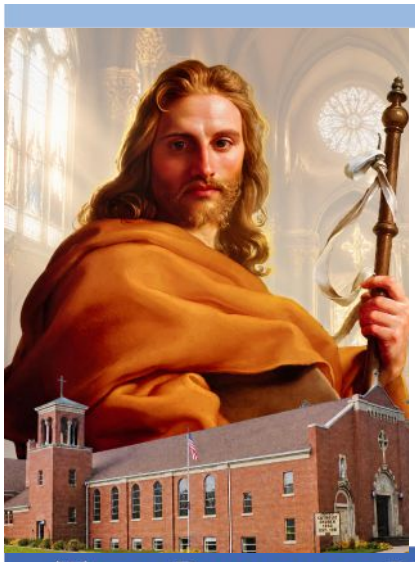


St. James
St. Mary of Mount Carmel
Catholic Parishes

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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

During St. James' renovation all Masses are held at St. Mary

Tuesday, November 24th 8:15AM @ SM
Living & Deceased Members of the
Katharine Davis Family

Wednesday, November 25th 8:15AM @ SM
Living & Deceased Members of the
Martin & Johanna Glodowski Family

Thursday, November 26th 9:00AM @ SM (Note time change)
Living & Deceased Members of the
Anton & Barbara Shulfer Family

Friday, November 27th
No Mass and No Liturgy of the Word ←

Saturday, November 28th 4:00PM @ SM
Living & Deceased Members of the
Frank & Irene Kirschling Family

Sunday, November 29th
8:30AM @ SM Leonard T, Leonard J, & Delphine Shulfer
10:30AM @ SM Parishoners of our Two Parishes



Sunday, November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that whatever we do for others, we also do for Him.

When we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick, or comfort someone who is lonely, we are showing our love for Christ.

We don't have to look far to find Jesus; sometimes He is right beside us, waiting for us to show a little love. Sometimes we think we must do great things to make a difference, but Jesus teaches us that even the smallest acts of kindness matter. A gentle word, a helping hand, or taking time to listen can bring hope to someone who is struggling.

Jesus challenges us to look beyond ourselves and recognize His presence in the people around us. May we open our hearts to those in need and remember that love is not just something we say; it is something we show through our actions each day.

Look for Christ in someone who needs your kindness today. Offer a helping hand, a listening ear, a comforting word, or simply a smile.

Remember, even the smallest act of love can make a difference in someone's life.

Lord, Help Us See You in Others

Dear Jesus,
Open our eyes to see You in everyone we meet, especially those who are lonely, hurting, or in need. Teach us to be generous with our time, patient with others, and willing to lend a helping hand. May our words bring comfort, our actions show kindness, and our hearts reflect Your love. Help us remember that every act of love, no matter how small, is a gift offered to You.

Amen.

Are you, or someone you know, homebound? If would like a weekly bulletin mailed to you, or a regular visit and/or Holy Communion from a member of our Homebound Ministry team, please contact the parish office. Also, Father Jerzy would like to visit and offer the Sacraments to his homebound parishioners this Advent Season. Please contact the parish office to have your name placed on his list for a December visit.

Stewardship
A way of living

	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	**$ 2,970**	**$ 2,820**
- Adult Envelopes	$ 2,056	$ 1,355
- Online Giving	$ 155	$ 101
- Loose Offertory	$ 240	$ 423
- Thanksgiving Envelopes	$ 520	$ 0
Total Weekly Collection	**$ 2,971**	**$ 1,879**
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 1**	**$ (941)**
Other Giving:		
- Non Parishioner Donations	$ 50	$ 75
- Buildings & Grounds	$ 20	$ 0
- All Souls Cemetery Care	$ 5	$ 0

Year to Date (As of 11/15/26)

YTD Weekly Collection Budget	**$ 60,580**	**$ 57,360**
YTD Weekly Collections	$ 64,773	$ 57,904
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 4,193**	**$ 544**

MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION

2026 - 2027 Annual Appeal		
Goal	$ 36,495	$ 28,170
$ Pledged to Date	$ 7,325	$ 11,320
% to Goal	20%	40%
# Families Participating	25	31

Buy Your Gift and Thanksgivng Shopping Cards Here!

SMMC Scrip Update
Scrip is on sale this Sunday! Our next sale dates are December 6th and December 20th before and after the 10:30am Mass. Give Pat Zielinski a call at (715) 824-3762 to purchase cards at any time. Are you purchasing any cards for Christmas gifts? **Please place your orders early to ensure delivery.** Cards can be delivered to your home if you wish.

St. James Scrip Update
Our next sale dates will be November 28th and 29th after the 4:00pm and 8:30am Masses. As we get closer to Christmas, we will be selling the weekends of December 12th and 13th and December 19th and 20th. Contact Hydie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

Attention all Lectors! Your 2027 Lector Workbooks are now available for pick up in the St. Mary main sacristy. Thank you for your dedicated service to our parishes in proclaiming the Word of God!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Jeff and the entire family of Jannette Remer who passed away on November 13th. Jannette's funeral Mass was held this past Wednesday at St. Clare Catholic Church in Wind Lake where she and Jeff have close ties. Please continue to pray for the repose of Jannette's soul and for the comfort of her family and friends who mourn her loss.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Holiday Baskets. We will be collecting gifts for Holiday Baskets again this year. Both trees for St. James and St. Mary's will be put up this weekend in the St. Joseph room at St. Mary's. We will collect gifts through Sunday Dec 13th as we need to wrap and deliver the gifts the following weekend.

Thanks for your generous support with this ministry!

Please join us for a special event for the season of Advent! Our Social Concerns Committee, in conjunction with the Dorothea Project, is sponsoring two screenings of CABRINI, based on the true story of St. Francesca Cabrini.

After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children.



The movie will be presented in the church after the 10:30am Mass on Dec 6th and again at 5:00 pm!

An RSVP (call/text Jodi at 715-630-6827) would be helpful in order to plan for the amount of (free) food! With a run time of 145 minutes, there will be an intermission. Rated PG-13!

Hope to see you there!

Donations for the Food Pantry are welcome!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath. As we begin each Mass during Advent, parishioners will be invited to process up with Father and the servers to light the Advent Wreath candle. This is a beautiful tradition in our parishes. A special Thank You to the families who are participating in the lighting of the Advent wreath!

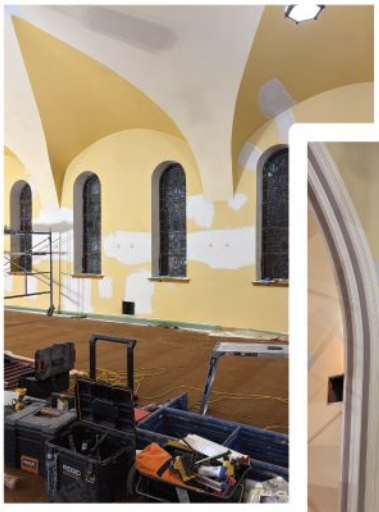
Advent Material. To help us prepare our hearts of the coming of the Christ child, Advent material, Including "The Little Blue Book" for Advent and Christmas", are available at the entryways. Don't forget to take a candy cane each week during Advent to help you in your faith journey.

May you have a Blessed Advent Season!

Start your holiday with gratitude! Join your parish family for Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00am on Thursday and thank God for the blessings of the past year before you gather with family and friends. The word Eucharist literally means "thanksgiving," making Holy Mass the most meaningful way to start your holiday. All are welcome—bring your guests!

The parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving.
Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday!

St. James Restoration continues!!
Please keep the restoration project and all the workers in your prayers. You can also view restoration pictures in color on our website as we move through the project:
www.sjsmmc.com/sj-restoration









St. James
and
St. Mary of Mount Carmel,
pray for us!

Area Events

2026 Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Thursday, November 26th. Hosted by st. Bronislava Parish. Dine in served from 11:30am-1:30pm. Take out served 11-12:30. Cost: FREE. Dine in - Use the Southside Entrance. Carry Out - Use the Northside Entrance.

UWSP Department of Music presents Winter Choir Concert. Concert Choir & University Choir featuring low brass ensemble. St. Stephen's Church. December 5th. 7:30pm

36th Annual Cookie Walk Event. St. Jospeh Family Center, Stevens Point. Saturdya, December 5th 9-11am or until sold out. Featuring...gift baskets, Christmas crafts, homemade cookies and chocolate. Baked in our own parish kitchen!

It's BACK! The 2026 Cookie Walk. Sat. Dec. 5 from 5-9pm and Sun. Dec 6 from 9am-noon at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish; 8611 Highway 54, Almond, WI - approx. 12 miles east of Plover. Hosted by the St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Women's Council. Proceeds benefit the women's council Holiday Gift Card Program.

FREE potluck and viewing party of the documentary 'Broken Mary' Monday, Dec. 7 at 6:30pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish social hall, 8611 Highway 54, Almond, WI. The story of how popular upper midwest radio personality Kevin Matthews was miraculously healed and how he now endeavors to lead people to Jesus through Mary. Hosted by Knights of Columbus council 18888. Bring a dish to pass. Any & all free will offerings will go to the parish KC charity account to help out local charitable causes.

Dec. 12 - St. Wenceslaus Advent Retreat (Milladore) begins at 2pm with Fr. Steven Weller "My Soul Yearns for You: Discovering the Ache for God" with a snack at 3pm, with Fr. Kyle Laylan speaking at 4pm "This is Me: Priest, Casa Hogar, Our Lady of Guadalupe" followed by confessions (3 priests available) until Mass at 6pm. All are welcome!

St. Peter Parish Family Life Presents their 23rd Annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Silent Auction on Saturday, December 12th from 7:30 am to 10:30 am at Kolbe Hall - located in the lower level of St. Peter Church, 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point.

Cookies and Candy, $10 per pound. Gloves and Containers Provided. Twenty holiday themed silent auction items available for your bidding from 7:30 am to 10 am.

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, December 13, 2026 from 8:30AM to 11:30am at St. Bronislava Catholic Church located at 3200 Plover Rd in Plover. The Menu includes buttermilk & potato pancakes, French toast, breakfast sausage links & ham (Limit 4 in combo), milk, juice & coffee. Cost is $10.00 for ages 13-adult, $4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 & under. The meal is cooked by the men of Holy Name and table service is provided by St Bron's Boy Scout troop #201. Proceeds from the breakfast go towards the Parish, School & Youth Needs. Thank you for your support

Guadalupan Revival Parish Workshop with Fr. Tim Oudenhoven. Director of Marian Messengers. Friday, December 18th at 6pm. 5pm - Intro to Our Lady of Guadalupe and confessions. St. Joseph Parish Hall. RSVP at the parish or online at MarianMessengers.org

Dec. 19 - Take & Bake Chicken Pot Pie Sale (St. Wenceslaus, Milladore) selling from 2 to 4pm. 8" Chicken Pot Pies for $12 or 4 inch Chicken Pot Pies for $6 with Individual White Chocolate Pumpkin Cheesecakes for $5 while supplies last.

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