	\$177,244	\$152,552
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$165,000</u>	
	\$722	\$12,244	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (6/03/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$28,010 (102%)
Families who have Contributed: 56



St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending May 31, 2026

Received \$4,796
Budget \$3,923
\$873

	Month of May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2025
Received	\$19,059	\$191,446	\$196,936
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$187,000</u>	
	\$2,059	\$4,446	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (6/03/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$28,280 (81%)
Families who have Contributed: 71

Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update

Gift cards are on sale this weekend! Our next sale will be on June 20th/21st., You can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

Gift cards are on sale this Sunday! Our next sale will be Sunday, June 21st. 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 help reduce our monthly Pacelli Catholic Schools assessment for each parish.



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 Gary Rzentkowski who hauled the cans to Wellers Salvage and dropped off another check for \$937 this week!

Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Derek Sakowski who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend as well as next weekend. We are so very blessed to have priests available and willing to help out. Fr. Jerzy will be returning the weekend of June 20th.

Saturday 4:00PM Mass. A reminder that 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.

Wedding Banns II

Cade Krings and Macie Cohen



Missionary Cooperative Program. Last weekend Fr. Patric shared his mission appeal on behalf of Mary Madha Catholic Television of South India. Father Patric thanks you kindly for your generosity and hospitality. If you haven't already and would like to make a donation, please use the envelope that was attached to last weekend's bulletin and drop it in the collection basket before June 30th and we will forward it to the Diocesan Mission Office. ~Thank you.



Looking ahead... Do you need extra blessings on the highway or prayers for your new teen driver? Father Jerzy will once again be offering a

blessing of vehicles after each weekend Mass on June 27th & 28th.



St Mary Annual Appeal. We still have \$6,650 needed to reach our parish goal. Time has flown....the Appeal ends in just 3 weeks! Many of you have already

generously contributed. Thank you! If you have not yet made a contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so before the June 30th deadline. Any shortfall will need to be paid using parish general funds...so please help if you are able. You can drop your donation in the weekend collection baskets, mail it directly to the Diocese, bring it to the parish office, or make your gift online.

www.sjsmmc.com/giving



Miss a Bulletin? If you forget, or are unable to get a bulletin, you can always view or download it from our website. But did you know—you can also drive up to the St James carport and any leftover bulletins from the prior weekend can be found in the black drop box. Feel free to pick one up at anytime. If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like a bulletin mailed to their residence, please let us know by contacting the parish office.



Faith Step

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."
(John 6:51)

Gospel John 6:51-58

In this Gospel, Jesus makes a remarkable promise: He gives Himself to us as the Bread of Life. He tells His followers that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood will have eternal life.

These words point directly to the gift of the Holy Eucharist, where Christ becomes truly present to nourish, strengthen, and unite us with Him.

The Eucharist is much more than a symbol or a reminder. It is Jesus giving Himself completely to us.

Every time we come to Mass, we are invited to receive the Lord who knows us, loves us, and walks with us through every joy and challenge of life. The Eucharist strengthens our faith, deepens our relationship with Christ, and sends us forth to be His presence in the world.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we are called to approach the altar with gratitude and reverence, recognizing the incredible gift God places before us. Christ feeds us so that we may become more like Him and share His love with others.

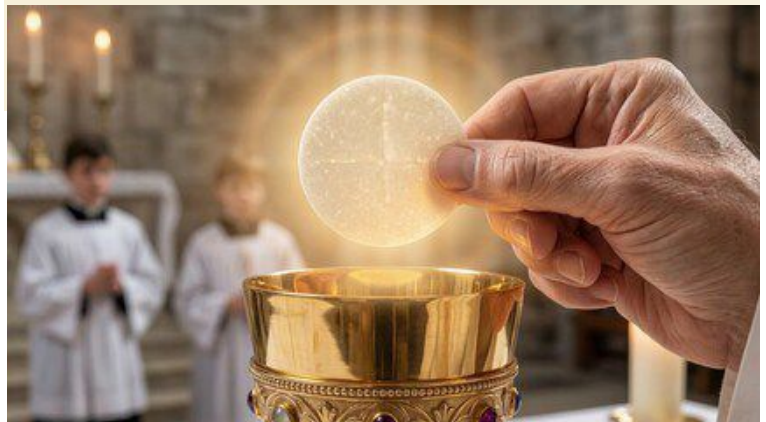
Before receiving Communion, offer a simple prayer of thanks to Jesus and ask Him to help you share His love with someone in need this week.

What is Corpus Christi?

Corpus Christi is a Latin phrase meaning "Body of Christ." The feast's full name is The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is a special day when we celebrate and honor Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.

We believe that at every Mass, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of consecration spoken by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This belief is at the heart of our Catholic faith.



My Lord and my God.

Continue to Pray for our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 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 on June 11th. Go to: relevantradio.com and scroll down to Family Rosary, 7:00 pm to pray with Father

Sacred Heart Church in Polonia will celebrate the consecration of our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12, 2026, the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; joining the U.S. bishops in celebrating the 250th anniversary of our nation! They will begin with Mass at 8:15 am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All day Adoration, concluding at 3:00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic procession, litany to the Sacred Heart and consecration and Benediction.

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.

St. Ladislaus Parish. Concerts on the Ground. Great music on select Tuesdays this summer from 6-8PM. June 16th, July 7th, 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

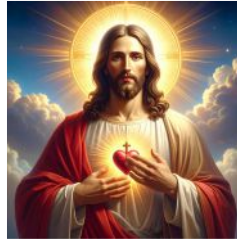
Event in Bevent. June 27-28th. St. Ladislaus Parish. Music, food,, refreshments, mini raffles, ATV raffle, Kountry Kafe, train rides, bingo Sunday at 12 noon, & much more!

Point Catholic Faith will be hosting a free Vacation Bible Camp July 21-23! All children going into grades 5K-5th are welcome to learn about how they are uniquely loved by Jesus! Adult and teen volunteers are welcome too! Contact Christine Sommers (715) 341-1617 ext 104 or dre@pointcatholicfaith.org

Threshold Retreat is for young men entering grades 9-12 who are open to the priesthood. Where: Holy Cross Diocesan Center; La Crosse. When: 4:00PM Friday, July 10th-Noon Sunday, July12th. Ends with 10:00AM Mass with Bishop Battersby. Three days of prayer, conversation, reflection and recreation on the priesthood. For more information call 608-791-2667 or visit



Stay up-to-date online at www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates



250th Anniversary! Consecrating Our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

You are invited to participate in a historic moment. As part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of our nation, the **bishops of the United**

States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11th. This consecration, a special prayer and act of blessing for our nation and its people, will take place on June 11, 2026. **You won't want to miss it!! On June 11th, the Mass of Consecration with the bishops will be live streamed at 3 pm by clicking here** or go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1WYc4TSeoo>

Or scan this QR code:



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