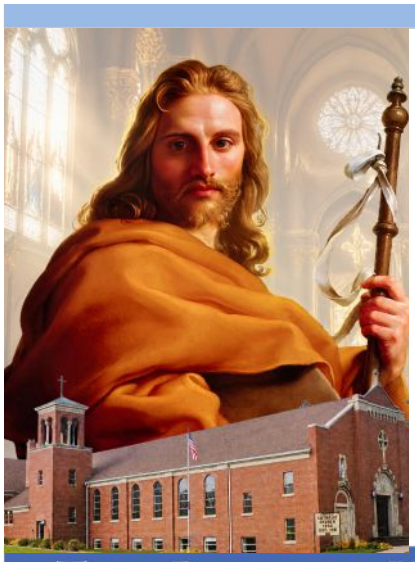


St. James
St. Mary of Mount Carmel
Catholic Parishes

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8:30AM—1:00PM
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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 20th 8:15AM @ SJ
No Mass and No Liturgy of the Word ←
(Due to previous and current scheduling conflicts)

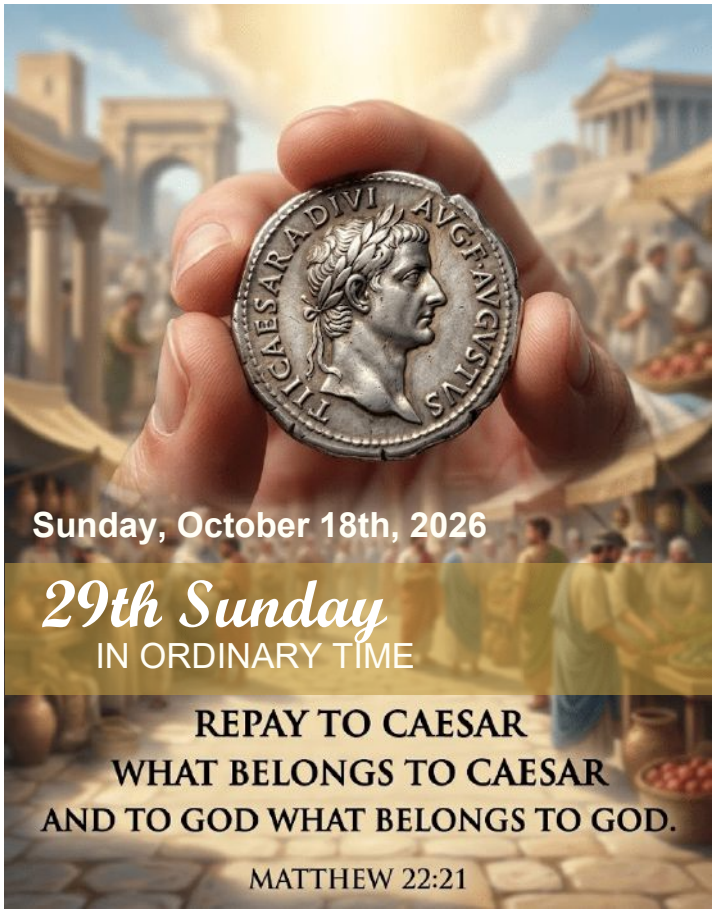
Wednesday, October 21st 8:15AM @ SM
+Mike Trzebiatowski

Thursday, October 22nd 8:15AM @ SM
+Chad J. Konkol

Friday, October 23rd 8:15AM @ SJ
+Bob Helbach

Saturday, October 24th 4:00PM @ SJ
+Alvin Probst

Sunday, October 25th
8:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM +Joe Modrzewski



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

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."
Matthew 22:21

In this Gospel, Jesus tells us, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

The people were trying to trap Jesus with a difficult question, but His answer reminds us that while we have responsibilities in our daily lives, our greatest responsibility is to God.

We may carry many duties as family members, friends, and members of our community, but we must never forget that God deserves a special place in our hearts. We belong to Him, and He calls us to live with love, honesty, kindness, and compassion.

Giving to God what belongs to God means more than attending Mass or saying our prayers. It means allowing our faith to guide our choices, forgiving those who hurt us, helping those in need, and treating every person with dignity and respect.

The question for us is simple:
Are we giving God our very best, or only what is left over?

Each day is an opportunity to put God first and let His love shine through us.

This week, put God first in one small but meaningful way. Offer a helping hand, forgive someone, make time for prayer, or show kindness to someone who feels forgotten. Let your actions reflect the love of God living in your heart.

A Prayer to Put God First

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of life and for Your loving presence in our hearts. Help us to fulfill our daily responsibilities while always remembering that we belong to You. Teach us to put You first in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. May we show Your love through our kindness, patience, and compassion toward others. Guide us each day to live our faith with grateful hearts and to give You not just a little of ourselves, but our very best.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Stewardship
A way of living

	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	**$ 3,050**	**$ 2,900**
- Adult Envelopes	$ 2,390	$ 1,625
- Online Giving	$ 1,080	$ 601
- Loose Offertory	$ 216	$ 385
Total Weekly Collection	**$ 3,686**	**$ 2,611**
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 636**	**$ (289)**
Other Giving:		
- Non Parishioner Donations	$ 0	$ 100
- Buildings & Grounds Envelopes	$ 50	$ 0
Year to Date		
YTD Budget	**$ 45,570**	**$ 43,100**
YTD Weekly Collections	$ 46,532	$ 44,742
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 962**	**$ 1,642**

MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION

2026 - 2027 Annual Appeal

Goal	$ 36,495	$ 28,170
$ Pledged to Date	$ 565	$ 1,510
% to Goal	1.5%	5.4%
# Families Participating	4	5

REMINDER

2nd Collection. Time is flying by! Next Weekend is already the last full weekend of the month. We will have our month-end 2nd collection after Holy Communion to help subsidize St. Mary's restoration funding shortfall and short-term interest expense. Writing a check? Please make the check payable to 'Inspired by the Spirit'. If you would like to receive credit for your cash contribution on your year-end statement (from the Diocese), please place your donation in an envelope marked with your name.



SMMC Scrip Update
Scrip is on sale this Sunday! 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
Contact Hydie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

GriefShare

Grief Share Support Group. Our next series of sessions will be held at 4:30pm on Mondays at the Jensen Center in Amherst—beginning this Monday, October 19th. However, you can join at any time. Kindly contact one of our co-facilitators prior to your first session. Please also feel free to contact Shawn or Cindi if you have questions and would like more information. Shawn: (715) 570-5082 Cindi: (715) 570-0755

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Chet Suski who passed away on October 10th. Chet's funeral was held at St. Mary of Mount Camel on Saturday, October 17th and he was laid to rest in the parish cemetery. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of those 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.

Our deepest gratitude to our catechists. We extend our heartfelt thank-you to our dedicated volunteer catechists. Week after week, you open your hearts, give your time and talents, and plant the seeds of our Catholic faith in the next generation. We are deeply grateful for your patience, your preparation, your prayer, and your 'yes' to this vital ministry. May the Lord continue to guide you and your families.

Grade 1: Kristin Steffen; Aid: Addy Allen
Grade 2: Lauren Griggs
Grade 3: Matt and Amanda Uher
Grade 4: Kayla Pacocha
Grade 5: Claudine Fredy
Grade 6: Julie Humphrey
Grades 7 & 8: Cameron Griggs
Confirmation 1 & 2 (Grades 9 &10):
Taylor Modrzewski & Jodi Glodowski
Confirmation 3 (Grade 11): Cindi Borski

Thank you

We also extend our deep gratitude to our DRE, Michelle Shulfer. Our parishes are deeply blessed by your dedication and the passion you bring to helping our families grow closer to Christ.

IMPORTANT AND EXCITING NEWS!

In case you missed last weekend's bulletin insert the St James Restoration Project is scheduled to begin in November! (You can see the proposed rendering our parish website.) 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.

St Mary & St. James Coat Drive. If you have any new or gently-used winter coats (or gloves,mittens, scarves) that could be donated, please place in the designated boxes at either St. James or St. Mary's. They will be donated to those in need via Operation Bootstrap.

We are collecting now through October 24th.
If you have any questions, please call Laurie Hintz at (715) 592-4604. *Thank you so much!*



The Taste of Our Heritage event was held this past Saturday. It was another fun-filled, food-filled evening! Many thanks go to our very talented cooks and bakers and to all the workers who set up and cleaned up!

Fr. Jerzy, his sister (Jenny) and his niece (Agnes)
Gilbert Patoka
Ruth Allen
Sarah & Josh Wilson
Evelyn Schug
Lydia Obremski
Judy Zinda
Jacob Prater & family
Pat Zielinski
Andy Andrich & family
Mitchell Patoka
Jeremy Patoka
Mike Juris
Karen Piesik
Bob & Rita Schilling
Julie Glodowski
Sarah Eron
Cindi Borski
Helen Damask

And of course, thank you to our guests!
We'll see you next fall for our 3rd Annual Event!



By now you've likely heard that Pope Leo XIV was diagnosed with lung cancer after surgery in Rome on Tuesday. The good news this morning is that he's eating, walking around his room, and recovering as his doctors hoped.

Please keep our Holy Father in your prayers.



Prayer for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker,"because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction.

Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. O St Peregrine, pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, gather our Holy Father under your mantle. Stay close to him in his suffering and comfort him as you comforted your Son. Bring our prayers to the Lord, that He may grant him healing and give him strength to keep shepherding the Church and serving the world. Amen.

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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