



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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8:30AM—1:00PM

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September 13, 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, September 15th 8:15AM @ SJ

Living & Deceased Members of the
Louis & Caroline Salzmänn Family

Wednesday, September 16th 8:15AM @ SM

+Mike Trzebiatowski

Thursday, September 17th 8:15AM @ SM

+Deloyd Slowinski

Friday, September 18th 8:15AM @ SJ

+Frances Bannach

Saturday, September 19th 4:00PM @ SJ

+Ed & Sandy Karch and +Dale & Paula Shulfer

Sunday, September 20th

8:30AM @ SJ +Edna Groshek

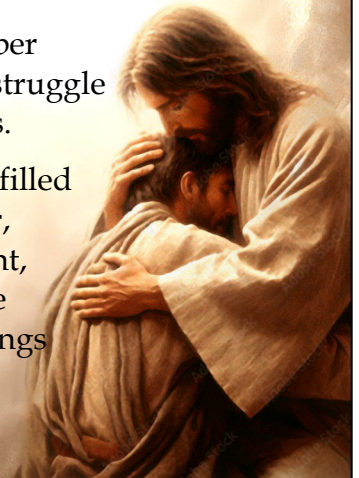
10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes

Loving and merciful Jesus,

Thank You for the countless
times You forgive us and give us
another chance.

Help us to remember
Your mercy when we struggle
to forgive others.

When our hearts are filled
with hurt, anger,
or disappointment,
give us the grace
to place those feelings
in Your hands.



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.



Faith Step

*"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive him?"*

Matthew 18:21

Matthew 18:21-35 reminds us that God's mercy toward us should inspire us to show mercy and forgiveness to others.

Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive someone who sins against him. Jesus answers, *"not seven times but seventy-seven times,"* reminding us that forgiveness is not something we count, it is a way of living.

The servant in the parable was forgiven a great debt, yet he refused to forgive a much smaller debt owed to him. Jesus teaches us that we have received God's mercy in countless ways. We are therefore called to extend that same mercy to others.

Forgiving someone does not mean that what happened was unimportant or that we must forget it. It means choosing not to let hurt and anger have the final word.

When forgiveness is difficult, we can bring our pain to Jesus and ask Him to soften our hearts, one step at a time.

Choose forgiveness.

When someone has hurt or disappointed you, ask Jesus to help you let go of anger and resentment. Forgiveness may not change the past, but it can open our hearts to God's peace.

A Prayer for Forgiveness and Mercy

Loving and merciful Jesus,

Thank You for the countless times
You forgive us and give us another chance.

Help us to remember Your mercy
when we struggle to forgive others.

When our hearts are filled with hurt,
anger, or disappointment,
give us the grace to place
those feelings in Your hands.

Help us to forgive,
even when forgiveness is difficult.
Give us the courage to let go of resentment
and the wisdom to know that forgiveness
does not mean forgetting,
but choosing peace instead of bitterness.

Heal the wounds in our hearts
and help us see others with compassion.

Lord, teach us to be as generous
with forgiveness as You are with us.

May Your love guide our words,
our thoughts, and our actions,
so that we may become instruments of
Your mercy wherever we go.

Amen



	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	\$ 3,025	\$ 2,900
- Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,155	\$1,455
- Online Giving	\$ 315	\$ 911
- Loose Offertory	\$ 447	\$ 377
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 2,917	\$2,743
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (108)	\$ (157)
Other Giving:		
- Buildings & Grounds Envelopes	\$ 150	\$ 250
- Non Parishioner Donations	\$ 75	\$ 75
- Aluminum Can Recycling	\$ 294	\$ 294
- Donut Social Donations	n/a	\$ 47

Year to Date

YTD Budget	\$30,395	\$28,600
YTD Weekly Collections	\$30,526	\$29,947
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 131	\$ 1,347

SMMC Scrip Update

Our next sale dates are September 20th and October 4th. Give Pat Zielinski a call at (715) 824-3762 to purchase cards during the week.

St. James Scrip Update

Scrip is on sale this weekend! Our next sale dates are September 26th and 27th. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.



Thank you Gary Rzentkowski for managing the recycle program for our parishes! Gary recently dropped off a \$588 check for our parishes from the proceeds received from the aluminum cans he hauled to Weller's Salvage.

In case you weren't aware—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. As always a big thank you to **Tomorrow River BP** for their continued support as well as **Ralph's Auto** who sets aside scrap auto parts for our salvage value.



We are excited to host our 2nd annual event!! Plan to join us on Saturday, October 10th from 5:00-7:00pm in the St. James gathering space. A wide array of ethnic foods will be served by some of our very talented parishioners.

Tickets are on sale now through October 4th at the parish office or after each weekend Mass at St. Mary and St. James.



Wedding Banns I

- Norbert Omernik & Amanda Wanta

Televised Mass. Message from Jacob Zepp Master of Pontifical Ceremonies and Assistant Director of the Office of Sacred Worship: *"I would like to film a set of TV Masses at St. Mary Mt. Carmel in Amherst sometime in September, showing off the newly renovated and dedicated church to the whole diocese. The Diocesan TV Masses are a very effective way of reaching those who cannot attend Sunday Mass; about 10,000 people watch this Mass every Sunday."*

The recording of 4 Masses will take place on Tuesday, September 29th.

Fr. Jerzy will be the celebrant for the first 2 Masses – 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. with the parishioners of St. James and St. Mary. Fr. Williams will celebrate the last 2 Masses with the students of Pacelli School at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Come join our parishes in celebrating the televised Masses for the La Crosse Televised Program. This will be taking place at St. Mary of Mount Carmel on Tuesday, September 29th beginning at 9:00a.m. Help support our parishes and those who are home-bound and rely on the televised Mass to meet their spiritual needs.

Please note you do not need to participate in all 4 Masses. Also, there will be no 8:15 am. Mass at St. James that day.



The Word Among Us. It's time to submit our order for next year's 'The Word Among Us' subscriptions. If you would like an annual subscription for this upcoming year (the first issue begins with November, 2026 and runs through October, 2027) **please contact the parish office by October 1st.**

The annual subscription cost is \$21.84. If you are currently receiving a monthly copy, there is no need to contact the office unless you want to cancel your subscription—it will automatically be renewed.

Payments can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed/dropped off at the parish office. ~Thank you!



Banquet of Life. Once again, St. Mary's and St. James will be sponsoring a table for the Annual Banquet of Life fundraiser for First

Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Stevens Point. The event, which includes dinner, will be held at **Sentry World on Thursday October 1st from 5:30-8:30pm.** This year's speaker will be Kaeli La Russa. Her goal is to give insight on how to talk about pro life, feminism, and other social issues in a way that invites people into activated revelation from the Lord instead of deepening division. Please consider attending this worthy event for an organization that supports many families with pregnancy and parenting support through the love of Jesus. Call or text Jodi Glodowski at (715) 630-6827 with questions and/or a place at the table!



Our beautiful statue in St James Church of the Blessed Mother Mary has a name, **OUR LADY OF GRACE!!**

When lighting a candle, there will be a new prayer card for you to directly offer your petition to Our Lady of Grace.

History of Our Lady of Grace:

The picture of Our Lady of Grace was found in Rome, in the year 1610, by the Ven. Dominic of Jesus-Mary, who became the fifth General of the Discalced Carmelites. Dust-covered and somewhat torn, the picture was rescued from the monastery church of Maria della Scala.

Ven. Dominic had it renovated and placed in his cell, where he venerated it with great devotion. One night, while praying before the picture, he noticed that some dust had settled on it. Taking his coarse woolen handkerchief he removed the dust, offering a humble apology to the Virgin. To his great surprise, the Virgin's face appeared to come alive. Smiling sweetly at Dominic, she bowed her head, which remained permanently inclined. She then invited him to present all his petitions to her with great confidence.

On another occasion, she reiterated her maternal invitation to solicit favors. The humble and fervent religious implored her that all who venerated her in this picture might receive the graces and favors they desired, and obtained from her this consoling promise: *"All those who devoutly venerate me in this picture and take refuge to me will have their petitions granted, and I will obtain for them many graces: but especially will I hear their prayers for the relief and deliverance of the souls in purgatory."*

After the death of Dominic in 1639 the precious original picture was transported to Vienna, Austria and housed in the Carmelite monastery church. Wherever the picture or statue is piously venerated, the Blessed Virgin fulfills by numerous graces her promise to Ven. Dominic of Jesus-Mary, according to the measure of confidence and love shown by a humble request.

Mary is shown with her hands extended outward in a gesture of welcome and blessing. This symbolizes her role as a mediator of grace, offering divine mercy to all who approach her. Her open hands suggest that she is ready to bestow grace upon those who turn to her.

So why wait? Light a candle to Our Lady of Grace, turn to her, with your heartfelt petition. By embracing her spiritual motherhood, imitating her virtues, and seeking her intercession, you are led into the fullness of divine grace.

Job Posting – Church Cleaning Person

Both St. James Parish and St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish are in need of an individual to clean the church buildings on a weekly basis. The job involves disinfecting bathrooms, dusting, emptying trash, vacuuming carpets, and scrubbing of floors and steps throughout the buildings. This is a part-time position, 14-16 hours per week. Hours are flexible. You must be over 21 years of age to apply. If interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office (715) 824-3455 or email sjsmparishlife@gmail.com.



Son: I want a car. **Dad:** Get a haircut. **Son:** Jesus had long hair. **Dad:** Jesus walked everywhere.

Area Events

Join us on our fall bus trip to the Polish district in Chicago, Thursday October 15th. This is a one day trip filled with Polish culture, food and fun. Father Jerzy Rebacz and Helen Damask will be escorting the group. Transportation, 2 meals, (one meal is an authentic Polish buffet) prizes and guaranteed fun are included in the cost. The cost is \$140.00 per person with a pick-up in Schofield and Plover. Good for all ages. Minimal walking. To book or for more details please call Helen Damask @ [715-574-2654](tel:715-574-2654). **Booking deadline is September 30th**. Book early – seats go quickly!

Sept. 25 (postmarked) – Ponczka Pre-Order Sale, St. Michaels (Junction City). St. Michael's PCCW is taking pre-orders for Ponczka's the cost 1/\$2 or 4/\$5 these are a little larger Ponczka size this year. Flavors: Raspberry, Bavarian crème, Plain, Lemon, Blueberry, and Prune. Make Checks payable to St. Michael's PCCW, mailed orders must be postmarked by 9/25 mailed to B. Zarecki 5841 CTY RD O Rudolph, WI 54475 | Questions Brionna 715-540-0327 or Kylee 715-457-5265. PICK UP is on Sunday, October 18 from 8:30am to 12pm at the St. Michael Hall during the ProLife Walk & Basket Raffle.

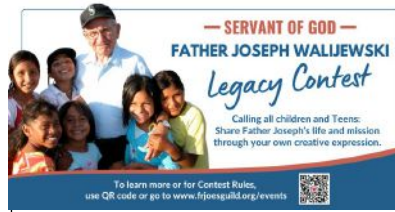
Oct. 4 – Parish Chicken Dinner – DRIVE THRU ONLY St. Wenceslaus (Milladore) serving from 11am to 1pm. Meals are \$15 and includes: Chicken breast and thigh, dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with Sausage, Carrots, Dessert and Kolaches

Join us on a Pilgrimage to India and Sri Lanka. February 2027. Join India Mission Joy on a pilgrimage to India leaving Chicago on Thursday, February 25th and returning Tuesday, March 8th. Host church: St. Matthew, Wausau. For more information contact Fr. Peter Manickam. (715) 305-4510 or email: mpm60@gmail.com

St. Joseph Galloway Fall Breakfast. Sunday, October 11th. Buffet style breakfast. 9:30-11:30a (after 8:30am Mass). Scrambled eggs, ham & sausage, blueberry French toast bake, potato pancakes, fresh fruit, desserts and beverages!

GIVEN: Unveiling the Mysteries of Marriage One Day Retreat. Saturday Oct 17, 2026 from 8AM-2:30PM at St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point. *"God destined us to experience communion with our spouse as an expression of our communion with him. This is what we vowed when we married and what it means to be devoted."* (Schuchts 171). All ages and stages of married, engaged, and dating couples are encouraged to attend. More information and registration information at <https://tinyurl.com/5n99zzhk>

Point Catholic Faith Bus Trip. Christmas Stars Show. Sunday, December 6th. Join us as we travel from St. Joseph Parish to Appleton. We will enjoy the sights and sounds of the season of Christmas Stars show; following some time at the Fox River Mall for lunch and a bit of Christmas shopping. The cost for this trip is \$50/person. Register today. Call the office: (715) 341-1617 or visit www.pointcatholicfaith.org/trips.



Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski devoted his life to the poor-building churches, schools, orphanages and soup kitchens, and bringing

the love of Christ to those who needed it most. Now there's a meaningful way to introduce his story to the next generation: the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Contest.

Open to children and teens, the contest invites young people to learn about Fr. Joe's life of faith and service, then express what they've discovered through their own creativity. Entries can take almost any form-drawing, painting, storytelling, poetry, sculpture, photography, music, digital art, or another medium of the young artist's choosing.

If there's a child or teen in your life, consider encouraging them to take part. Awards will be given in three age divisions, plus a \$150 Best of Show – but more than that, it's a chance to help carry Fr. Joe's legacy forward. Entries are due October 30, 2026. Scan the QR code for the complete contest flyer, rules, and submission details.



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