



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

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April 12, 2026



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 14th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Edna Groshek

Wednesday, April 15th 8:15AM @ SJ
Living & +Deceased Members of the
Kurszewski & Ostrowski Families

Thursday, April 16th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Art Kordus

Friday, April 17th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Larry & Rose Colton

Saturday, April 18th 4:00PM @ SJ
+Evelyn Pionkowski & +Dorothy Ostrowski

Sunday, April 19th
8:30 AM @ SJ +Deceased Members of the
Ambrose & Sophie Konkol Family
10:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes

Eternal God,
In whom mercy is endless,
and the treasury of compassion
is inexhaustible.
Look kindly upon us,
and increase Your mercy in us.
That in difficult moments,
we might not despair,
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence,
submit ourselves
to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.

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.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday!

It is a significant time for reflection on our faith. As Pope John Paul II stated, *"It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified."*

Divine Mercy Sunday focus is on the gifts that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. His mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. People from all walks of life can humble themselves before God, and ask for His mercy, love, and forgiveness, which He grants to all those who are willing to ask for it.

It is also about forgiveness and mercy, how Jesus offered His to us, and how we should act in kindness throughout our lives.

Are you ready to humble yourself and ask for God's mercy?

The ABC's of Mercy:

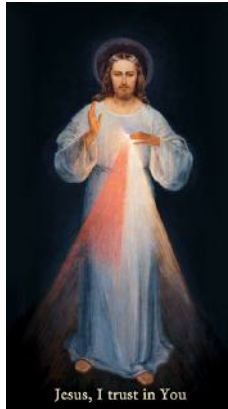
Ask for His mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly.

Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others.

Completely trust in Jesus, God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. God expects us to let His mercy flow through us to others. His words to Saint Faustina are unmistakably clear: *"I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere"* (Diary, 742)

The prayer that Jesus instructed Saint Faustina to pray before the Divine Mercy image is:

*"Eternal Father,
I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and
Divinity
of Your dearly beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins and those of the
whole world.
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world."
(Diary, 476)*



Divine Mercy Celebration

Throughout the day (Sunday, April 12th) Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia, will have a Divine Mercy Celebration beginning at 8:00 am with Mass. Adoration with Holy Hours from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. **Confessions 12:00 – 3:00 pm.** Presentation by Father Samuel Martin 2:00 pm. Divine Mercy Hour / Chaplet 3:00 pm followed by 4:00 pm Mass. You can come and go as your schedule allows.

**Jesus,
I trust in You**



St James

Week Ending April 5, 2026

Received \$6,206
Budget \$3,462
\$2,744

	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 (4/09/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$27,670 (101%)
Families who have Contributed: 55

Woo Hoo!

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending April 5, 2026

Received \$7,722
Budget \$3,923
\$3,799

	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 (4/09/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$26,370 (75%)
Families who have Contributed: 65

Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip is on sale this weekend! Our next sale will be next weekend April 18th/19th. You can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

Scrip is on sale this weekend! 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!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of David Trzinski. David passed away on April 2nd and was laid to rest on Saturday. Let us remember to pray for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers for his friends and family members who mourn his loss.

*Eternal rest grant unto 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.*



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

St Mary Restoration

All of the flooring has been removed and installation of the new flooring has begun.

As mentioned in last weekend's bulletin, we kindly ask that you do not attempt to enter the church. This is still a construction area and per our insurance carrier, no unauthorized individuals are to enter a church construction area.

Thank you for your continued patience and prayers.



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, I am overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. Thank you for the thoughtful gifts, cards, and prayers you shared with me this Easter.

Your prayers and support are a true blessing, and I am so very blessed to be able to serve the parish families of St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel.

Please know that I am keeping all of you in my prayers during this holy season.

May the Risen Lord fill you with His peace and joy!

Fr. Jerzy

First Holy Communion will take place next Sunday, April 19th during the 10:30AM Mass. Please keep our First Holy Communion candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.

St Mary

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

St James

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



Many Thanks!

Many thanks to Kristin Steffen who painted a mural worth pondering. Take a look when you have a moment. It can be found at the base of the stairs (by the bathrooms off of the gathering space) at St. James.



The Great Adventure Bible Study. On Monday, April 13th, 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 13th at St. James at 5:30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Exciting News! 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.

Knights of Columbus—Portesi Pizza Night

Wednesday April 15th , all you care to eat Pizza and Cheese fries only \$10.00 , kids 5-11 \$7.00 and 4 and under free. Includes coffee, milk, water and sales tax. Serving 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Lounge will be open. Knights of Columbus Clubhouse , 401 W Clark St , just across the Clark St bridge. Pizza night open to the public. Profits from pizza night go to our local Charity Fund . This is a great time to take the family out for an affordable meal and help our Charities Fund.

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](https://www.guadalupewi.org/stevenspoint), please go to St. Peter's website <https://www.guadalupewi.org/stevenspoint>

Sacred Heart, Cassel 222761 Cty Rd S Marathon, WI

We will once again host our Pro-Life Chili Dinner and Raffle. April 19th from 9:30 to 2:00 Adults \$8.00 6-12 \$4.00 5 and under are free. It is an all you can eat event. Chili, crackers, bread, cheese, pickles, milk, coffee and dessert. Please join us.

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 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

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 Andrigh, one of our school parents, at 715-570-5923 or visit our website at www.sacredheartpolonia.com/school.



**Faith Step
Divine Mercy Sunday**

...in his great mercy. (Peter 1:3)

On this beautiful feast of Divine Mercy, we are invited to step into the heart of Christ, where mercy flows without limit.

God does not wait for us to be perfect. He meets us in our wounds, our failures, and our doubts. We may struggle to believe in God's goodness when life is difficult. Yet Jesus gently invites us to trust:
"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that no sin is greater than God's mercy. Through the gift of Reconciliation and the grace flowing from Christ's wounded side, we are renewed and restored.

Today, Jesus speaks to each of us: *"Jesus I trust in You."* These words are not just a prayer, but a way of life, a surrender of our fears into His mercy.

This week, choose one concrete way to live Divine Mercy. Let mercy begin in your heart and flow outward to others.

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