



# ST JAMES ST MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISHES

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## March 8, 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, March 10th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Mike Walenski

**Wednesday, March 11th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Joe Modrzewski

**Thursday, March 12th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Elyse Sankey

**Friday, March 13th** 8:15AM @ SJ  
+Arlene Domaszek

**Saturday, March 14th** 4:00PM @ SJ  
+Brian Groholski & Rose Yach

**Sunday, March 15th**  
8:30 AM @ SJ Parishioners of our Two Parishes  
10:30AM @ SJ +Jacci Modrzewski & Kathy Raflik



### Lenten Prayer

#### Hear our prayers

as we journey through Lent with you.  
Let us be honest with ourselves  
as we look into our heart and soul;  
noticing the times we turned away from you.  
Guide us as we humbly seek  
to repent and return to your love.  
May humility guide our efforts  
to be reconciled with you and live forever  
in your abundant grace.  
Transform us this lent, heavenly Father.  
Give us the strength to commit ourselves  
to grow closer to you each day.  
We ask this in your name Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

### Lenten Stations of the Cross Schedule

Tuesday mornings following the 8:15AM Mass (SJ)  
Friday afternoons at 2:00PM (SJ)

### Exposition and Benediction Schedule

The First Thursday and the First Friday of every month following the morning Mass at St. James.

### Confession Schedule

After weekday Masses\* and Saturday at 3:30 PM at St. James.  
Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass\* at St. James.

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

**Did you know?** From our Sacred Worship Committee



**Scourged.** How many of us know the significance of this word as it is used in Sacred Scripture?

This past Wednesday the Gospel reading was taken from Matthew 20:17-28. In this reading, Jesus says, *“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”*

During the recounting of Christ's Passion, John tells us, *“Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.”* (Jn 19:1).

Sounds simple enough, just one word. But as we read Sacred Scripture through the literal lens, the word scourged in the Jewish and Roman context translates to severe and inhumane punishment. Of which we people of modern times have no true understanding.

Let us compare the word scourged to some recent cultural terms we use that have great underlying meaning. Such as “Vietnam”. We don't need to say Vietnam War or anything else. Think of “911” or “Twin Towers”. Or, more recently, as our children can relate, think of “Covid”. Generations of our time need no further explanation to the horrors, sadness and sense of isolation these words invoke.

And so it is with the word scourged. Jesus was stripped and whipped with an implement that had a handle with multiple leather thongs, tipped with small metal balls and sharp, jagged pieces of bone or metal designed to inflict deep wounds. Witnesses, such as Mary, watched this torture with horror. He was whipped to the point of death. After suffering from this type of torture, Jesus' body was almost unrecognizable.

These are hard things to envision, but this is the truth of what Jesus endured for each and every one of us. We know what Vietnam and 911 were. Now we know what scourging was.



### Faith Steps

*When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”* (Luke 23:33-34)

It wasn't just the Romans who inflicted suffering on Jesus. It was the whole world. He bore the sins of all of us, with no exceptions. So, when He asked His Father in heaven to forgive “them”, He was also asking for redemption for the sins of you and me.

How many times have we offended God out of self-interest? Innumerable times. And how many times has He granted us forgiveness? Every time that we've asked for it.

Forgive others as Jesus forgave His killers.  
Forgive others as **God forgives us in the confessional.**  
Forgive others as we would want to be forgiven from others we have wronged.

**Reconciliation is this week on March 12th, at 6:00pm.  
God is waiting to forgive you.**

### St James

Week Ending March 1, 2026



Received \$2,390  
Budget \$3,462  
(\$1,072)

	Month of Feb 2025	Fiscal YTD Feb 2025	Fiscal YTD Feb 2024
Received	\$13,099	\$122,067	\$104,530
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>	
	(\$1,901)	\$2,067	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (3/4/2026)

Goal: \$27,490 Pledged to Date: \$26,075 (95%)  
# Families who have Contributed: 49

### St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending March 1, 2026

Received \$3,201  
Budget \$3,923  
(\$722)

	Month of Feb 2025	Fiscal YTD Feb 2025	Fiscal YTD Feb 2024
Received	\$14,500	\$133,391	\$138,630
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$136,000</u>	
	(\$2,500)	(\$2,609)	



2025-2026 Annual Appeal Status (3/4/2026)

Goal: \$34,930 Pledged to Date: \$25,365 (73%)  
# Families who have Contributed: 63

### Scrip Gift Cards

#### **SMMC Scrip Update**

Our next sales will be on March 14th and 15th at the 4:00pm and 10:30am Masses—and then again on March 29th at the 10:30 am Mass. You can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

#### **St. James Scrip Update**

Our next sales will be on March 14th and 15th at the 4:00pm and 8:30am Masses. Contact Hydie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

Money earned from our scrip sales is used to reduce our monthly Pacelli Catholic Schools assessment for each parish.  
Thank you for your support!

Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Would you like a home visit this Lent?** If you or someone you know, is homebound or living in a care facility and would like Fr. Jerzy to visit and provide the Sacraments, please call the parish office to have your name added to his list. Father is planning on visiting the homebound on **Tuesday, March 17th** so please contact the parish office sooner than later. ~Thank you.

## WINNERS!

Last weekend's winners from the Annual Appeal Polish Dinner Drawing are:

**Steve & Sandy Trzebiatowski (SJ)**  
**Annette Glodowski (SM)**

Congratulations!

...and it's not too late! We will continue to draw (2) lucky winners each weekend through March 22nd.



**The Great Adventure Bible Study.** On Monday, March 9th, Jeff Cavins will be guiding us through Session 8 of the Book of Matthew, Chapter 7, giving us insight into "**Choices in the Kingdom**". Jeff Cavins will help us to understand how important it is not to judge others. Jesus is the ultimate judge and he condemns judging other people's faults! We should live by the Golden Rule, 'Do unto others what you want done to you'. Imagine what a family, a parish, a community, a nation, the world, would be like if we all followed the Golden Rule! Join us for this informative lesson. We will meet on March 9th at St. James at 5:30pm. All are welcome!

**Exciting News!** This Lenten Season we are extremely excited to share that steps are being taken to revive the **Homebound Ministry** in our parishes. We have 3 wonderful parishioners, Jodi Glodowski, Julie Glodowski, and Sandy Trzebiatowski who approached Father Jerzy regarding the need to bring the Holy Eucharist and a connection of our parish family to those who cannot come to Mass and celebrate with us. Next weekend, March 14th and 15th, Jodi, Julie, and Sandy will be speaking briefly at all the Masses regarding the vision for this ministry.

### Looking Ahead to our Sacred Triduum Schedule

April 2nd—Holy Thursday  
7:00pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper  
April 3rd—Good Friday  
Noon—The Passion of our Lord  
April 4th—Easter Vigil  
8:00pm—Easter Vigil Mass  
April 5th—Easter Sunday  
8:30am—Mass  
10:30am—Mass

All services will take place at St. James.



## Our 2026 Lenten Journey



**Reconciliation this Thursday, March 12th beginning at 6:00pm.** In addition to the weekly confession schedule, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St James this Thursday, March 12th beginning at 6:00pm. **3 priests will be available to hear confessions that evening.** Prayerfully consider making it a priority to go to Confession this Lenten Season!



**Volunteers are needed on Palm Sunday!** Volunteers are needed for all three Masses to carry up palms for the entrance procession on Palm Sunday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the entryways.

### 12 Volunteers are needed on Holy Thursday!

Volunteers are needed to represent the 12 Apostles having their feet washed by Jesus during the Last Supper. The foot washing ceremony is an important call for all people that we should be willing to serve others. After all, Jesus Himself, the Son of God, washed the feet of His disciples. Sign-up sheets will be available in the entryways.



**Stations of the Cross.** If you are able, please join us this week on Tuesday morning following the 8:15am Mass or on Friday at 2:00pm for Stations of the Cross.



**Have you picked up your Lenten material,** available at the entryways, to help you grow closer to Our Lord and to prepare your heart and soul for Holy Week?

### Please mark your calendars for the following Lenten Retreat:

St. Wenceslaus in Milladore will have a Lenten/Centennial Retreat on Saturday, March 21st starting at 2 pm with Fr. Damian Joseph Redfern, followed by a light lunch at 3pm and Fr. Sam Martin from 4pm – 4:45. Confessions will be held from 5pm – 5:50pm, followed at 6pm with a Mass.

**Lenten Lessons on the Mass.** Father Rocky from Relevant Radio is giving short Lenten lessons on the Mass every day during Lent. These are short and easy to understand for the whole family. Go to [Relevantradio.com](http://Relevantradio.com) and sign up.



## Area Events

### **What: Pacelli Schools and Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Dinner for Learning Disabled Children**

When: Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Serving from 5pm to 8pm. Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 401 West Clark St, Stevens Point. Menu: Your choice of spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic toast or Beef BBQs with pork and beans and potato chips. Coffee, milk and water included. Additional drinks can be purchased at the bar. Cost: \$10 adults, \$7 kids under 12 and kids under 5 are \$5.

**Join us for Lenten Soup Suppers** at St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent, on Wednesdays March 11, March 18 and March 25. We will be serving Soup, Sandwiches, Salads, and Desserts from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the church basement. Free Will donation. Weekly Door Prize Drawing. Open to the public

**St Adalbert Parish, Rosholt - Fish Fry** Serving 4pm to 7:30pm on Fridays Mar 13, Mar 20 and Mar 27. Menu is Fried or Baked Fish, Fried Shrimp or Combo. All meals include a choice of potato, coleslaw, bread, dessert and coffee or milk. Dine in or take out available.

**St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish annual Ham Dinner;** Sunday, March 15, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Location: 8611 State Highway 54, Almond WI. Dine-In or Carry-out. Adults-\$14; Children 6 to 12-\$6; Children 5 & under FREE.

**Called and Gifted Workshop.** A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute from Colorado Springs will offer the Called & Gifted workshop on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield. Every adult 20 yrs or older is invited to attend. The gifts discernment process explores 23 charisms identified in the writings of St. Paul and St. Thomas. Click [here](#) for further information and to register or go to: [diolc.org/catechesis/called-and-gifted-workshop/](http://diolc.org/catechesis/called-and-gifted-workshop/)

### **March 29 – Grilled Pork Chop Dinner, St.**

**Michael** (Junction City) **Drive Thru Only.** Serving from 10:30am to 12:30pm Double Chop Meal \$14 includes 2 Grilled & Seasoned Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Bread, and dessert.

**Jubilee Year of St Francis Pilgrimage.** Tuesday, March 31st. 7:15am Bus departs St. Joseph, Stevens Point. Comfort stop in Tomah. Attend Chrism Mass in La Crosse. Tour Maria Angelorum Chapel (Home of the Franciscan Sisters), Lunch on your own. Arrive back at St Joseph approx. 6:30pm. Cost: \$10. Register online at [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/chrism](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/chrism) or call 715-341-1617. Sponsored by the Stevens Point Deanery.

**Catholics Returning Home.** St Joseph's & St Stephen's will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Wednesday, April 8th, at 6:30 pm, at St Joseph. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Sally Mews at 715-254-0935 or email

## Parish Staff

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

## Church Councils

### **Pastoral Council**

Jill Benjamin (SJ)  
Mike Juris (SJ)  
Bob Schilling (SJ)  
Michelle Shulfer (SJ)  
Christine Thompson (SJ)

Sarah Eron (SM)  
Julie Glodowski (SM)  
Jenny Konkol (SM)  
Justen Pacocha (SM)  
Karen Piesik (SM)  
Carol Rudiger (SM)  
Judy Zinda (SM)

### **Finance Council**

Pat Kwiatkowski (SJ)  
Sandy Trzebiatowski (SJ)  
Mark Doll (SM)  
Gilbert Patoka (SM)

### Committees Chairperson and Co-chairs

**Family Life**....Laura Gould

**Sacred Worship**....Judi Marquard | Barb Groholski

**Social Concerns**... Pat Zielinski | Laura Trzebiatowski-Przekurat

## 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.

## United Prayers to Heaven Prayer Chain

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of prayers, please let us know. We will keep your name & prayer request confidential. Names are included only if you so desire.

### Contacts for Prayer Chain

Laurie.....[plhintz5@gmail.com](mailto:plhintz5@gmail.com)

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