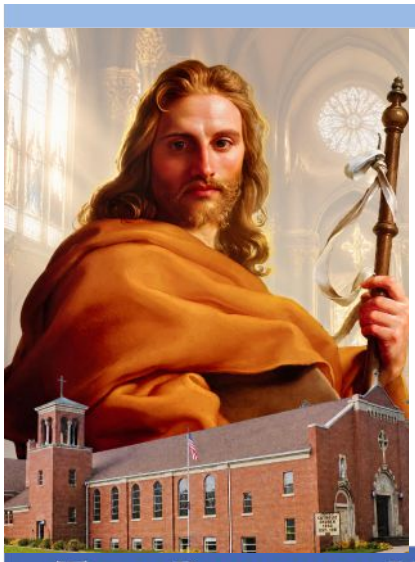


St. James
St. Mary of Mount Carmel
Catholic Parishes

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Two Parishes United in Faith, Community, and Tradition

Welcome

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 27th 8:15AM @ SJ
Living & Deceased Members of the Bronis & Kinga Konkol Family

Wednesday, October 28th 8:15AM @ SM
+Albert Kubisiak

Thursday, October 29th 8:15AM @ SM
+Gregory Stanke

Friday, October 30th 8:15AM @ SJ
+David R. Dombrowski

Saturday, October 31st 4:00PM @ SJ
+Richard & Pauline Miller

Sunday, November 1st
8:30AM @ SJ For parishioners who have passed away this past year
10:30AM @ SM For parishioners who have passed away this past year



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

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:34-40

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the heart of our Christian life is love.

When asked which commandment is the greatest, He brings everything back to two essential relationships: our love for God and our love for our neighbor.

Jesus also teaches us that we cannot separate our love for God from our love for others. We show our love for Him through patience, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, and generosity. Sometimes, loving our neighbor means offering a helping hand. Other times, it means listening without judgment, forgiving someone who has hurt us, or choosing gentle words when anger would be easier.

This Gospel invites us to examine our hearts.
- Are we loving others as God loves us?
- Are we making room for Him in our daily lives?

We do not have to perform extraordinary acts to live this commandment. Often, holiness begins with small, faithful choices made with great love. When we love God wholeheartedly and treat others with the love and dignity they deserve, we make Christ's presence visible in the world.

Love as Jesus loves.

Before reacting to a difficult person or situation, pause and ask yourself: "What would love ask me to do right now?"

At the end of the day, reflect on this question:
Did my words, actions, and choices today bring me closer to God and help others experience His love?

Remember, you do not need to be perfect to love as Jesus teaches. You only need to keep opening your heart to His grace and begin again each day.

Lord, Teach Me to Love

Heavenly Father,
help me to love You
with all my heart, soul, and mind.
Teach me to love my neighbor
with kindness, patience,
and compassion.
Give me a forgiving heart
and help me see Your presence
in everyone I meet.
May my words and actions
reflect Your love each day.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Stewardship
A way of living

	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	**$ 3,050**	**$ 2,900**
- Adult Envelopes	$ 2,691	$ 1,293
- Online Giving	$ 280	$ 331
- Loose Offertory	$ 331	$ 380
Total Weekly Collection	**$ 3,302**	**$ 2,004**
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 252**	**$ (896)**
Other Giving:		
- Non Parishioner Donations	$ 75	$ 75
- Aluminum Can Recycling	$ 344	$ 344
- Taste of Our Heritage Net Proceeds	$ 839	$ 839

Year to Date

YTD Budget	**$ 48,620**	**$ 46,000**
YTD Weekly Collections	$ 49,834	$ 46,746
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 1,214**	**$ 746**

MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION

2026 - 2027 Annual Appeal

Goal	$ 36,495	$ 28,170
$ Pledged to Date	$ 615	$ 1,550
% to Goal	2%	6%
# Families Participating	4	5

SMMC Scrip Update
Our next sale date is November 1st. Give Pat Zielinski a call at (715) 824-3762 to purchase cards during the week.

St. James Scrip Update
Our next sale dates are October 31st and November 1st. Contact Hydie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

If you plan on doing any shopping or gifting or have a special project coming up - especially with Thanksgiving right around the corner - why not buy your cards from Pat or Hydie? It costs you nothing extra - and takes only a few minutes to stop by the scrip table before or after Mass. Looking for a card that isn't normally stocked? Talk to Pat or Hydie - they'll be happy to help you out!

Money earned fom our scrip sales is used to help reduce our monthly Pacelli schools assessment from each parish.



Thank you Gary Rzentkowski for taking yet another load of aluminum cans from Tomorrow River BP to Wellers Salvage! Gary dropped off a check for $688 for our parishes this week. **Thank you** also to everyone who takes the time to save and drop your aluminum cans at the BP station. You are truly making a difference!

Our sympathy is extended to Germaine and the entire family of Cas Trzebiatowski who passed away on October 14th. Cas' funeral Mass was held at St. Mary of Mount Camel this past Tuesday and afterwards he was laid to rest in the parish cemetery. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his family and friends who mourn his passing

Eternal rest grant until 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.

Monday, November 2nd is All Soul's Day. The Church observes All Souls' Day, as a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. Next week's bulletin will have more information about the importance of remembering and praying for those who have passed from this earthly life.

All Soul's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation; however Fr. Jerzy will be celebrating Mass on that day. **If you are able, please mark your calendar to attend Mass on Monday, November 2nd at 8:15am at St. Mary** as we pray for those who have gone before us.

Next Sunday, at the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses, we will remember parishioners who have passed away through October 1st with a special Memorial Service.



Fall Back!

Daylight saving time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, Nov. 1, when clocks move back one hour to 1:00am. Don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday evening - or you'll be really early for Mass on Sunday morning!

A HUGE Thank you to all of our generous and wonderful gift card donors who helped support our recent Taste of Our Heritage event!

Ambrosia Pub & Grill
Stepping Stone Salon
Amherst Family Foods
The Landmark, Amherst
International Bank of Amherst
Smokey Spur Bar & Grill
Bootlegger's Bar & Grill
Ralph's Auto & Truck Service
Angelina's Salon, Amherst
Amherst Spirit Wear
Whitetail Lanes, Amherst
Maria's Supper Club, Amherst
Neuville Motors, Waupaca
Grit & Grace Family Restaurant



IMPORTANT AND EXCITING NEWS!

St James Restoration Project is scheduled to begin in November! (You can see the proposed rendering our parish website.) Next Sunday, November 1st will be the last Mass at St. James until the completion of the project and the Dedication of the new Altar of Sacrifice. During the restoration, all Masses will take place at St. Mary of Mount Carmel.

Beginning November 2nd:

- Due to the scaffolding and construction, there will no longer be access to the church or sacristy.
- The parish office will be open as usual.
- Council & committee meetings will continue to take place in the St. James gathering area.
- All Religious Education classes will take place at St. Mary.

Coffee & Donut Social! Be sure to join us next Sunday after the 8:30am Mass for our monthly Coffee and Donut social! While the monthly Coffee & Donut socials will continue (future socials will be held at St. Mary's), this will be last one held at St. James until our church re-opens! Everyone is welcome!



2026 Confirmation. The Confirmation Mass will take place at 4:30pm on Sunday, November 8th at St. Mary of Mount Carmel. Please pray for the continued spiritual journey of the confirmation candidates.



John Benjamin
Sawyer Cohen
Ava Dambroski
Landon Dambroski
Jacob Marcott
Rachel Portmann
Jordynn Stuczynski

Join the fun this Sunday, October 25th...and then again on November 22nd! The last session will be on December 13th!



Area Events

St Phllip Church, Rudolph. Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale. Sunday, November 1st. Serving 8:00am - 12 noon. Wagner Hall. Adult $10. Ages 6-12 $5. 5 and under - Free. All proceeds and matching funds will be used to upgrade the church parking lot.

St Adalbert's Catholic School is hosting Glow Bingo November 6th in the church hall. Doors open at 4pm and bingo starts at 6pm. There will be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments for sale. Best dressed neon costume contest happens during intermission. There will be a food drive for the Rosholt food pantry. If you bring a donation, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

Sacred Heart Steak Night Dinner & Raffle. Saturday, November 7th, at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia. Dinner tickets cost $35 per person and can be bought at the following locations: Sacred Heart Parish Office, Polonia Cafe, Sylvia's, and Pineries Bank. Dinner service will begin after the 4:00pm Mass. The raffle drawing will be held at 7:00pm.

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, November 8, 2026 from 8:30AM to 11:30am at St. Bronislava Catholic Church located at 3200 Plover Rd in Plover. The Menu includes buttermilk & potato pancakes, French toast, breakfast sausage links & ham (Limit 4 in combo), milk, juice & coffee. Cost is $10.00 for ages 13-adult, $4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 & under. The meal is cooked by the men of Holy Name and table service is provided by St Bron's Boy Scout troop #201. Proceeds from the breakfast go towards the Parish, School & Youth Needs. Thank you for your support

Nov. 14 - Take and Bake Fruit Pie Sale (St. Wenceslaus PCCW, Milladore) is selling Fruit pies from 2pm to 4pm with the following flavors: Cherry, Blueberry, Peach, Apple, and Cranberry Walnut along with Personal Hand Pies, while supplies last.

Sacred Heart Parish Soup Sale sponsored by PCCW will be November 14th and November 15th. Soups are Chicken Noodle Soup (with homemade noodles) and Vegetable Beef Barley Soup for $10.00 per quart. Preorder only by calling Betty Ostrowski at 715-592-4003. The last day to place your order is Sunday, November 8th . Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish and memo PCCW Soup Sale. Payments can be mailed to Sacred Heart Parish 7379 Church St Custer WI 54423. Pick up will start Saturday November 14th between 10:00am and 3:45pm and Sunday November 15th before and after the Mass.

St. Bronislava Progressive Bingo. November 14th. Doors open at 4:30pm. Bingo starts at 5:30pm Concessions available. Bingo Cards 6 face $10 / 9 face $13. Progressive Black Out cards: $3|$6|$9 Cash Only.

St. Therese, Schofield. Holiday Showcase November 21st 9:00am - 3:00pm. Free admission. 65 craft vendors. Bake sale & raffle.

St. Bronislava. Craft & Vendor Sale. November 22nd. 9AM_12noon. Come for a relaxed shopping experience and stay for lunch.

2026 Community Thanksgiving Dinner November 26 from 11am till 1:30pm Local area communities will be uniting again to provide a bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community which supports this Thanksgiving gathering at St. Bronislava Parish. Many local churches will be uniting their time, talent and treasures to provide this free event. Also, donations from area organizations and private donors have helped to cover the cost of the meals. Watch for future bulletin announcements for how you and your family can help out with this community event. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee is in need of a lead team volunteer that would like to work with volunteers. Please contact Kay Martin at (715) 697-0999.

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