



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

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May 31, 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

Please note: While Father Jerzy is in Poland, there will be no weekday Masses nor Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Any weekday Mass intentions previously scheduled will be listed here and honored in Father's private daily Mass.

For this upcoming week, no Mass intentions were scheduled.

Saturday, June 6th 4:00PM @ SM
+Frank & Verona Stuczynski

Sunday, June 7th
8:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM +Richard Shaver and +Gregory Stanke

Most Holy Trinity



Glory be to the Father,

Who by His almighty power and love created me,
Making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,

Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
And opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,

Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
And continues to sanctify me
By the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.

Amen.

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 Mary

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

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”
(John 6:56)

In this Gospel, Jesus says, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven.” Jesus is not speaking symbolically only—He invites us into a real relationship through the Eucharist.

The Eucharist nourishes us spiritually, strengthens us when life is difficult, and reminds us that Christ remains with us always.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is more than a ritual; it is an invitation to become more like Him—loving, forgiving, and serving others.

Jesus promises eternal life to those who remain in Him. In a world filled with uncertainty, the Eucharist is our source of hope and strength.

This week, spend a few extra moments after Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist. Allow Jesus' presence to strengthen your faith and guide your actions. Ask Jesus:

“How can Your presence in me change the way I live and love?”



Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update

Our next sale will be next weekend—June 6th/7th and then again on June 20th/21st., You can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

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 help reduce our monthly Pacelli Catholic Schools assessment for each parish.

thank you



St James

Week Ending May 24, 2026

Received \$2,180
Budget \$3,462
(\$1,282)

	Month of Apr 2026	Fiscal YTD Apr 2026	Fiscal YTD Apr 2025
Received	\$14,283	\$161,522	\$140,354
Budget	\$15,000	\$150,000	
	(\$717)	\$11,522	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (5/27/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$28,010 (102%)
Families who have Contributed: 56

St James has already received its first Appeal Rebate check from the Diocese in the amount of \$450. This was the amount exceeding the parish goal of \$27,490 as of May 12th. Any excess funds received will continue to be returned to the parish. Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's campaign!

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending May 24, 2026

Received \$2,520
Budget \$3,923
(\$1,403)

	Month of Apr 2026	Fiscal YTD Apr 2026	Fiscal YTD Apr 2025
Received	\$21,464	\$172,387	\$183,647
Budget	\$17,000	\$170,000	
	\$4,464	\$2,387	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (5/27/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$28,280 (81%)
Families who have Contributed: 71

A friendly reminder that the end of this year's Annual Appeal is quickly approaching (June 30th). Many of you have already generously contributed. Thank you! Your support is truly appreciated. If you have not yet made a contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so before the June 30th deadline passes you by. You can drop your pledge card and envelope in the weekend collection basket, mail it directly to the Diocese, mail or bring it to the parish office, or make your gift online.

www.sjsmmc.com/giving



Need prayers? Let our prayer chain pray for you in time of need! We will keep your name & prayer request confidential. Names are included only if you so desire. Contact any of the following:
Laurie..phintz5@gmail.com;
Darlene (715) 592-4443 or Barb (715) 824-3649.

Saturday 4:00PM Mass. A reminder that the 4:00PM Mass will continue to be held at St. Mary until the end of June. On July 4th, the 4:00PM Mass will changeover to St James and will continue to be held at St James through December. In January, it will alternate back to St Mary for 6 months.

Missionary Cooperative Program. This weekend, scheduling allowed our parishes to host our annual Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Program with Fr. Patric. If you would like to make a donation for the Mary Madha Catholic Television of South India, please use the attached envelope and drop it in the collection basket before June 30th and we will forward it to the Diocesan Mission Office. If you missed it in last weekend's bulletin, you can find Fr. Patric's explanation of his mission to the right—beneath the attached envelope. →
~ Thank you!



Yay! It's Time Again! Join us for our monthly Donut Social after the 8:30am Mass next Sunday!

Father Jerzy will be returning for Masses on the weekend of June 20th. On weekends, we are blessed to have help-out priests to celebrate Mass with us. For the next two weekends (June 6th/7th and June 13th/14th), Fr. Derek Sakowski will be joining us. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Sakowski when you see him!

Wedding Banns I

Cade Krings and Macie Cohen



Next Weekend we celebrate The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi); however due to the timing of Father's absence we will not be having our annual Corpus Christi Procession after the Masses.

There is no small service to God; it all matters.

What is God calling you to do to help your parish? It's amazing to think about how God has uniquely gifted and called each of us to serve in different ways. Discovering and using our gifts to serve others is such a key part of living out our

faith. Prayerfully consider being an usher, greeter, lector, altar server, extra-ordinary minister of Holy Communion, funeral luncheon helper, homebound visitor, or joining one our committees. Getting involved is a great way to both serve our Lord and get to know some pretty great people in the process!

Looking ahead... Do you need extra blessing on the highway or prayers for your new teen driver? Father Jerzy will once again be offering a blessing of vehicles after each weekend Mass on June 27th & 28th.



Cordial greetings to each one of you from Madha Catholic Television!

All of you know the story of "EWTN" Catholic TV channel in the US and how Mother Angelica began the media in a garage with only \$200. Today the EWTN TV Channel contributes the best level of Evangelization. In the same way "Madha TV is a Tamil language Catholic Television Channel operated in South India. The Catholic Bishops of Tamil Nadu appointed Fr Rocky as CEO for this mission. Fr Rocky & Father's team operates this TV channel for Tamil Speaking Catholics.

"Madha" is a translation of Blessed Mother Mary". As we know it is not that much of an easy task to run a TV Channel in this competitive world. Just like Mother Angelica, Fr Rocky's team pioneered their journey with very few cameras, equipment and minimum facilities. Almost 7 million people benefited from this Catholic Channel during the covid-19 crisis. Tamil speaking Catholics all over the world quenched their Spiritual thirst through this Channel. Faithful people from the US, Canada, Europe, Australia, Asia and other countries regularly watch this channel.

We are very particular in naming "Madha" TV that impresses Catholic identity and helps thousands of Catholics to sustain in Catholicism amidst Pentecostal and various denominations' challenges. The telecasting infuses an effective impact on live Holy Mass, Eucharistic Devotion, Novena schedule for Blessed Virgin Mother, updating traditions, teaching of the catechism of the Catholic Church, and weekly updates of the Pope's Message to our Catholics. Large numbers of non-Christians benefitted through this evangelization media. Madha TV program is being distributed via satellite, cable network, dishnet, internet (www.madhatv.in), mobile apps too.

The Catholic Church in India is economically poor. This TV Channel is a non-commercial telecast media. We create professional quality programs to upload through satellite. Five priests are working 24/7 in the studio. 180 employers are working at different levels. The Bible productions and telecasting involves huge sacrifice, talents and finance. Mission preaching contributions and donations around the world supports a lot to this media to proclaim the Gospel.

I hope this message may help you understand about Mary "Madha TV" mission preaching.

Our sincere thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity.

~Fr Patric (Mission Coordinator)

The Holy Trinity Bible Quiz: (answers on the backside)

- 1) True or False? The Holy Spirit and the Holy Ghost are the same.
- 2) Fill in the blank: The _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Power? Wisdom? Grace? or Love?
- 3) Fill in the blank: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Baptizing? Conquering? or Loving?

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY TO THE SACRED HEART. Join Father Rocky and thousands Nationwide for a 54-Day Rosary Novena which began on April 20th and will lead up to the U.S. Bishops consecration of our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this June. Go to: relevantradio.com and scroll down to Family Rosary, 7:00 pm to pray with Father Rocky. "When a Nation turns to the Heart of Christ, Everything Changes."

St. Joseph Annual Picnic, June 6-7 1709 Wyatt St, Stevens Point Events open at 5pm Saturday and again at 11am on Sunday. Join us for food, the Country Store, Raffles, and more.

Dare to Follow is for young men entering grades 6-8. Join us for activities, discernment, and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our Diocese. Where: Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse. Cost \$30 (includes meals and rooms). When: June 9-10 and August 10-11. Register online by June 2nd. www.thepriesthood.org/events or call 608-791-2667.

St. Peter Parish Picnic, Stevens Point, June 13-14 Saturday, 3pm to 8pm; Sunday 11am-5pm Games, raffles, music and much more. Chicken dinner on Sunday from 11am -1pm for \$15 per person, which includes: chicken, stuffing, potatoes, dessert, & beverage.

Totus Tuus, June 14-19 SS Peter and Paul in Wisconsin Rapids This catechetical program for Catholic youth in 1st through 12th grades is dedicated to the Gospel and promoting the faith. Grades 1-6 meet June 15-19 from 8:30am-2:30pm daily; Grades 7-12 meet June 14-18 from 7:00-9:00pm daily. Cost \$35/child with \$150 max per family. For more information, please visit 222.rapidscatholic.org/youth-ministry or you may email maggiekosloski@gmail.com.

Event in Bevent. June 27-28th.

Threshold Retreat is for young men entering grades 9-12 who are open to the priesthood. Where: Holy Cross Diocesan Center; La Crosse. When: 4:00PM Friday, July 10th-Noon Sunday, July12th. Ends with 10:00AM Mass with Bishop Battersby. Three days of prayer, conversation, reflection and recreation on the priesthood. For more information call 608-791-2667 or visit www.thepriesthood.org/events.



Stay up-to-date online at www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates



Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life

The Diocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life is pleased to introduce a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries in our diocese! Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 80th will be invited to participate in *Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life*. This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Each couple is invited to bring two guests with them.



Couples can register in any one of three ways:

Online: Use the QR code on the right.

Phone: Please call Laura Boden at 680.791.2680

Email: Please email Laura Boden at lboden@dioc.org.

Mass and Reception Dates:

June 21, 2026: **2:00pm (Updated Time)** at St. Bronislava Catholic Church, Plover

July 19, 2026: 1:00pm at St. Olaf Catholic Church, Eau Claire

August 9 2026: 1:00pm Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse

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250th Anniversary!

Consecrating Our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In a historic moment, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the birth of our nation. The consecration will take place on **June 11th, 2026**. Catholics are invited to join in this consecration, which may be in conjunction with their parish.

It may be helpful to identify what a *consecration* is in the life of the Church. A consecration is a blessing that has the authorization of the Church and is conferred on persons, places and things. It sets apart for special service to the Church who and what are being consecrated. In this case, the prayer from the U.S. bishops will consecrate each of us who participate as Catholic citizens of this country, and our nation, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

You are encouraged to begin on June 3rd to pray the Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a nine-day novena, found on the back of this page. This preparation for nine days will foster a disposition of heart-felt conviction as you join with the U.S. Bishops as they consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on **June 11th**.

Why Consecrate Ourselves and Our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

In his reflection on the Consecration to the Sacred Heart, Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

wrote the following: “Pope Pius XI... commended the ‘pious custom’ of consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a way to recognize the kingship of Christ. By celebrating this important national anniversary with this devotion, we have the opportunity to encourage all Catholics to honor our Lord and to ‘infuse the spirit of the Gospel into various communities and departments of life.’

“As we reflect with gratitude on the blessings God has bestowed on our country, our devotion to the Sacred Heart demands that we consider how we might foster truth, justice, and charity in American life. We are called to bring our faith into the actions we take and the lives we lead in our communities. We celebrate the ways the Church has contributed to a more just world, and we invite all in our society to see the face of Christ reflected in each sister and brother. We welcome God’s ‘kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity,’ remembering that ‘God has a special place in His Heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and He asks us, His Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest.’ This anniversary and consecration will be a great opportunity to promote the beautiful devotion to the Sacred

Heart and to encourage the laity to offer their lives in service to God and their country.”

Through this *Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, we invite Christ to reign in our hearts, in every aspect of our being. The Consecration also signifies the command of Christ to help others to encounter and know and love Our Savior. Therefore, let us be filled with zeal and energy to seek an ever-deeper relationship with Jesus, to be His witnesses in our communities.

As an offering of thanksgiving, we are invited to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12th by attending Mass. Let us worship the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the physical symbol of His boundless, divine love, mercy and compassion for each one of us. Based upon revelations to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, the devotion repairs injustices against love, offering a way to return love to God, fosters intimate union with Him while receiving spiritual blessings.

Further Resources

The U.S. bishops have a website, entitled “We Hold These Truths” for this historic occasion. Visit usccb.org/weholdthesetruths. Resources are available, including a video series, Catholic Current: America 250 Special with Episode 1 entitled *Catholics and the Founding*.

By Ann Lankford, Office for Catechesis

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

