



## 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



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## July 26, 2026

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### 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.

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### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday, July 28th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Dale & Paula Shulfer

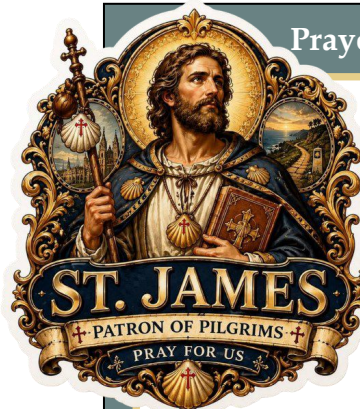
**Wednesday, July 29th** 8:15AM @ SM  
+Richard Shaver

**Thursday, July 30th** 8:15AM @ SM  
+Kenneth Wierzb

**Friday, July 31st** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Mary Schiller

**Saturday, August 1st** 4:00PM @ SJ  
Living & Deceased Members of the Jacowski Family

**Sunday, August 2nd**  
8:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes  
10:30AM @ SM +Norm Biadasz & +Tasha Biadasz



### Prayer to St. James the Apostle

Heavenly Father,

You called St. James to leave everything behind and follow Your Son with courage and faith.

Through his example and prayers, help us to answer Your call with generous hearts.

Strengthen our parish family to grow in love, serve those in need, and proclaim the Gospel with joy. Guide us as pilgrims on our journey of faith, and keep us faithful to Christ in all that we do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**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 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.

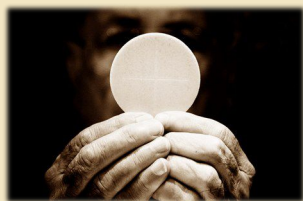
**In this week's Gospel...** Jesus shares a simple yet profound image: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field"

At first glance, this parable might sound like a story of harsh sacrifice, but it is actually a story of overwhelming joy. When the man discovers the treasure—representing Christ, the Sacraments, and the gift of eternal life—he realizes that whatever he must give up is absolutely nothing compared to the priceless joy of what he has gained.

We don't always have to climb mountains or travel to distant lands to encounter God's grace. Often, the Kingdom of Heaven is found right in the "ordinary fields" of our daily lives: in quiet prayer, the Eucharist, the people we serve, and our parish community.

Sometimes, we go about our routine feeling spiritually restless. But when we suddenly recognize the infinite, redeeming love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, our priorities shift. We no longer see our faith as a burden of strict rules, but as the ultimate treasure.

Are we willing to dig a little deeper into our faith this week? Let us pray for the grace to recognize the priceless value of God's Kingdom in our midst, and to embrace it with the joy and wholehearted devotion of the man who found the treasure in the field.



### St James

Week Ending July 19, 2026

Received \$3,575  
Budget \$3,462  
\$113

|          | Month of June 2026           | Fiscal YTD June 2026        | Fiscal YTD June 2025 |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Received | \$11,932                     | \$189,734                   | \$165,144            |
| Budget   | <u>\$15,000</u><br>(\$3,068) | <u>\$180,000</u><br>\$9,734 |                      |

### St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending July 19, 2026

Received \$3,100  
Budget \$3,923  
(\$823)

|          | Month of June 2026         | Fiscal YTD June 2026        | Fiscal YTD June 2025 |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Received | \$16,455                   | \$207,901                   | \$213,001            |
| Budget   | <u>\$17,000</u><br>(\$545) | <u>\$204,000</u><br>\$3,901 |                      |

**Diocesan Annual Appeal – Final Results.** Thank you to all our families who supported the 2026 Annual Appeal. . St. James - with a goal set at \$27,490, your contributions reached a remarkable \$30,600, surpassing the target by \$3,110! The excess funds will be returned in full to the parish. Congratulations! St. Mary - your efforts have been equally commendable. We fell just short of the \$34,930 target by \$1,190. The shortfall will be paid using parish general operating funds.

Thank you again for your support and generosity.

**Your donations will help support vital programs and initiatives that benefit our entire diocese and beyond.**



### 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 take their reports directly to 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, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

### SMMC Scrip Update

Our next sale dates are August 2nd and August 16th. But—you can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

### St. James Scrip Update

Our next sale date is August 2nd. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

It just takes a few minutes to stop by the scrip table before or after Mass to purchase gift cards. If you plan on doing any shopping or gifting—why not buy your cards from Pat or Hydrie? It's convenient and costs you nothing extra. Thank you Pat & Hydrie for your hard work in managing the scrip program for our parishes!





**Faith....Pass it On!** Do you have a desire to learn more about your faith? Why not give teaching or co-teaching a try!

Grades 1-8 meet biweekly and grades 9-11 meet every week.

We are in need of teachers for grades 5, 7, 9 & 10. If you are not sure you want to commit to teaching, perhaps you could assist in a classroom instead—both are needed.

Please contact Michelle at [sjsmdre@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmdre@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to learn more.

*-Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire-*  
St. Catherine of Sienna

### Join us for Coffee and Donuts at St. James after the 8:30am Mass on August 2nd!

Thank you to all those that have been helping with coffee and donuts! We couldn't do it without you!

We are looking for volunteers to host for August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th.



There are easy to follow instructions!

Sign-up in the back of St. James or contact Misty Prater [mistyprater@gmail.com](mailto:mistyprater@gmail.com) or (785) 633-5206 (call/text).

**Friendly reminder** – With the increase in AI technology, scammer attacks these days are becoming much more targeted and will often scrape information from websites, social media, and other online information making the requests much more believable. They will even send emails pretending to be a local priest asking you to buy gift cards for him. Never buy or send gift cards, money, or personal info via email, text, or phone—even if it looks like it's from someone you know. Always double-check by calling the parish office directly using a number you trust, or by reaching out to the person yourself.

**Recycle your aluminum cans from your summer get togethers and cookouts!** Our parishes receive all proceeds from any aluminum cans dropped off at the Tomorrow River BP here in Amherst for recycling. Please drop your bagged cans into the wire cage at the gas station.



A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mummy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

## St. James Feast Day July 25th

### Walking in the Footsteps of St. James

As we celebrate the feast of our patron, St. James the Apostle, we give thanks for his faithful witness and courageous response to Christ's call.

James did not know where Jesus would lead him, yet he trusted the Lord completely. His life reminds us that every Christian is called to be a disciple—not only in words, but through lives of prayer, service, and love.

As members of St. James Parish, may we follow his example with generous hearts. Let us continue to build a welcoming community where faith is nurtured, hope is shared, and Christ's love is made visible to all.

May St. James intercede for our parish family, that we may remain steadfast in faith and joyful in serving the Lord.

### Did You Know?

- ♦ St. James the Greater was one of the first disciples called by Jesus and one of His closest companions.
- ♦ He was present at the Transfiguration of Jesus and prayed with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- ♦ St. James was the first Apostle to be martyred, giving his life for Christ around A.D. 44 (Acts 12:1–2).
- ♦ He is the patron saint of pilgrims, and millions of people have walked the Camino de Santiago ("The Way of St. James") in Spain as a pilgrimage of faith for more than a thousand years.

**St. James the Apostle,  
faithful disciple of Jesus, pray for our parish.  
Help us to follow Christ with courage,  
serve with joyful hearts, and grow together in faith.  
Amen**



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

*"Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love."  
~Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

## Area Events

**Holy Spirit Parish.** Spirit Fest. July 26th. 11:30am-5:30pm Mass @ 10:30 followed by Live Music. Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, UWSP Food Truck, Polito's Pizza, King Cone, Bingo, Basket Raffle, Dessert Spin, Free Kids Games & more!

**St. Ladislaus Parish.** Concerts on the Ground. Great music on select Tuesdays this summer from 6-8PM. July 28th, Aug 4th. Food & drinks, 50/25/25 drawing, Free will offering to pay for the entertainment. More details can be found at [stladislaus.weebly.com](http://stladislaus.weebly.com)

**St. Philip, Rudolph 105th Church Picnic.** Sunday, August 2nd. At the world famous Grotto Shrine and Wonder Cave. Mass at 8:30am in church. All activities on the grounds Food, refreshments, games and raffles. Polka Pak from 11-3, Gray Catz from 3-6. Children's games & Bingo begin at 11:00am. Basket raffle drawing at 5:00pm.

**St Adalbert Church Picnic.** Sunday, August 2nd. Outdoor Polka Mass @ 10:00am. Baked or grilled chicken dinner starting at 11:00am. \$1,000 Bingo at 1:00pm. Cherry Tree, kids games, Packer Wagon Raffle, 50/50 raffle, Battle of the Bands 11am-7:00pm, and more!

**St. Therese August Fest.** August 8th 4:00-11:30pm & August 9th 10:45am-4:30pm. 1112. W. Kort Street, Rothschild/Schofield, WI. Music, raffles, cherry tree, beer tent, food stand, flea market, bakery spin, ice cream, pierogies, children's games, bingo on Sunday from 12-4:00pm.

**Sacred Heart Church Picnic.** Friday, August 14th from 7:00pm-11:00pm (music by Night Shift) and Sunday, August 16th. Bingo, Cherry Tree, kids games, raffles, bands and more!

**Come and see!**  
The Seraphic Adorers  
of the Child Jesus  
are hosting a  
**Retreat Day**  
for young women ages 18-29, on  
**Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

Come, meet the sisters  
and spend time with our  
**Eucharistic Lord**

If you are interested or would like  
more information, please  
text: 715-899-0768  
or write us at:  
prayers@seraphicadorers.com

**SACI SERAPHIC ADORERS  
OF THE CHILD JESUS**

## 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

Jill Benjamin (SJ)  
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Michelle Shulfer (SJ)  
Christine Thompson (SJ)  
Sarah Eron (SM)  
Julie Glodowski (SM)  
Jenny Konkol (SM)  
Justen Pacocha (SM)  
Karen Piesik (SM)  
Carol Rudiger (SM)

### Finance Council

Pat Kwiatkowski (SJ)  
Sandy Trzebiatowski (SJ)  
  
Mark Doll (SM)  
Gilbert Patoka (SM)

### Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs

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

**Sacred Worship....**Judi Marquard | Barb Groholski

**Social Concerns...** Pat Zielinski | Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat

### Homebound Ministry

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Jodi Glodowski ..... (715) 630-6827  
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### United Prayers to Heaven Prayer Chain

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