



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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

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July 5, 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, July 7th 8:15AM @ SJ
Living & Deceased Members of the Otis & Adeline Toftum Family

Wednesday, July 8th 8:15AM @ SM
+Betty Kluck

Thursday, July 9th 8:15AM @ SM
+BJ Trzebiatowski

Friday, July 10th 8:15AM @ SJ
Living & Deceased Members of the Loecher Family

Saturday, July 11th 4:00PM @ SJ
+Dave Stoltz

Sunday, July 12th
8:30AM @ SJ +Nick, Evelyn, & Chester Zywicki
10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes

**PRAYER
FOR
AMERICA**

**HAPPY
4th of July!**

CELEBRATING
FAITH, FREEDOM,
and
THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

As we celebrate the 4th of July, we gather and say,

“Thank You, dear Lord, for this beautiful day.
For freedom to worship, to love, and to pray,
We thank You for blessings You send us each day.
The flags wave gently in red, white, and blue,
Reminding us, Lord, of Your goodness so true.
As fireworks sparkle and light up the sky.
We remember Your faithfulness, strong and nearby.
Bless our families, our churches, and friends,
And guide us with love that never ends.
Help us be kind in all that we do,
Sharing Your light and pointing to You.
May America seek You and walk in Your way,
And may Your peace be with us each day.”

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.



Faith Step

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 7:5-26)

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the heart of God. He praises the Father for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom not to the proud or self-sufficient, but to the humble and trusting.

Then He extends one of the most comforting invitations in all of Scripture: "Come to me."

Life often burdens us with worries, grief, responsibilities, and uncertainty. We sometimes believe we must carry these burdens alone or prove our worth by our own strength.

Jesus reminds us that discipleship is not about carrying a heavier load, it's about sharing our lives with Him. His "yoke" is not a burden of oppression but a bond of love. Walking beside Christ, we discover that He bears the greater weight, teaching us gentleness, humility, and trust.

True rest is not found in escaping life's challenges but in placing them into the loving hands of Jesus. When we surrender our fears and allow Him to guide us, our hearts find the peace that the world cannot give.

Today, identify one burden you have been carrying—a worry, a difficult relationship, a decision, or a fear. In prayer, consciously hand it over to Jesus.

Throughout the day, whenever that burden returns to your mind, quietly pray:

**"Jesus, I trust You.
Help me carry this with You."**



Are you making donations your parish, the Diocesan Annual Appeal or to the Inspired Campaign using a 3rd party investment or retirement firm? If so, please be sure to contact your investment/retirement firm and ensure that your name AND the parish name are being printed somewhere on the check, or the check stub, when they issue the check. This information is needed so that your parish account is properly credited for your donation. Once your donation is made, it can also be helpful to notify the parish office. This will also help ensure we are aware of your donation and that it has been posted to your account properly. ~Thank you.

St James

Week Ending June 28, 2026

Received \$1,353
Budget \$3,462
(\$2,109)

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



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (6/29/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$30,600 (111%)
Families who have Contributed: 58

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending June 28, 2026

Received \$3,530
Budget \$3,923
(\$394)

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



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (6/29/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$33,690 (96%)
Families who have Contributed: 83

SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip cards are on sale this weekend! Our upcoming sale dates are July 19th and August 2nd. But—you can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

Scrip cards are on sale this weekend! Our upcoming sale dates are also on July 19th and 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. And....money earned from our scrip sales is used to reduce our monthly Pacelli Catholic Schools assessment for each parish! It's a WIN-WIN!

thank you **FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

We extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Randy and Pat Kwiatkowski and their entire family on the loss of their infant granddaughters, Natalie Rose and Isabelle Grace. The funeral Mass for these beloved infants was held at St. Mary this past Wednesday, after which they were laid to rest in the St. Mary cemetery. May God gently cradle Natalie and Isabelle in His heavenly embrace, providing them His eternal peace and love. Please join us in offering prayers for the Kwiatkowski family, that they may find comfort and feel the support of our parish families around them during this difficult time.

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

Holy Water Bottles for Safe Travels. Thank you to everyone who stayed after Mass last weekend for the Blessing of Vehicles. We do have extra holy water bottles available in the entryways at both churches. The bottle has a prayer to our Guardian Angel for safe travel. If you missed the blessing for your vehicle, be sure to pick up a bottle and use the holy water and Guardian Angel prayer to pray for safe travel wherever you go!



Thank you to all who contributed to our 2025/2026 Annual Appeal.

As of June 29th, the families at St. James have not only achieved their parish goal of \$27,490 but have exceeded it by contributing an additional \$3,110. This surplus will be returned to St. James and utilized for the benefit of parish. Well done, St. James!

Heartfelt appreciation is also extended to our St. Mary families. The parish has made remarkable efforts in recent weeks to bridge the gap towards their parish goal. As of June 29th, the SMMC parish families have collectively raised \$33,690 towards the \$34,930 target, leaving a shortfall of only \$1,240. Every contribution is valuable and appreciated.

Although the appeal has concluded for this year, there may still be donations en route that were postmarked by June 30th. We anticipate having the final numbers within the next couple of weeks.

Thank you again for your support and generosity. Our parishes are truly blessed.

~Fr. Jerzy and the Finance Councils of
St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel

*"We shall never know all the good
that a simple smile can do."*

~Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Prayer for our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

You know the longings of our hearts, and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You.

From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with love for all people to return to a right relationship with You.

We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against You and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to Yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May Your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to Your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History,
we ask You to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!**



Thank you for your generous support during the recent mission appeal presented by Fr. Patric on behalf of Mary Madha Catholic Television of South India. SJ Parish members contributed \$1,177 to the mission and SMMC Parish members contributed \$2,251 for a total of \$3,428! Your contributions and prayers are very greatly appreciated. Fr. Patric expressed his deep gratitude for your kindness and generosity. Your support will make a significant difference in the lives of many, helping to spread the message of hope and faith through the work of Mary Madha Catholic Television.

Area Events

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 associated with AI.



July 1st-9th. In celebration of America's 250th birthday, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion will host a nine-day in-person observance featuring a novena for the United States, praying for unity, holiness, and renewal through Our Lady's intercession. The Shrine will also present a Carlo Acutis-inspired exhibit on American Saints, Blesseds, Venerables, and Servants of God - including Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski of the Diocese of La Crosse - with talks on their lives and causes, along with opportunities for prayer and veneration of relics. July 1-9. 10:00am-4:00pm All are invited to join in prayer and reflection for our nation. For more info go to championshrine.org/americansaints/



St. Ladislaus Parish. Concerts on the Ground. Great music on select Tuesdays this summer from 6-8PM. 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

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!

Divine Image Sisters (in Polonia). 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 715-592-4213 or 715-340-2006 if you would like to donate anything to our rummage sale. ~Thank you

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.



Stay up-to-date online at www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates



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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