



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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Fr. Jerzy Rebacz; Pastor | Deacon Art Schaller



September 27, 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, September 29th

Taping of Televised Masses @ SM
9:00AM and 9:45AM

+Jim Domaszek

Wednesday, September 30th 8:15AM @ SM

+Edwin & Betty Damask

Thursday, October 1st 8:15AM @ SM

+Gale & Judy Cole

Friday, October 2nd 8:15AM @ SJ

Living & Deceased Members of the
John & Lillian Wierzba Family

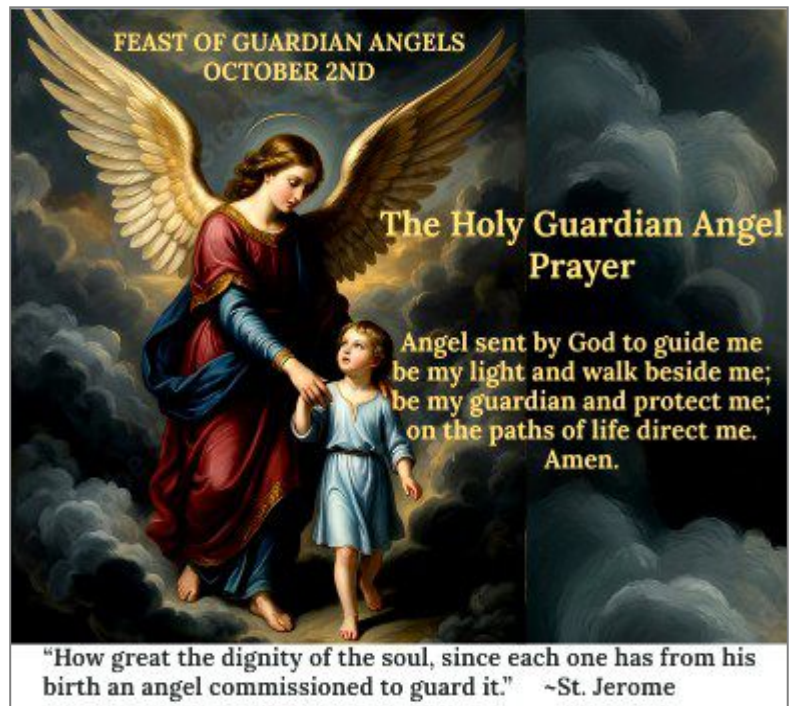
Saturday, October 3rd 4:00PM @ SJ

+Fred and Darryl Jastromski

Sunday, October 4th

8:30AM @ SJ +Gordy Lamberty

10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes



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

*"Which of the two did his father's will?"
They answered, "The first."
— Matthew 21:31*

In this Gospel, Jesus tells of two sons. One says "no" to his father but later changes his mind and goes to work. The other says "yes" but does not go.

Jesus reminds us that faith is not simply about what we say, it is about how we live. Sometimes we may say the right things, but our actions do not always follow. At other times, we may struggle, hesitate, or even turn away, but later realize that God is calling us to something more.

The beautiful message is that it is never too late to change our hearts and respond to God. Each day gives us another opportunity to say "yes" through our kindness, forgiveness, service, and love.

God does not ask us to be perfect; He asks us to be willing. When our actions reflect our faith, we become living witnesses to His love.

Today, choose to let your actions speak louder than your words. If there is something God is asking you to do, take that first step—even if you have hesitated before. A change of heart can lead to a change of life.

A Heart That Says "Yes"

Lord Jesus,

help me to be more than a person of words.
Give me a heart that is willing to listen, change,
and follow Your will.

When I have said "no" to You
through my actions or choices,
help me find the courage to
turn back and say "yes."

May my faith be shown through
love, kindness, forgiveness,
and service to others.

Amen.

WHAT COULD BE
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF
YOUR 'YES' TO GOD?



Wedding Banns II

- Alexander Kleiber & Olivia Lehman

Wedding Banns III

- Norbert Omernik & Amanda Wanta



	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	\$ 3,025	\$ 2,900
- Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,950	\$2,635
- Online Giving	\$ 280	\$ 406
- Loose Offertory	\$ 351	\$ 409
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 2,581	\$3,450
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (444)	\$ 550
Other Giving:		
- Non Parishioner Donations	\$ 50	\$ 75
- Buildings & Grounds Envelopes	\$ 50	\$ 100

Year to Date

YTD Budget	\$36,445	\$34,400
YTD Weekly Collections	\$36,442	\$36,099
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (3)	\$ 1,699

SMMC Scrip Update

Our next sale dates are October 4th and 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! Contact Hydrie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.



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.

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

This Tuesday!! Everyone is Welcome! Televised Mass. Come join our parishes in celebrating the televised Masses for the Diocese of La Crosse Televised Program. Help support our parishes and those who are home-bound and rely on the televised Mass to meet their spiritual needs.

The recording of 4 Masses will take place this Tuesday, September 29th @ St. Mary of Mount Carmel. Fr. Jerzy will be the celebrant for the first 2 Masses – 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. with the parishioners of St. James and St. Mary. Fr. Williams will celebrate the last 2 Masses with the students of Pacelli School at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

****Please note you do not need to participate in all 4 Masses. Also, there will be no 8:15am Mass at St. James that day.**

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. It's time to submit our order for next year's 'The Word Among Us' subscriptions. If you would like an annual subscription for this upcoming year (the first issue begins with November, 2026 and runs through October, 2027) **please contact the parish office by October 1st.** The annual subscription cost is \$21.84.



**This Week
Exposition and Benediction**

First Thursday, October 1st
After the 8:15am Mass at St Mary

First Friday, October 2nd
After the 8:15am Mass at St James



Plan to join us on 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.

Tickets are on sale now through October 4th at the parish office or after each weekend Mass at St Mary and St. James. (Adults \$15/Children \$5 (5-12 yrs)

Get your tickets now! Tickets for the event are pre-sale only so that the cooks & bakers can plan accordingly

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!



Coffee & Donuts. Please join us after the 8:30AM Mass at St. James next Sunday for our coffee and donut social!

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible, it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her, where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!" 😊

GriefShare® Grief Support Group

Are you experiencing the grief related to the passing of a loved one—whether a recent or past death?

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

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. 4 – Parish Chicken Dinner – DRIVE THRU ONLY St. Wenceslaus (Milladore) serving from 11am to 1pm. Meals are \$15 and includes: Chicken breast and thigh, dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with Sausage, Carrots, Dessert and Kolaches

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.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish annual Fall Harvest Dinner & Picnic Sunday, October 4, 2026 in the Parish social hall located at 8611 State Highway 54-Almond, WI (approx 6 miles East of Plover). Serving from 10:30am-1:30pm. Featuring 3 piece Ambrosia chicken with all the fixins. Adults: \$14, Children 6-12: \$5; Under 6: FREE. Plus basket raffle, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and more. Dine in or Carry Out. Details at stmaxkolbe.org or call 715-824-3380.

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!



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.

Point Catholic Faith Bus Trip. Christmas Stars Show. Sunday, December 6th. Join us as we travel from St. Joseph Parish to Appleton. We will enjoy the sights and sounds of the season of Christmas Stars show; following some time at the Fox River Mall for lunch and a bit of Christmas shopping. The cost for this trip is \$50/person. Register today. Call the office: (715) 341-1617 or visit www.pointcatholicfaith.org/trips.

Join us on a Pilgrimage to India and Sri Lanka. February 2027. Join India Mission Joy on a pilgrimage to India leaving Chicago on Thursday, February 25th and returning Tuesday, March 8th. Host church: St. Matthew, Wausau. For more information contact Fr. Peter Manickam. (715) 305-4510 or email: mpm60@gmail.com

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

Church Councils

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GriefShare Ministry

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