



# ST JAMES ST MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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8:30AM—1:00PM

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## April 19, 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, April 21st** 8:15AM @ SJ  
Living & Deceased Members of the  
John & Lillian Wierzba Family

**Wednesday, April 22nd** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Stephen Kaminski

**Thursday, April 23rd** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Dorothy Belohlavek

**Friday, April 24th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
Living & Deceased Members of the  
Rzentkowski Family

**Saturday, April 25th** 4:00PM @ SJ  
+Frances Berna

**Sunday, April 26th**  
8:30 AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes  
10:30AM @ SJ +Lucille Patoka



### Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of  
Your Son  
has given us new life  
and renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new  
people  
in pursuit of the  
Christian ideal.  
Grant us wisdom  
to know what we must  
do,  
the will to want to do it,  
and the strength to  
complete it.  
In your sacred name,  
we pray.  
Amen.

### Exposition and Benediction Schedule

The First Thursday and the First Friday of every month following the morning Mass at St. James.

### Confession Schedule

After weekday Masses\* and Saturday at 3:30 PM at St. James.

Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass\* at St. James.

\*Kindly leave a note in the sacristy if you need Father to hear your confession after Mass-no names needed.



### Faith Step

#### Are your eyes open to the Resurrection?

The disciples walk alongside the risen Jesus without recognizing Him. It was in the breaking of the bread, that “their eyes were opened.” This moment reminds us that seeing the Resurrection is not simply about physical sight, but about the openness of our hearts.

How often do you walk through your days without noticing Christ beside you? Are you preoccupied, burdened by worry, disappointment, or routine?

Yet the risen Lord is present, gently drawing near. The Resurrection should call you to pause and look again.

- \* Do you recognize Him in the kindness of others, in moments of peace, in quiet of prayer?
- \* Do you allow Scripture to speak to your heart?
- \* Do you approach the Eucharist expecting to encounter Him?

Lord, stay with me.  
 Open my eyes to see You,  
 my heart to understand You,  
 and my life to follow You.

May I recognize You not only in extraordinary moments, but in the simple, sacred rhythms of each day.



Do you recognize  
**JESUS**  
 beside you?



### St James

Week Ending April 12, 2026

Received \$3,115  
 Budget \$3,462  
 (\$347)

	Month of Mar 2025	Fiscal YTD Mar 2025	Fiscal YTD Mar 2024
Received	\$25,887	\$147,239	\$120,308
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$135,000</u>	
	\$10,887	\$12,239	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (4/15/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$27,710 (101%)  
 # Families who have Contributed: 55

### St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending April 12, 2026

Received \$3,244  
 Budget \$3,923  
 (\$679)

	Month of Mar 2025	Fiscal YTD Mar 2025	Fiscal YTD Mar 2024
Received	\$17,732	\$150,923	\$158,509
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$153,000</u>	
	\$732	(\$2,077)	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (4/15/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$26,470 (76%)  
 # Families who have Contributed: 66

### Blessings on your First Holy Communion!

*My Lord Jesus Christ,  
 I firmly believe that I am  
 About to receive,  
 In Communion, Your Body,  
 Your Blood, Your Soul,  
 And Your Divinity.  
 I love you above all things,  
 And I desire to possess  
 You within my soul.  
 I believe it because You have  
 Said it, and I am ready to  
 Give my life to maintain  
 This truth.*



#### St Mary

Alena Andrich  
 Reece Held  
 Knox Ligman  
 Anastasia Russell  
 Calum Stiteley  
 Ava Uhr

#### St James

Gabriel Griggs  
 Peyton Kubowski  
 Eleanore Prater  
 Ernest Ruechel  
 Ryder Sankey  
 Levi Skibicki

### Scrip Gift Cards

#### SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip is on sale this weekend! Our next sale will be May 3rd and then again the weekend of May 16th/17th. You can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

#### St. James Scrip Update

Our next sale will be April 26th (8:30am Mass). Contact Hydie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

Money earned from our scrip sales is used to reduce our monthly Pacelli Catholic Schools assessment for each parish.

Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH!

A huge thank you to Gary Shulfer, Pete Suski, Woody Arch, and Norbert Omernik who spent hours helping Deacon Art at St Mary's with clean up around the church and cemetery

grounds from the recent snow and ice storms. Thank you also to the Central Sands Community High School students who helped with the smaller branches and debris clean-up. There is still more work to be done, so if your schedule allows and you would like to help—even for a short time, feel free to contact Deacon. We are always so grateful for the willingness of our parish families to share their time. May God bless you always!



**The Great Adventure Bible Study.** On Monday, April 20th, Jeff Cavins will be guiding us through Session 11 of the Book of Matthew, Chapter 10, giving us insight into “*Jesus Commissions the Twelve*”. Jeff Cavins will help us to understand that the number twelve is significant in that the nation of Israel was built from the twelve sons (tribes) of Jacob, who was called Israel. Jeff will explain what mission Jesus gave His apostles. Does Jesus give us a similar mission today? Join us for this informative lesson. We will meet on April 20th at St. James at 5:30PM.

Everyone is welcome!

LOST & FOUND



**Throughout the winter months**, there were a number of mittens, gloves, and jackets left behind in the church. Please check the Lost & Found area located at the gathering space entryway if any of these items belong to your family.

GriefShare

Grief Support Group

The GriefShare Program continues into its 10th year of service. Are you experiencing the grief related to the passing of a loved one—whether a recent or past death?

Our next GriefShare support group begins soon. We hope you will consider joining us or pass along this information to someone you know who is grieving a loss. This is a faith-based program that incorporates viewing DVD clips with discussion. A loss may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it's been, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

Our next series of sessions will run from **April 27th until June 15th** at the Jensen Center in Amherst. You can join at any time. We'll begin at 6:30PM with an approximate end time of 8:15PM.

Please contact one of our co-facilitators prior to the 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

**The re-opening is almost here!** The Mass for the Dedication of St. Mary Church and its altar will be held on Sunday, May 10th @ 10:30AM. During this Mass, Bishop Battersby will consecrate the church and its altar for permanent worship. He will anoint the altar and the walls of the church with Sacred Chrism, setting them apart for God forever! All are invited to this Mass and to a luncheon afterwards.



A reminder that help is needed to get things ready for the luncheon, ie cleaning and setting up the tables/ chairs as well as for the actual luncheon prep and clean-up afterwards. Please return the sign-up form located in this weekend's bulletin— either drop it off at the parish office or drop it in next weekend's collection basket. Thank you kindly!

**Planning ahead**—On Mother's Day weekend (May 9th & May 10th) our parishes will be participating in the annual Right to Life Rose Sale. Roses will be available after the 4:00PM Mass on May 9th and again after the 8:30AM Mass on May 10th. (Due to the Dedication Mass and luncheon at St. Mary's, roses will not be available on May 10th after the 10:30AM Mass.) This is a beautiful way to remember all mothers—living or deceased. The suggested donation is \$2.00/rose. 100% of the proceeds go to the Portage County Right to Life—which is a chapter of the Wisconsin Right to Life.



**Did you know?** All bulletins on our website are in color. If you have access to the internet, pictures are much clearer than the printed black/white version. Go to [www.sjsmmc.com](http://www.sjsmmc.com) then click on 'Bulletins'.



**Mandatory Bulletin Posting:  
DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR  
REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:**

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate, and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor, or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to submit their reports directly to the appropriate civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

**Our Lady of Guadalupe coming to Saint Peter Stevens Point!** The international Pilgrim Mother Image will be coming to Saint Peter parish April 16 through 22nd. Registration is not required, but it is recommended to save your spot. For complete schedule of events and to [register](#), please go to St. Peter's website <https://>

**Wisconsin March for Life.** Saturday, April 25th from 2-4PM. Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps. 2E Main Street, Madison, WI. All are invited to participate. Signs will be provided.

**Rosary Novena to the Sacred Heart.** "When a Nation turns to the Heart of Christ, Everything Changes." Join Father Rocky and thousands Nationwide in a 54-Day Rosary Novena starting April 20th leading up to the U.S. Bishops consecration of our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this June. Go to: [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com) and sign up to join the Novena.

**Tuesday, June 2nd—Holy Hill and Ten Chimneys.** St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes are sponsoring a bus trip and are now accepting registrations! We will depart from the St. Joseph Parish Parking Lot at 8 a.m. and head to Holy Hill for Mass, some time of prayer, and lunch. We will then head to Ten Chimneys, the National Historic Landmark home of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. Cost for this trip is \$95/person and includes the bus, your lunch, and tour ticket. **Registration and payment must be received by May 15. (715) 341-1617**

**Calling all current middle school boys!** Bring yourself and a friend Monday, June 15 – Wednesday, June 17 to St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary, WI for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer. You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, making new friends, and growing in your Catholic faith! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Free transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. Register at [www.stlawrence.edu/retreats](http://www.stlawrence.edu/retreats)

**Pilgrimage to Poland.** Join others September 14-26th, 2026 on a faith-filled pilgrimage to Poland under the spiritual direction of Fr. Arturo Viguera (St. Bronislava Parish) This journey highlights Poland's rich history, culture, and spiritual heritage. Price: \$3,800 per person. For more information, contact Marta Robak (847) 312-6144.

**Sacred Heart School** is accepting new registrations for grades 4K through Grade 6 for the 2026-2027 school year. Sacred Heart School, located in the heart of Polonia, Wisconsin, provides a safe and nurturing environment with small class sizes that educates each unique child of God spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally. Our tuition is affordable with financial assistance available. We invite you to COME AND SEE what we have to offer. Let your child come and grow with us! Please call the school office at (715) 600-6942 for more information or to schedule a visit. You may also call Kim Andrich, one of our school parents, at 715-570-5923 or visit our website at [www.sacredheartpolonia.com/school](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com/school).

**Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat | April 25-26, 2026 | Franciscan Spirituality Center 920 Market St. La Crosse, WI 54601**

**Put more Joy into your Marriage:** Are you a couple wanting to experience a more joy-filled marriage? Take part in the Domestic Church retreat at Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse on April 25 & 26th. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ. Register today [at this link](#). For more information, email Jeff and Alice Heinzen at [LaCrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com](mailto:LaCrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com).



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**GriefShare Ministry**

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