



**St. James
St. Mary of Mount Carmel
Parishes**

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June 14, 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, the following Mass intentions will be honored:

- June 16th **+Jim & Arlene Domaszek**
- June 17th **+Nancy Koehler**
- June 19th **Living & +Deceased Members of the Loecher Family**

Saturday, June 20th 4:00PM @ SM
Special Intention for Cade & Macie Krings

Sunday, June 21st
8:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM +Mary Kolz

*June is Dedicated to
The Sacred Heart of Jesus*



*O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you,
and with lively sorrow for my
sins I offer you this poor heart of
mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure
and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, good Jesus,
that I may live in you and for
you.
Protect me during danger.
Comfort me in my afflictions.
Give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.
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.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – a devotion that reminds us of the immeasurable love Christ has for every human soul.

The origins of this devotion can be traced to the visions received by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque between 1673 and 1675. In Jesus' first apparition to St. Margaret Mary, after revealing His Heart to her, he said to her, *"My divine Heart is so passionately fond of the human race, that it cannot keep back the pent-up flames of its burning charity any longer. They must burst out through you and reveal my Heart to the world, so as to enrich mankind with my precious treasures."*

As we look at the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we notice many symbols. Each of these expresses some aspect of God's love for us.

Flames. The Sacred Heart of Jesus burns with divine love. In the Gospel, Jesus says that He has come to set fire to the earth – the fire that He longs to set is the fire of divine love, the fire of the Holy Spirit, in each human heart. One prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus says, *"Oh Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love for You."*

Rays of Light. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is surrounded by rays of light, as if rays of light are emanating from it. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says He is the light of the world. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals to us the eternal truth of God's love for us, bringing the light of God's love into the darkness of our sin and suffering, our fear and doubt.

Crown of Thorns. We remember that during His Passion, the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head. In one of His revelations to St. Margaret Mary, Jesus told her that the crown of thorns symbolizes our individual sins, which prick His heart.

The Cross. In the Gospels, Jesus hangs upon the cross as He dies for us. In the image of the Sacred Heart, the Heart of Jesus no longer hangs upon the Cross, but rather the Cross stands atop the Sacred Heart, as if to say that the Heart of Jesus is what supported the Cross and what supports us when we have to bear a cross. It was the Divine Love of the Sacred Heart that willingly accepted death on the Cross for our sake, and it is that same Divine Love that transforms the Cross into the most powerful act of redemption.

The Open Wound. After Jesus dies on the cross, a soldier pierces His Heart with a lance, and blood and water flow out – the mercy of God floods the world. The open wound in the image of the Sacred Heart shows us that the Heart of Jesus is always open to us, His mercy always available to us, that He never closes His Heart to us.

During these apparitions, Our Lord revealed His Sacred Heart, burning with love, crowned with thorns, and wounded by humanity's indifference. He invited the faithful to respond to that love through prayer, reparation, and trust in His mercy. In one of these revelations, Jesus asked that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be dedicated to honoring His Sacred Heart.

What began as a private revelation eventually spread throughout France before being extended to the entire Church by Pope Pius IX in 1856. Today, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart remains one of the most beloved feasts of the liturgical year, reminding us that the Heart of Jesus is a refuge for sinners, a source of mercy, and a sign of God's enduring love for humanity.

During this month dedicated to His Sacred Heart, let us entrust our families, our intentions, and our hearts to Christ, who never ceases to love us.



St James

Week Ending June 7, 2026

Received \$3,410
Budget \$3,462
(\$52)



	Month of May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2025
Received	\$15,722	\$177,244	\$152,552
Budget	\$15,000	\$165,000	
	\$722	\$12,244	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (6/10/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$28,030 (102%)
Families who have Contributed: 57

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending June 7, 2026

Received \$5,771
Budget \$3,923
\$1,848

	Month of May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2026	Fiscal YTD May 2025
Received	\$19,059	\$191,446	\$196,936
Budget	\$17,000	\$187,000	
	\$2,059	\$4,446	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (6/10/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$29,410 (84%)
Families who have Contributed: 74

Scrip Gift Cards

SMMC Scrip Update

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

St. James Scrip Update

Our next sale will be Sunday, June 21st. 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

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Anthony 'Tony' Zblewski. Tony passed away on June 5th and his funeral Mass was held at St. James this past Friday. 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



**WELCOME
BACK**

Thank you to Father Derek Sakowski for celebrating Mass with us again this weekend. Fr. Jerzy will be back with us next weekend! Welcome back Father!

THANK YOU to all those who have been helping with coffee and donuts! We couldn't do it without you. We will not have a coffee and donuts social in July but will resume the first Sunday of August. We are looking for volunteers to host. There are easy to follow-up instructions. Sign-up in the back of St. James or contact Misty Prater (mistyprater@gmail.com or 785-633-5206 - call/text).



St Mary Annual Appeal. We still have \$5,520 needed to reach our parish goal. The Appeal ends in just 2 weeks! Many of you have already generously contributed.

Thank you! If you have not yet made a contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so before the June 30th deadline. Any shortfall will need to be paid using parish general funds...so please help if you are able. You can drop your donation in the weekend collection baskets, mail it directly to the Diocese, bring it to the parish office, or make your gift online. www.sjsmmc.com/giving



Wedding Banns III

Cade Krings and Macie Cohen



Flag Day – June 14th

Reflection: As we honor our nation's flag, we give thanks for the blessings of freedom and the sacrifices of those who have helped preserve it. The flag reminds us not only of our rights as citizens but also of our responsibilities to serve others and work for justice and peace. As Christians, we remember that while we are citizens of our country, we are first and foremost disciples of Christ, called to bring His love into the world.



Faith Step

"At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

Matthew (9:36)

In this Gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds with deep compassion because they are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." He does not simply notice their struggles, He is moved by them.

Jesus then turns to His disciples and invites them to share in His mission of caring for God's people.

The disciples were ordinary people, yet Jesus entrusted them with extraordinary work: proclaiming the Kingdom, bringing healing, and offering hope.

This reminds us that God does not wait for us to be perfect before calling us. He asks us to be willing. Through our words, prayers, and acts of kindness, we can become instruments of Christ's compassion in our families, workplaces, and parish communities.

Today, Jesus still sees the needs of the world and continues to send His disciples. We are called not only to pray for workers in the harvest but also to recognize that we ourselves are part of the harvest's workforce.

**Offer one act of kindness this week to someone who may feel forgotten, lonely, or burdened.
Let them experience Christ's compassion through you.**



Blessing of Vehicles

After all Masses the weekend of
June 27th & June 28th



As we approach the summer season and vacation travels, The Blessing of Vehicles is one way to ask for God's protection, grace, and safety in our travels.

After each Mass, Fr. Jerzy will go to the parking lot(s), bless, and sprinkle holy water on the vehicles.

Everyone will also receive a travel-sized bottle of holy water to take with you.

Area Events

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.

St. Ladislaus Parish. Concerts on the Ground. Great music on select Tuesdays this summer from 6-8PM. June 16th, July 7th, 14th, 21st, 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

Event in Bevent. June 27-28th. St. Ladislaus Parish. Music, food,, refreshments, mini raffles, ATV raffle, Kountry Kafe, train rides, bingo Sunday at 12 noon, & much more!

Point Catholic Faith will be hosting a free Vacation Bible Camp July 21-23! All children going into grades 5K-5th are welcome to learn about how they are uniquely loved by Jesus! Adult and teen volunteers are welcome too! Contact Christine Sommers (715) 341-1617 ext 104 or dre@pointcatholicfaith.org

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!

Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical addressing Artificial Intelligence To read Pope Leo's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, in which he addresses the need to safeguard the human person in this age of artificial intelligence, visit [this link](#), or click on the QR code on the right. At the same website there are additional resources from the U.S. Bishops related to the encyclical and to both the benefits and the dangers



Divine Image Sisters (in Polonia). Convent Gazebo Gift Shop. This June our country is being Consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You can find Sacred Heart images/ artwork available in the Convent Gazebo Gift Shop located in the convent grounds behind the convent building. Open daily and self serve. Check it out!

• Rummage Sale every Saturday until October 10th. Items are still being accepted! Please call the convent at 715-5924213 or 715-340-2006 if you would like to donate anything to our rummage sale. ~Thank you



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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.

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