



## St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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

Parish Website: [sjsmmc.com](http://sjsmmc.com)

Fr. Jerzy Rebacz; Pastor | Deacon Art Schaller



## August 23, 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, August 25th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
Living & Deceased Members of the  
Thomas P. & Alice Ehr Family

**Wednesday, August 26th** 8:15AM @ SM  
+Tom Printz

**Thursday, August 27th** 8:15AM @ SM  
+Dave Stoltz

**Friday, August 28th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
Living & Deceased Members of the  
John & Lillian Wierzba Family

**Saturday, August 29th** 4:00PM @ SJ  
+Tony & Ramona Zblewski

**Sunday, August 30th**  
8:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes  
10:30AM @ SM +Richard Shaver & +Richard Labandz

**O Mary Immaculate Queen**, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph.

We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen.

**O Mary Immaculate Queen, Pray for us.**



### 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 are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*  
— Matthew 16:16

Jesus asks His disciples a question that reaches into every heart: *"Who do you say that I am?"* Peter answers with faith, recognizing Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus asks us that same question today.

It is easy to say that Jesus is our Lord, but our true answer is shown by how we live—with love, forgiveness, compassion, and trust. Like Peter, we are called to place our faith in Jesus and allow Him to guide our lives.

Jesus then gives Peter a special mission:  
*"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."*

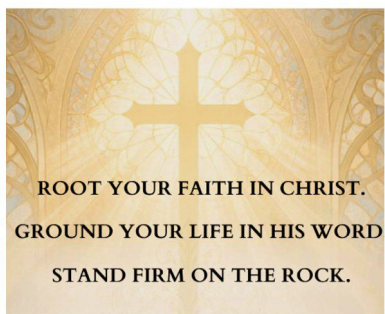
These words remind us that our Catholic Church is built upon the faith of the Apostles and continues to guide us in following Christ. Jesus gives Peter the authority to "bind" and "loose," entrusting him with the responsibility of guiding and caring for His people.

Through Peter and his successors, the Pope, the Church continues this mission today.

We, too, are part of this living Church. Our faith is not meant to be lived alone. We are called to support one another, forgive one another, and help build up the Church through our love and service.

**This week, ask yourself:**  
**"How can I help build up Christ's Church?"**

Look for one simple way to serve, encourage, forgive, or reach out to someone in need.



## Is God calling you to become a Deacon?

**Men—Are you feeling called** to serve the Church in deeper ways?

Bishop Battersby invites men throughout the Diocese of La Crosse to prayerfully discern a call to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacons. A Discernment Retreat will be held November 6-7, 2026. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Riedl, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, at [rriedl@diolclergy.org](mailto:rriedl@diolclergy.org) or (608)791-2665.

### St James

Week Ending August 16, 2026

Received \$2,769  
Budget \$3,462  
(\$693)

|          | Month of July 2026           | Month of July 2025 |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Received | \$12,703                     | \$14,624           |
| Budget   | <u>\$15,000</u><br>(\$2,298) | \$14,624           |

### St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending August 16, 2026

Received \$2,106  
Budget \$3,923  
(\$1,817)

|          | Month of July 2026           | Month of July 2025 |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Received | \$11,612                     | \$14,669           |
| Budget   | <u>\$17,000</u><br>(\$5,389) | \$14,669           |

**Friendly Reminder....Are you making donations your parish or to the Inspired Campaign using a 3rd party investment or retirement firm?** If so, please be sure to contact your investment/retirement firm and ensure that your name AND the parish name are being printed somewhere on the check, or the check stub, when they issue the check. This information is needed so that your parish account is properly credited for your donation. Once your donation is made, it can also be helpful to notify the parish office. This will also help ensure we are aware of your donation and that it has been posted to your account properly. ~Thank you.

### SMMC Scrip Update

Our next scrip sale dates are September 6th and 20th! Give Pat Zielinski a call at (715) 824-3762 to purchase and deliver cards to you during the week.

### St. James Scrip Update

Scrip will be sold next weekend— Saturday, August 29th and Sunday, August 30th. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT



We pray for all those who have been absent from our parish community and from Sunday Mass. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, please prepare the way for conversations and invitations that will welcome them home to the Catholic Church and our parish family. Amen.



## Faith Formation

**Classes begin in just over 2 weeks!** Parents—if you haven't registered your children yet, kindly do so now. You can find and download all of the necessary registration forms and class schedules from our parish website [www.sjsmmc.com/ccd](http://www.sjsmmc.com/ccd). The registration fee for parishioners is \$75/child (\$150 max per family). The registration fee for non-parishioners is \$150/child.



➡ **There is still a need for a facilitator** of the Chosen program from Ascension for Grades 9 & 10. Consider co-teaching with a friend or spouse. (Additional room aids for the other grades are also needed and welcomed.) If you even thought about it just now...even a little bit...listen and respond to that call! You know more than you think you do and we will assist you with what you need!

If interested in learning more about the program, please contact Michelle at [sjsmdre@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmdre@gmail.com).

*Teach our children to pray.  
Share with them what is good, true and beautiful in the world.*



### Next weekend—August 29th & 30th we

will have a 2nd collection after Holy Communion at each Mass. Moving forward, we will continue to take up this collection on the last weekend of every month. For the benefit of St James parishioners who may be unaware, St Mary's restoration encountered several unanticipated issues resulting in a cost overrun above what has been pledged for the project. (If you are a St Mary parishioner and have not received the letter mailed at the end of July summarizing the project costs and funding, please contact the parish office.) The 2nd collection of each month will be used to help subsidize the 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 for your contribution, please place your donation in a plain white envelope marked with your name. ~ *Thank you.*



**Save the Date: Saturday, October 10th**



A priest told his congregation "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my homily, I want you all to read Mark 17". The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his homily, he asked how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The priest smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



## THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY – August 22

*"Since the great Virgin Mary was raised to the dignity of Mother of the King of Kings, the Church justly honors her and wishes that she be honored with the glorious title of Queen." —St. Alphonsus de Liguori*

On October 11, 1954, four years after the proclamation of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII instituted the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary with his encyclical letter, *Ad Caeli Reginam* (The Queen of Heaven).

This memorial was first assigned the date May 31, which followed the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. However, in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the date to August 22, eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In large part, this was done to create an octave of anticipation and to show that the Assumption necessarily results in the Mother of God being also the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth.

As Queen, Mother Mary not only intercedes on our behalf, she also acts as her Son's mediator. From her heavenly throne, the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth is entrusted with the grace of God. She is not the source, but she is privileged to be the instrument of distribution.

As a loving mother, nothing pleases her more than to lavish every good thing upon her children on earth. She longs to gather all of her children together in Heaven, with and in her divine Son.

Though the liturgical and theological evolution of this memorial might seem complex, the heart of it is simple. We not only have a mother in Heaven, we also have a Queen Mother.

As Mary is the Queen Mother of God, we must turn to her with childlike faith and simplicity. As a young child runs to a loving mother in time of need, never questioning her love, protection, and care, so we must run to Mary. She is our protectress, our refuge, our hope, and our sweet delight. Her affection is perfect and her motherly love unmatched.

As we honor the Queen of Heaven, ponder the Church's ever-deepening understanding of her role. As the Church has increased its comprehension of Mary's exalted role through the centuries, we must individually make this discovery throughout our lives.

**Turn to her, seek her prayers, rely upon her intercession, and honor her as your mother and your queen.**

*Mother and Queen of Heaven, this day I run to you as a child with confidence and trust. You are the glorious Queen Mother, reigning over all of your children with love and mercy. Please pray for me and bestow upon me all that I need. I open my heart to the grace of your Son, which you are entrusted to dispense. Make me holy and free from sin, so you can present me spotless and pure to your beloved Son, the King of the Universe.*

**Queen of Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.**

**Job Posting.** School Custodian. St. Stephen Parish in Stevens Point is in need of a motivated individual to aid in the upkeep of the school building. This part-time position would be Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. when school is in session, with flexible hours when school is not. For information, please call the parish office at 715-341-1617 ext. 101 or visit [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/jobs](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/jobs)

**Job Posting.** St Adalbert parish is now accepting applications for Part-Time Office Associate to work in the Parish/School office. Job duties include secretarial skills, church bulletin editing, website updating, and communication skills with parishioners, school families, and the general public. Previous experience desired, but not required. (715) 677-4519. Apply by September 17th.

**St. Bronislava Belltower Bash.** August 29th-30th. We look forward to seeing you at the Belltower Bash for a Classic Cookout, Mexican Food, Bake Sale, cake Walk, Bingo, Main Raffle, Live Music and more!

**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](http://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!

**GIVEN: Unveiling the Mysteries of Marriage One Day Retreat.** Saturday Oct 17, 2026 from 8AM-2:30PM at St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point. *"God destined us to experience communion with our spouse as an expression of our communion with him. This is what we vowed when we married and what it means to be devoted."* (Schuchts 171). All ages and stages of married, engaged, and dating couples are encouraged to attend. More information and registration information at <https://tinyurl.com/5n99zzhk>

**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 [www.pointcatholicfaith.org/trips](http://www.pointcatholicfaith.org/trips).

**Divine Image Sisters (in Polonia).** Convent Gazebo Gift Shop located in the convent grounds behind the convent building. Open daily and self serve. Check it out!  
• Rummage Sale every Saturday until October 10th. Items are still being accepted! Please call the convent at 715-592-4213 or 715-340-2006 if you would like to donate anything to our rummage sale. ~Thank you

## Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one is in need of the Anointing Sacrament, especially before a hospital stay or procedure, please contact the parish office. Keep in mind that hospitals do not automatically notify the parish or priest.

## Marriage

Couples requesting the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the office at the time of engagement, at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. If a couple wishes to be married as a registered parish member, they must actively participate in the faith (Sunday worship) and be a registered member of our parish at least 3 months prior to requesting the Sacrament of Marriage. Weddings are not celebrated during Lent.

## Baptism

Parents may request the baptism of their infant at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. Family should be members of our parish, they must actively participate in the faith (Sunday worship) and be a registered member of our parish. To request baptism, please call the parish office at (715) 824-3455.

## Parish Staff

### Office

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Please send your bulletin requests via email by 4:30pm Tuesday.

## Church Councils

### Pastoral Council

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### Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs

**Family Life....**Laura Gould

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