



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel CATHOLIC PARISHES

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30AM—1:00PM

Parish Website: sjsmmc.com



Two Parishes United in Faith, Community, and Tradition

Welcome

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, October 13th 8:15AM @ SJ

+Robert & Violet Miller

Wednesday, October 14th 8:15AM @ SM

For Spencer Cohen and all the Seminarians
of the Diocese of LaCrosse.

Thursday, October 15th 8:15AM @ SM

No Mass ←

Deacon Art will lead The Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion.

Friday, October 16th 8:15AM @ SJ

+Bob Groshek

Saturday, October 17th 4:00PM @ SJ

+Gordy Lamberty

Sunday, October 18th

8:30AM @ SJ +Tom and Randy Rzentkowski

10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes



Sunday, October 11th, 2026

28th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who
gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his
servants to summon the invited guests to the feast."
Matthew 22:2-3

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

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

— Matthew 22:14

In this Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14, God is the King who invites everyone, the good and the bad alike, to the wedding feast of His Son. This highlights that salvation is a gift of pure, unmerited grace.

However, the story takes a stark turn when a guest is cast out for not wearing a wedding garment. In Catholic tradition, the "wedding garment" represents sanctifying grace, conversion of heart, and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

It is not enough to simply show up or say we believe; our lives must be visibly transformed by that belief. We cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven while clinging to our old ways, indifference, or the distractions of the world. God welcomes us exactly as we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way.

Identify one "worldly distraction" or bad habit that is keeping you from fully answering God's call.

Could be modern busy-ness, resentment, or a specific recurring sin. Intentionally choose to replace it today by "dressing" your soul in virtue, by making a sincere act of contrition, going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or choosing a specific act of charity to perform for someone who frustrates you.

A Prayer for Grace

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the beautiful gift of Your invitation to the eternal banquet of Your Son.

Forgive me for the times I have allowed the distractions of my day, my business, or my own pride to make me indifferent to Your voice.

Clothe me in the wedding garment of true holiness, deep humility, and active charity.

Amen



	St. Mary	St. James
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Collection Budget for Last Week		
	\$ 3,050	\$ 2,900
- Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,065	\$ 2,425
- Online Giving	\$ 705	\$ 963
- Loose Offertory	\$ 194	\$ 389
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 2,964	\$ 3,777
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (86)	\$ 877

Other Giving:

- Non Parishioner Donations	\$ 75	\$ 75
- Sale of Donated Scrap Boat	\$ 250	\$ 0
- Donut Social Donations	\$ 0	\$ 57

Year to Date

YTD Budget		
	\$ 42,520	\$ 40,200
YTD Weekly Collections	\$ 42,846	\$ 42,131
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 326	\$ 1,931



2026 - 2027 Annual Appeal

Goal	\$ 36,495	\$ 28,170
\$ Pledged to Date	\$ 565	\$ 1,510
% to Goal	1.5%	5.4%
# Families Participating	4	5

SMMC Scrip Update

Our next sale dates are October 18th and November 1st! Give Pat Zielinski a call at (715) 824-3762 to purchase cards during the week.

St. James Scrip Update

Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

thank you  **FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



Still looking

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.

 **Congratulations** to Alexander and Olivia Kleiber who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend at St. Mary. May God bless your union abundantly, filling your marriage with joy, peace and unwavering faith!



St. Mary of Mount Carmel - Fall Cemetery Clean Up Begins This Monday!! The Cemetery Caretakers will be removing adornments placed throughout the cemetery this past year beginning Monday. **Please remove any flowers, solar lights, or other items you may want to save prior to this upcoming Monday, October 12th.**

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish is not responsible for any adornments removed and discarded.

~Thank you for your cooperation.

St Mary & St. James Coat Drive. Warm coats can warm hearts! Many people will go without a warm coat this winter...You can help!

If you have any new or gently-used winter coats that could be donated, please place in the designated boxes at either St. James or St. Mary's. They will be donated to those in need via Operation Bootstrap.

We are collecting coats now through October 24th.



If you have any questions, please call Laurie Hintz at (715) 592-4604. Thank you so much!



The Rosary is a Powerful Prayer

October is the month of the Rosary. In praying the Rosary, we think about one great saving event in the life of Jesus while we pray a decade: one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. While we meditate on a mystery of

Jesus' life, we come to know Him better and find that the events of Jesus' life guide us in dealing with the challenges we face. Further, we will find greater peace by praying a decade, each day, or even a full Rosary.



Notice found in French churches:

It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him. If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.

GriefShare

Grief Support Group

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 October 19th. 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 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 be held at 4:30pm on Mondays at the Jensen Center in Amherst—beginning Monday, October 19th. You can join at any time.

Kindly 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



Respect Life Month – U.S. Bishops Request Prayer and Action on the Abortion Pill

Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks. The Food and Drug Administration has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telehealth appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up additional opportunities for exploitation by violent partners or human traffickers.

From now through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on ProLife Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. In addition to invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills, and can send messages to pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that are involved. Sign up at respectlife.org or by scanning the QR code.



That Man Is You men's group has started up once again. This year's theme is called Revelation of the Father. These sessions are held every Tuesday starting with breakfast at 6:00 am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30 am. Meetings are held at the usual location, Sacred Heart Church in Polonia, just east of Stevens Point. **This is for all men in the Stevens Point Deanery.**

Pilgrimage to National Shrine Of Our Lady Of Champion on October 25th

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Evangelization & Faith Formation Team asks you to join your Brother Knights and Families in a Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of our Lady of Champion.



The State of Wisconsin EFF Team of the Knights of Columbus is very pleased to offer all Catholics and their families this opportunity for pilgrimage to the only Marian approved apparition site in the United States and Canada. Although individual pilgrimages are also faith building experiences and are always encouraged, attending a pilgrimage as an organized group of Catholic families is a strong and powerful witness of faith to a world in desperate need of hope and salvation. In addition, it provides pilgrims with a unique opportunity to receive the spiritual graces and blessings needed to rekindle their faith, live lives of virtue, and to raise strong faith-filled families.

Mary, Our Lady of Champion, PRAY FOR US!

October 25th Itinerary:

10:00 Arrive
10:15 History Talk
11:30 Mass
12:30 Rosary procession (Chapel)
1:15 Lunch
2:00 Visit the Grounds: Adoration, Oratory, Rosary Path, History Center, Gift Shop
3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet (Chapel)
3:30 Depart

We will be providing Lunch, there will be a \$20 ask for donation to cover Fees and lunch.

Council 1558 is looking at getting a bus. Contact Darrel Anderson if you would like to ride the bus. We need to know before Sept. 23. Looking for a minimum of 20 passengers, **estimated cost per person is \$42.00**. The more people that sign up for the bus the lower the per person cost.

CONTACT: Darrel Anderson, Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus Council 1558
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Cell: 715-540-0512
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Email: grandknight@kofccouncil1558.org

All young adults ages 18-35 are invited to the fourth annual Behold retreat, which will take place on Saturday, January 16, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. Our theme for this year is "Behold: I Stand at the Door and Knock." This retreat will examine themes of the interior life and what it really means to let Christ into our hearts. The cost of the retreat is \$30. Nursing infants are welcome! Contact Anne McMenomy-Rodman at dre@stpatsonalaska.com with any questions!



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Please send your bulletin requests via email by 4:30pm Tuesday.

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Pacelli Intercessors

On most Fridays when school is in session, Pacelli Catholic High School has Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament throughout the entire school day. Every high school student during their religion class has some time in our chapel to pray with Jesus face-to-face. In order to help support this encounter with Jesus, we are in need of people who would be willing to sign up for time slots (around 30 minutes long) and come to pray with our students for the success of our Catholic mission in our schools. If you would be willing to be a part of this important prayer ministry, please contact Fr. Williams, the school chaplain, at dwilliams@diolclergy.org or call his parish line at (715) 341-1617 ext. 106. May we all join in supporting our Catholic schools and the important role they play in the life of the Church.

Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs

Family Life....Laura Gould

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GriefShare Ministry

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United Prayers to Heaven Prayer Chain

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