



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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September 6, 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 8th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Sandy Konkol

Wednesday, September 9th 8:15AM @ SM
+Ray & Verona Groholski

Thursday, September 10th 8:15AM @ SM
+Tony Bronk

Friday, September 11th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Richard Shaver

Saturday, September 12th 4:00PM @ SJ
+Pius & Philomena Selensky

Sunday, September 13th
8:30AM @ SJ +Chad J. Konkol
10:30AM @ SM +Joe & Virginia Kwiatkowski

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Lord on this Labor Day,
We thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
For everyone seeking employment,
And we ask that
You be with those whose faces
We might never see
But who work tirelessly each day
For the good of us all.
Amen

GOD
BLESS
OUR
WORK

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord."*

Colossians 3:23

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

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our relationships matter deeply to God.

When conflict or hurt comes between us, Jesus does not tell us to ignore it or walk away. Instead, He calls us to lovingly address it, with honesty and compassion.

Reconciliation requires courage. It means setting aside pride, listening with an open heart, and remembering that every person has dignity in the eyes of God. Jesus also assures us that when we gather in His name, He is present among us. We never have to face difficult conversations or broken relationships alone.

This week, let us invite Christ into our relationships. May our words bring healing rather than hurt, and may our actions help build a community rooted in forgiveness, understanding, and love.

Take the first step toward peace.

If there is someone with whom you have a disagreement or hurt, pray for the courage and humility to reach out with love. Rather than holding onto anger or resentment, ask God to help you seek understanding, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

May God give us the grace to be peacemakers and to recognize Christ's presence whenever we come together in His name.



SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip cards are on sale this weekend! Our next sale dates are September 20th and October 4th. Give Pat Zielinski a call at (715) 824-3762 to purchase cards during the week.

St. James Scrip Update

Our next sale dates are Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th...and then again on September 26th and 27th. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT



	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	\$ 3,040	\$ 2,820
- Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,456	\$2,695
- Online Giving	\$ 920	\$ 178
- Loose Offertory	\$ 410	\$ 379
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 2,786	\$3,252
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (254)	\$ 432
Other Giving:		
- Buildings & Grounds Envelopes	\$ 430	\$1,030
- Non Parishioner Donations	\$ 25	\$ 75
- St. Mary Restoration Collection ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,395	\$1,025

⁽¹⁾ All 2nd collection loose cash is reported as St. Mary. Donations made by check follow the donor's parish of registration. All donations are transferred to the Inspired Fund for SMMC loan and interest repayment.

Year to Date

YTD Budget	\$27,370	\$25,700
YTD Weekly Collections	\$27,609	\$27,204
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 239	\$ 1,504

As you notice above, our weekly collection and other giving information looks different! Following discussion at our recent Finance Council meeting, we've updated the presentation to make it more informative and current. Below is a brief explanation of the numbers shown.

The **Weekly Collection** information shows what was budgeted and what was given through weekly envelopes, online giving through WeShare, and miscellaneous cash donations placed in the offertory collection basket. The Weekly Collection Budget will vary as the months change. It will increase most noticeably in December, when there are more donations connected with Christmas and the end of the calendar year, and again during the Easter season. The **Year to Date** figures will always be current, so we can see at a glance how we are doing with weekly envelopes and offertory as the year moves along.

Other Giving will be itemized each week, giving visibility to other donations that were made.

We hope you will find this helpful in understanding some of the parish revenue sources. As the year progresses we hope to provide additional information—with our goal being greater transparency of your parish finances on a regular basis.

Thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us.

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



Priest: "Did you like my homily on 'The Milk of Human Kindness'?" Parishioner: "Yes, but I wish it had been condensed!"

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Tracy and the entire family of Chad (Joseph) Konkol. Chad passed away on August 28th and his funeral Mass was held at St. James this past Thursday. He was laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery. Please continue to pray for the repose of Chad's soul and join in offering prayers for the Konkol family, that they may find comfort and peace during this difficult time.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen*



Thank you to everyone who contributed to St. Mary's 2nd collection last weekend! Every donation is greatly appreciated and will be used to help subsidize St. Mary's renovation shortfall and short-term interest expense. A special note of thanks to St. James! In addition to cash donations through the collection basket, several SJ parishioners stepped forward with donations over and above any expectation. How well our two parishes support each other is truly very unique and special!

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.

At this time we would also like to thank Judi Marquard who has been caring for the cleaning at St. James and Deacon Art who has been caring for the cleaning at St. Mary's. Judi has decided to enjoy more time with her family and other interests while Deacon already has much on his plate with facility maintenance and his responsibilities as our Deacon. Thank you both, Deacon Art and Judi, for your hard work and a job well done!



We are excited to host our 2nd annual event!! 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 will be on sale at the parish office or after each weekend Mass at St. Mary and St. James starting next weekend— September 12th through Oct. 4th.
(Adults \$15/Children \$5 (5-12 yrs))

First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center

BANQUET OF Life *Yet to Be Born*

Banquet of Life. Once again, St. Mary's and St. James will be sponsoring a table for the Annual Banquet of Life fundraiser for First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Stevens Point. The

event, which includes dinner, will be held at **Sentry World on Thursday October 1st from 5:30-8:30pm.**

This year's speaker will be Kaeli La Russa. Her goal is to give insight on how to talk about pro life, feminism, and other social issues in a way that invites people into activated revelation from the Lord instead of deepening division.

Please consider attending this worthy event for an organization that supports many families with pregnancy and parenting support through the love of Jesus.

Call or text Jodi Glodowski at (715) 630-6827 with questions and/or a place at the table!

Televised Mass. Message from Jacob Zepp Master of Pontifical Ceremonies and Assistant Director of the Office of Sacred Worship: *"I would like to film a set of TV Masses at St. Mary Mt. Carmel in Amherst sometime in September, showing off the newly renovated and dedicated church to the whole diocese. The Diocesan TV Masses are a very effective way of reaching those who cannot attend Sunday Mass; about 10,000 people watch this Mass every Sunday."*

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.

Mark your calendars to join us for our **Next Sunday**

BBQ & Bingo!

This is a family activity for children and adults.

Sunday: September 13th

Immediately following the 10:30am Mass
Where: SMMC Church Basement

There will be a **FREE** light lunch followed by **FREE** bingo! We will have a 50/50 raffle as well as basket raffles! Everything concludes by 1:00pm
Hope to see you there!

~The SMMC Bingo Committee

All are welcome!

Area Events

Panacea! September 11th-13th @ Pacelli High School. Go to www.pacellcatholicchools.com/activities-events/panacea/ for more information.



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 post-marked 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.

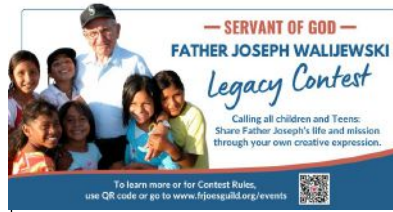
Oct. 4 – Parish Chicken Dinner – DRIVE THRU ONLY St. Wenceslaus (Milladore) serving from 11am to 1pm. Meals are \$15 and includes: Chicken breast and thigh, dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with Sausage, Carrots, Dessert and Kolaches

Point Catholic Faith Bus Trip. Clauson Family Music Show. Wednesday, October 7th. Join us as we travel for the Clauson Family Music Show. We will enjoy a tasty buffet and a lively Rock-n-Roll show. The cost for this trip is \$105/person and includes bus, buffet and show. Register today. Call the office: (715) 341-1617 or visit www.pointcatholicfaith.org/trips.

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!

Point Catholic Faith Bus Trip. Christmas Stars Show. Sunday, December 6th. Join us as we travel from St. Joseph Parish to Appleton. We will enjoy the sights and sounds of the season of Christmas Stars show; following some time at the Fox River Mall for lunch and a bit of Christmas shopping. The cost for this trip is \$50/person. Register today. Call the office: (715) 341-1617 or visit

Vendor welcome to showcase your goods at the St. Ladislaus Parish annual Fall Noodle & Bake Sale, sponsored by the St. Ladislaus Rosary Society, on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in reserving a spot, please call Sue Zajackowski (715-446-3165) or Geraldine Furmanek (715-297-1658).



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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