



**ST JAMES
ST MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISHES**

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Fr. Jerzy Rebacz; Pastor | Deacon Art Schaller



May 24, 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 intentions will be honored:

- +Arlene Domaszek...Tuesday, May 26th
- +Stephen Piesik.....Wednesday, May 27th

Saturday, May 30th 4:00PM @ SM

+Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
with no one left on earth to pray for them

Sunday, May 31st

8:30 AM @ SJ +John & Betty Kowalski
10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes

Pentecost Sunday



**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

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 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.



Faith Step

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”
(John 20:19-23)

The disciples were gathered behind locked doors, afraid and uncertain after the death of Jesus.

Into that fear, Jesus comes and says, “Peace be with you.” He does not wait until they are brave or ready. He enters their fear and fills it with His peace. Then Jesus breathes on them and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

The same Spirit that gave courage to the apostles is offered to us. Pentecost reminds us that faith is not something we carry alone. The Holy Spirit strengthens us to forgive, to trust, to speak with kindness, and to live as witnesses of Christ in everyday life.

Sometimes we lock our own hearts with worry, resentment, or doubt. Jesus continues to come to us through prayer, the sacraments, and Scripture, saying, ‘Peace be with you’.

The Holy Spirit opens what fear has closed.

This week, when you feel anxious, discouraged, or uncertain, pause and pray:

**“Come, Holy Spirit.
Fill me with Your peace and guide my actions today.”**

Then take one small step of courage, offer forgiveness, encourage someone, or speak about your faith with kindness.



Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update

Our next sale dates are June 6th/7th and 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 available this weekend! Contact Hydie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.



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!



St James

Week Ending May 17, 2026

Received \$2,462
Budget \$3,462
(\$1,000)

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



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (5/20/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$27,980 (102%)
Families who have Contributed: 56

St James received its first Appeal Rebate check from the Diocese in the amount of \$450 this past week. This was the amount exceeding the parish goal of \$27,490 as of May 12th. Any excess funds received will continue to be returned to the parish. Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's campaign!

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending May 17, 2026

Received \$3,192
Budget \$3,923
(\$731)

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



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (5/20/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$28,125 (81%)
Families who have Contributed: 71

A friendly reminder that the end of this year's Annual Appeal is quickly approaching (June 30th). Many of you have already generously contributed. Thank you! Your support is truly appreciated. If you have not yet made a contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so before the June 30th deadline passes you by. You can drop your pledge card and envelope in the weekend collection basket, mail it directly to the Diocese, mail or bring it to the parish office, or make your gift online.

www.sjsmmc.com/giving



Saturday 4:00PM Mass. 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.



On this Memorial Day weekend, let us thank and pray for all members of the military, especially those who died in service to others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives as Christ calls us to do.

Still lost! There are a few winter items still looking for their owners on the 'Lost and Found' shelf in the St James gathering space entryway. There are a couple of jackets as well as some hats and gloves.



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 of 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.

Need prayers? Let our prayer chain pray for you in time of need! We will keep your name & prayer request confidential. Names are included only if you so desire. Contact any of the following: Laurie. plhintz5@gmail.com; Darlene (715) 592-4443 or Barb (715) 824-3649.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit



O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish Thy work in the souls of Thy Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love.

- ~**Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,
- ~**The Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Thy divine truth,
- ~**The Spirit of Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven,
- ~**The Spirit of Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with Thee, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,
- ~**The Spirit of Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,
- ~**The Spirit of Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,
- ~**The Spirit of Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Father Jerzy 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. This weekend we were blessed to have Fr. Dennis Lynch.

Next weekend our parishes will be hosting Fr. Patric. He is the pastor of St. Florian Parish in Hatley and St. Agnes Parish in Weston, but he also serves as a missionary priest. Fr Patric has been assigned to our parishes as part of the Missionary Cooperative Program which takes place in our Diocese every year between May and August. Below is letter from Father Patric providing us some background information regarding his mission.

Dear Fr Jerzy Rebacz and Parishioners of St James & St Mary of Mount of Carmel,

Cordial greetings to each one of you from Madha Catholic Television! I am Fr Patric, and will be visiting your parish as a mission preacher on May 30th & 31st.

All of you know the story of "EWTN" Catholic TV channel in the US and how Mother Angelica began the media in a garage with only \$200. Today the EWTN TV Channel contributes the best level of Evangelization. In the same way "Madha TV is a Tamil language Catholic Television Channel operated in South India. The Catholic Bishops of Tamil Nadu appointed Fr Rocky as CEO for this mission. Fr Rocky & Father's team operates this TV channel for Tamil Speaking Catholics.

"Madha" is a translation of Blessed Mother Mary". As we know it is not that much of an easy task to run a TV Channel in this competitive world. Just like Mother Angelica, Fr Rocky's team pioneered their journey with very few cameras, equipment and minimum facilities. Almost 7 million people benefited from this Catholic Channel during the covid-19 crisis. Tamil speaking Catholics all over the world quenched their Spiritual thirst through this Channel. Faithful people from the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Asia and other countries regularly watch this channel.

We are very particular in naming "Madha" TV that impresses Catholic identity and helps thousands of Catholics to sustain in Catholicism amidst Pentecostal and various denominations' challenges. The telecasting infuses an effective impact on live Holy Mass, Eucharistic Devotion, Novena schedule for Blessed Virgin Mother, updating traditions, teaching of the catechism of the Catholic Church, and weekly updates of the Pope's Message to our Catholics. Large numbers of non-Christians benefitted through this evangelization media. Madha TV program is being distributed via satellite, cable network, dishnet, internet(www.madhatv.in), mobile apps too.

The Catholic Church in India is economically poor. This TV Channel is a non-commercial telecast media. We create professional quality programs to upload through satellite. Five priests are working 24/7 in the studio. 180 employers are working at different levels. The Bible productions and telecasting involves huge sacrifice, talents and finance. Mission preaching contributions and donations around the world supports a lot to this media to proclaim the Gospel.

I hope this message may help you understand about Mary "Madha TV" mission preaching. Envelopes will be available next weekend for you to take if you would like to make a donation.

Our sincere thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity.

~Fr Patric. (Mission coordinator)

Memorial Day Mass. Everyone is welcome to the Guardian Angel Cemetery in Stevens Point at 9:00AM on Memorial Day for Mass. All are encouraged to bring a chair. If there is rain that morning, the Mass will move to St Stephen's Church at 9:30AM.

Rosary Novena to the Sacred Heart. 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 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."

St. Joseph Annual Picnic, June 6-7 1709 Wyatt St, Stevens Point Events open at 5pm Saturday and again at 11am on Sunday. Join us for food, the Country Store, Raffles, and more.

Dare to Follow is for young men entering grades 6-8. Join us for activities, discernment, and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our Diocese. Where: Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse. Cost \$30 (includes meals and rooms). When: June 9-10 and August 10-11. Register online by June 2nd. www.thepriesthood.org/events or call 608-791-2667.

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.

Totus Tuus, June 14-19 SS Peter and Paul in Wisconsin Rapids This catechetical program for Catholic youth in 1st through 12th grades is dedicated to the Gospel and promoting the faith. Grades 1-6 meet June 15-19 from 8:30am-2:30pm daily; Grades 7-12 meet June 14-18 from 7:00-9:00pm daily. Cost \$35/child with \$150 max per family. For more information, please visit 222.rapidscatholic.org/youth-ministry or you may email maggiekosloski@gmail.com.

Event in Bevent. June 27-28th.

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, July 12th. 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 www.thepriesthood.org/events.



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



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.



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