



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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8:30AM—1:00PM

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Fr. Jerzy Rebacz; Pastor | Deacon Art Schaller



October 4, 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, October 6th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Philomena Selensky

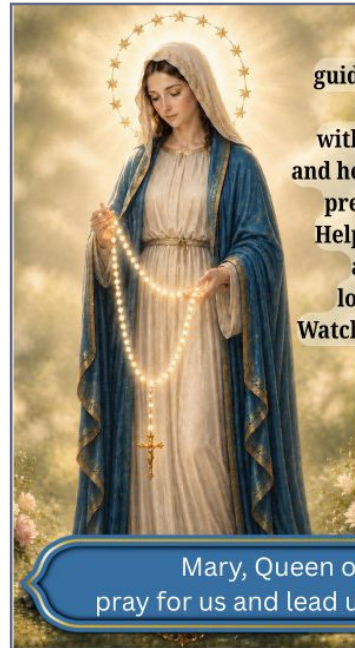
Wednesday, October 7th 8:15AM @ SM
Living & Deceased Members of the Loecher Family

Thursday, October 8th 8:15AM @ SM
+Myron & Vera Rzentkowski

Friday, October 9th 8:15AM @ SJ
+Emily Laskowski

Saturday, October 10th 4:00PM @ SJ
+Don Spierings

Sunday, October 11th
8:30AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM +Mike Trzebiatowski



Our Lady of the Rosary,
guide us closer to your Son, Jesus.
Teach us to pray
with trusting and humble hearts,
and help us to find peace in His loving
presence as we pray the Rosary.
Help us reflect on the life of Jesus
and follow His example of
love, mercy, and compassion.
Watch over our families, our parish,
and all those in need.
Strengthen our faith
when we are troubled
and remind us that
we are never alone.

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary,
pray for us and lead us always closer to Jesus.

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

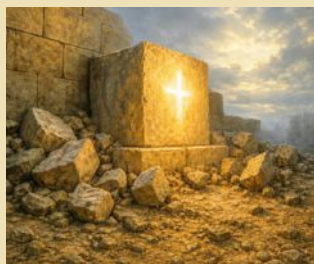
*Kindly leave a note in the sacristy if you need Father to hear your confession after Mass-no names needed.



Faith Step

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

~Matthew 21:42



Matthew 21:33–43 is a powerful passage about the vineyard, the stones rejected by the builders, and the fruitfulness God desires from us.

In the Parable of the Wicked Tenants, Jesus invites us to look at the "vineyard" of our

own lives. God has beautifully planted, fenced, and provisioned this vineyard, entrusting us to be its caretakers.

The tragedy of the tenants is their illusion of ownership—they forgot that the harvest belongs entirely to the Landowner. When we grasp tightly to our gifts, time, or control, we risk rejecting Christ, the very Cornerstone of our lives.

Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who produce its fruit. This Gospel challenges us to step down from the throne of our own lives, recognize God's ultimate ownership, and ask ourselves:

What kind of harvest am I returning to the Lord?

Take ten minutes in silent prayer this week to identify one specific "fruit" God is asking you to produce more of right now—such as patience, generosity, or consistency in prayer. Commit to one concrete action that nurtures that specific fruit.

Called to Bear Good Fruit

You are the Cornerstone upon whom our entire lives must be built.

Forgive us for the times we treat

Your gifts as our own possessions and close our hearts to Your messengers.

Help us to be faithful, humble tenants of the vineyard You have entrusted to us.

Prune away whatever is barren within us, and water our souls with Your grace, so that we may yield a rich harvest of justice, peace, and love for Your Kingdom.

Align our hearts with Yours, Lord, so that everything we build may glorify You.
Amen.



	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	\$ 3,025	\$ 2,900
- Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,389	\$1,725
- Online Giving	\$ 780	\$ 101
- Loose Offertory	\$ 271	\$ 429
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 3,440	\$2,255
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 415	\$ (645)
Other Giving:		
- Non Parishioner Donations	\$ 105	\$ 75
- Scrap Recycling	\$ 137	\$ 137
- Buildings & Grounds Envelopes	\$ 0	\$ 50
- St Mary Restoration Collection ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,125	\$ 725

⁽¹⁾ All 2nd collection loose cash is reported as St. Mary. Donations made by check (or identified cash) follow the donor's parish of registration. All donations are transferred to the Inspired Fund for SMMC loan and interest repayment.

Year to Date

YTD Budget	\$39,470	\$37,300
YTD Weekly Collections	\$39,882	\$38,354
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 412	\$ 1,054



Once again...a huge 'wow' and 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to St. Mary's 2nd collection last weekend!

Every donation is so very greatly appreciated and will be used to help subsidize St. Mary's renovation shortfall

and short-term interest expense. A special note of thanks once again to St. James! In addition to cash donations through the collection basket, several SJ parishioners stepped forward with donations over and above any expectation. Our two parishes are truly blessed in how well we support and work together.

SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip is on sale this weekend! Our next sale date is October 18th. 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 sales dates are October 17th & 18th and October 31st & November 1st. Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.



It takes just 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. Profits from scrip purchases go to reduce each parish's Pacelli Schools assessment.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sherry and the entire family of Dennis Fay. Dennis passed away on September 18th and his funeral Mass was held at St. James this past Friday. Please continue to pray for the repose of Dennis' soul and join in offering prayers for those who mourn his loss that they may find peace during this difficult time.

✠ *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*

Congratulations to Norbert and Amanda Omernik 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!



Wedding Banns III

- Alexander Kleiber & Olivia Lehman

Thank you to everyone who participated in the taping of the televised Masses this past Tuesday at St. Mary! The Masses will be televised for the homebound on Sunday, October 25th and Sunday, November 1st.

Currently, the Televised Mass for the Diocese of La Crosse is broadcast on the following channels:

- Eau Claire**, Channel 18, at 9:30am Sunday.
- La Crosse**, Channel 19, at 9:30am Sunday.
- Marshfield (Public Access)**, Channel 989, at 10:30am. Sunday.
- Stevens Point (Public Access)**, Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30pm Saturday.
- Wausau, (Cable and Satellite)**, Channel 12 at 6:30am Sunday.
- Wausau (Public Access)**, Channel 980, at 6:00pm Saturday and 9:00am Sunday.
- Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access)**, Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:30am and 9:00am Sunday

Mass is also available any time of day, throughout the week, on the Diocesan [Facebook page](#) or [Diocesan YouTube channel](#).

Mark your calendars to join us for our

BBQ & Bingo!

This is a family activity
for children and adults.

➔ **Sunday: October 11th**

Immediately following the 10:30am Mass
Where: SMMC Church Basement



Hmmm.... You may have wondered why a lift was sitting in front of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church. On Friday, September 11th, Kulp's (a roofing company) made minor repairs to the church roof. The repairs are complete. In order to complete this task, they needed to rent a lift.

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.

Collection dates will be from
October 3rd through October 24th.



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



Plan to join us next 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. Get your tickets now! Tickets for the event are pre-sale only so that the cooks & bakers can plan accordingly

GriefShare

Grief Support Group

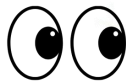
Our next GriefShare support group begins October 19th. We hope you will consider joining us—or pass along this information to someone you know who is grieving a loss. This is a faith-based program that incorporates viewing DVD clips with discussion. A loss may be recent or not so recent. No matter how 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



We're stilling looking for you!

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.



St. Mary of Mount Carmel - Fall Cemetery Clean Up The Cemetery Caretakers will be removing adornments placed throughout the cemetery this past year beginning Monday, October 12th. **Please remove any flowers, solar lights, or other items you may want to save prior to October 12th.** St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish is not responsible for any adornments removed and discarded.

~Thank you for your cooperation.

The Word Among Us. Just a quick reminder that if you haven't already, please submit your Word Among Us annual subscription payment to the parish office. The annual subscription cost is \$21.84. It's also not too late—if you would still like to order an annual subscription, please contact the parish office.

Area Events

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.**

Oct. 6– Blood Drive. St. Joseph Catholic Church. Stevens Point. Tuesday, October 6th from 10:00am—2:00pm. All blood donors will receive a Feltz Dairy Farm Premium Fall entry ticket compliments of Feltz Dairy Farm while supplies last.



Rebuild My Church. Principles for

Pastoral Planning. When: Tuesday, October 6th Where: Holy Spirit Parish (Stevens Point). Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm All are invited.

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!

Scan to register or apply

Come & See Weekends

Catholic young adults 19-29 interested in retreat ministry, your weekend housing, meals, and activities are all included **at no cost to you!**

Oct 16 - 18, 2026
Jan 15 - 17, 2027
April 2 - 4, 2027
April 16 - 18, 2027
May 19, 2027

NO Fundraising

Application open

"Looking for a meaningful way to spend your year? SPIRITUS Ministries is hiring young adults, ages 19–29, to serve as missionaries from August through May, to lead retreats for Catholic youth in grades 2–12. Missionaries receive holidays off and do not need to fundraise in order to serve.

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

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Christine Thompson (SJ)
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Sandy Trzebiatowski (SJ)

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Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs

Family Life....Laura Gould

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GriefShare Ministry

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