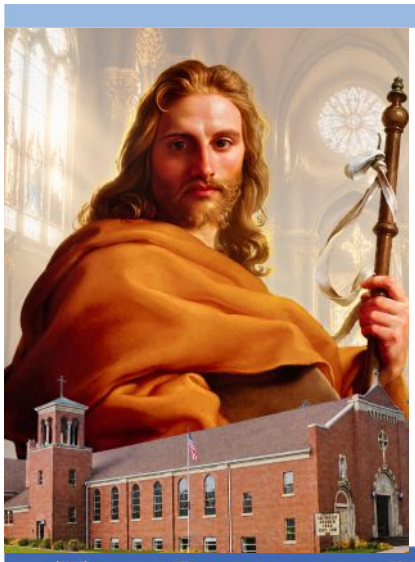


# St. James
# St. Mary of Mount Carmel
## Catholic Parishes

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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

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

**Tuesday, November 17th** 8:15AM @ SM
+Michael & Emily Wierzba

**Wednesday, November 18th** 8:15AM @ SM
+Theresa Kitowski

**Thursday, November 19th** 8:15AM @ SM
Special Intention for the Chad Konkol Family

**Friday, November 20th** 8:15AM @ SM
+Harry & Irene Hintz and +Gustauv & Delores Jauch

**Saturday, November 21st** 4:00PM @ SM
+Mark Peskie

**Sunday, November 22nd**
8:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM Living & Deceased Members of the Ray & Verona Groholski Family




**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

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant."*

Matthew 25:14-30

In the parable of the talents, Jesus reminds us that each of us has been given gifts and blessings from God.

Some may have many gifts, while others may have just a few, but what matters is how we use what we have been given.

God does not expect us to be perfect or to have the same abilities as everyone else. He asks us to have faith, take chances, and use our gifts to make a difference in the lives of others. When we share our time, offer a helping hand, show kindness, or encourage someone who is struggling, we are putting God's gifts to work.

We should never hide our talents out of fear or believe that what we have to offer is too small to matter. Even the smallest act of love can make a difference. God calls us to be faithful and generous with the blessings He has placed in our hands.

**This week, recognize one gift God has given you and find a way to share it with someone else. It may be your time, a kind word, a helping hand, or simply a listening ear.**

Remember, God doesn't ask how much we have, but how lovingly we use what He has given us.

### Lord, Help Me Use My Gifts

**Dear Lord**, thank You for the many gifts and blessings You have placed in my life. Help me recognize the talents You have given me and give me the courage to use them for good. Keep me from hiding behind fear or thinking that my gifts are too small to matter. Teach me to share generously, serve joyfully, and bring kindness to those around me. May I use what You have entrusted to me to make this world a little brighter and reflect Your love each day.

**Amen.**



**Please pray for priestly vocations** every day - especially for Spencer Cohen and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse. Spencer, a member of St. Mary, is currently attending the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN. We have new booklets of our Diocesan seminarians available at the church entrance. Please pick one up for your family.

Stewardship *A way of living*

| | St. Mary | St. James |
|---|---|---|
| **Collection Budget for Last Week** | **$ 2,970** | **$ 2,820** |
| - Adult Envelopes | $ 2,455 | $ 2,290 |
| - Online Giving | $ 745 | $ 1,931 |
| - Loose Offertory | $ 332 | $ 412 |
| **Total Weekly Collection** | **$ 3,532** | **$ 4,633** |
| **Over/(Under) Budget** | **$ 562** | **$ 1,813** |
| Other Giving: | | |
| - Non Parishioner Donations | $ 250 | $ 0 |
| - All Souls Cemetery Care | $ 230 | $ 160 |

*Year to Date* (As of 11/08/26)

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| **YTD Weekly Collection Budget** | **$ 57,610** | **$ 54,540** |
| YTD Weekly Collections | $ 61,802 | $ 56,147 |
| **Over/(Under) Budget** | **$ 4,192** | **$ 1,607** |

MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION

**2026 - 2027 Annual Appeal**

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| **Goal** | $ 36,495 | $ 28,170 |
| **$ Pledged to Date** | $ 6,775 | $ 8,905 |
| **% to Goal** | 19% | 32% |
| **# Families Participating** | 22 | 27 |

## Buy Your Gift and Thanksgivng Shopping Cards Here!

**SMMC Scrip Update**

Scrip is on sale this Sunday! Our next sale dates are November 22nd, 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**

Scrip is on sale this weekend after the 4:00pm and 8:30am Masses! Our next sale dates will be November 28th and 29th. 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.




What is the Pope's favorite musical note?
Holy C!

**Our deepest condolences** go out to the entire family of Dallas Allen as we mourn his passing. Dallas' funeral Mass was held this past Tuesday at St. Mary and he was laid to rest in the parish cemetery. Please continue to pray for the repose of Dallas' soul and keep the Allen family in your thoughts and prayers, asking that God wrap them in comfort, strength, and gentle 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.*

**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 in the St. Joseph room at St. Mary's the weekend of Nov 21st/22nd. 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!



**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!

**Important St. Mary Cemetery News.** As you may have noticed while visiting the cemetery, the large crucifix located at the front of the cemetery is now unfortunately broken in pieces due to weather-related aging and the wood has deteriorated beyond repair. The entire cross was taken down and removed. Due to the winter season that will be upon us shortly, it will be replaced in the spring. We are actively in the process of locating a qualified carpenter who can assist in rebuilding the cross. Thank you for your continued patience as its replacement is being addressed. God bless.

## Congratulations to our newly confirmed!



L to R: Ava Dambroski, Rachel Portmann, Jordynn Stuczynski, Jacob Marcott, Landon Dambroski, John Benjamin, Sawyer Cohen

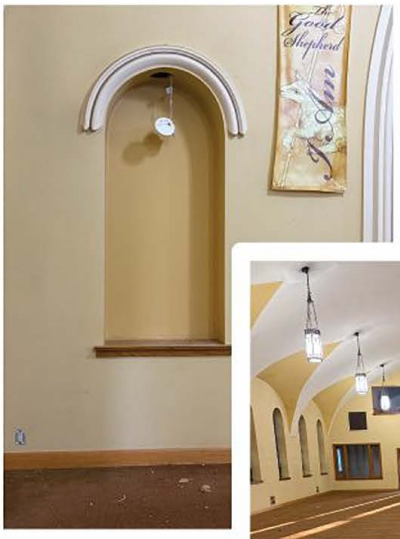
## BINGO! NEXT SUNDAY!

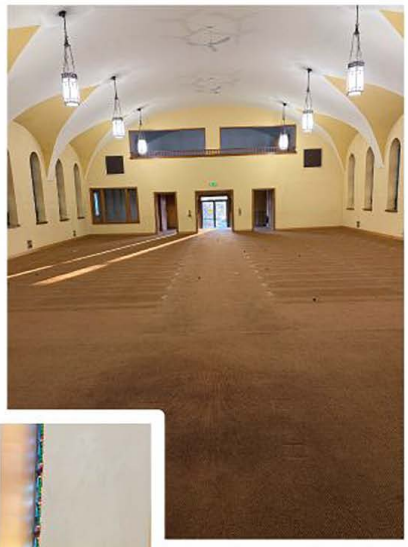
**BBQ & Bingo!** Mark your calendars for next Sunday, November 22nd, and join us after the 10:30am Mass in the St. Mary basement for BBQ & Bingo! This is a FREE light lunch and FREE bingo event! Everything concludes by 1:00pm.

All are welcome!

**St. James Restoration has begun!!**

Last week the items were removed from the church and some preliminary electrical work was done. Wood Renovators removed all of the pews and transported them to their workshop. Please keep in mind the church is now a construction area and is closed. For the safety of the workers and parishioners please do not try to enter the church. The parish offices are open as usual. 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.

**Volunteers Needed - 2026 Community Thanksgiving Dinner.** Volunteers are needed to make this community event possible. Monday Options: 1-4PM; Tuesday Options: 1PM-10:30PM Wednesday Options: 7:30am-2:00pm; Thursday Options 7:00am-4:00pm. Or make your favorite dessert and drop it off at St. Bronislava anytime on November 25th or November 26th by 9:00Aam.

**St. Therese, Schofield**. Holiday Showcase November 21st 9:00am - 3:00pm. Free admission. 65 craft vendors. Bake sale & raffle.

**St Adalbert Parish Harvest Dinner.** November 21st 4:00pm-7:30pm. Homemade chicken soup, baked chicken, ham, kielbasa, stuffing, potatoes, gizzard gravy, peas & carrots, pies, bars, coffee and milk. 4 and under - FREE, children 5-12 - $10; 13 and over $18

**St. Bronislava. Craft & Vendor Sale.** November 22nd. 9AM_12noon. Come for a relaxed shopping experience and stay for lunch.

**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.

**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

**Dec. 19 - Take & Bake Chicken Pot Pie Sal**e (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.

**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.

## Parish Staff

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