



St. James St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parishes

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8:30AM—1:00PM

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July 19, 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 21st 8:15AM @ SJ
+Darlene Kropidlowski

Wednesday, July 22nd 8:15AM @ SM
+Ray & Lucille Patoka

Thursday, July 23rd 8:15AM @ SM
+Joe Modrzewski

Friday, July 24th 8:15AM @ SJ
Living & Deceased Members of the Loecher Family

Saturday, July 25th 4:00PM @ SJ
+Tony Zblewski

Sunday, July 26th
8:30AM @ SJ +Mike Trzebiatowski
10:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes

Prayer to Our Blessed Mother of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to aid me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.
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

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants."

Matthew 13:31-32

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that God's Kingdom is often hidden in ordinary moments and grows in ways we cannot always see.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat reminds us that good and evil exist side by side in our world. Rather than becoming discouraged or judging others, Jesus calls us to remain faithful and allow God to be the final judge.

The mustard seed and the yeast offer hope. Even the smallest act of kindness, prayer, forgiveness, or faith can become something far greater than we imagine. God works quietly within our hearts, our families, and our communities, transforming lives little by little.

As disciples, we are invited to be patient with ourselves and with others. Instead of focusing on the weeds around us, we are called to nourish the good that God has planted within us, trusting that He will bring His work to completion in His perfect time.

Matthew 13:24–43 contains the parables of the weeds among the wheat, the mustard seed, and the yeast. These parables remind us that God's Kingdom often grows quietly and patiently. We are called to trust God's timing, remain faithful, and allow Him to bring about His harvest in His way.

May this Gospel encourage you to trust that God is always at work, even when His presence seems hidden.

Today, choose one small act of faith that can help God's Kingdom grow, a kind word, a prayer for someone in need, an act of forgiveness, or a moment spent with the Lord in silence. Trust that even small acts, offered with love, allow God to do great things.

DO SMALL
things
WITH GREAT LOVE

As you head out on your summer travels, remember that God is with you everywhere! Experiencing Mass in a new city or country is a beautiful way to connect with the universal church and thank God for the gift of rest. You can easily find local Mass times and locations across the country by visiting MassTimes.org

May you continue to have a safe, restful, and blessed summer!



St James

Week Ending July 12, 2026

Received \$3,497
Budget \$3,462
\$35



	Month of June 2026	Fiscal YTD June 2026	Fiscal YTD June 2025
Received	\$11,932	\$189,734	\$165,144
Budget	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	
	(\$3,068)	\$9,734	

St Mary of Mount Carmel

Week Ending July 12, 2026

Received \$2,514
Budget \$3,923
(\$1,409)

	Month of June 2026	Fiscal YTD June 2026	Fiscal YTD June 2025
Received	\$16,455	\$207,901	\$213,001
Budget	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$204,000</u>	
	(\$545)	\$3,901	

SMMC Scrip Update

Scrip is on sale this weekend after the 10:30am Mass. Our next sale date is August 2nd. But—you can also purchase cards at anytime by calling Pat Zielinski at (715) 824-3762.

St. James Scrip Update

Scrip is on sale this weekend! Our next sale date is August 2nd. Contact Hydie 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 Hydie? It's convenient and costs you nothing extra.

Money earned from our scrip sales is used to reduce our monthly Pacelli schools assessment for each parish.

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Friendly reminder – With the increase in AI technology, scammer attacks these days are becoming much more targeted and will often scrape information from websites, social media, and other online information making the requests much more believable. They will even send emails pretending to be a local priest asking you to buy gift cards for him. Never buy or send gift cards, money, or personal info via email, text, or phone—even if it looks like it's from someone you know. Always double-check by calling the parish office directly using a number you trust, or by reaching out to the person yourself.



Arlene Trzebiatowski and the family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Father Jerzy and Deacon Art for their pastoral care and spiritual support through the loss of our loved one, Mike Trzebiatowski. We also thank Linda Konkol and Janet Glodowski for the beautiful music shared at the funeral Mass, and to Kathy Somers and her team for the tasty luncheon that followed. We are all deeply grateful for the prayers of many and for all of those who helped us celebrate his life.

Thank you again.

~Arlene and Family



Faith Formation. Do you have a desire to learn more about your faith? Why not give teaching or co-teaching a try!

Grades 1-8 meet biweekly and grades 9-11 meet every week.

We are in need of teachers for grades 5, 7, 9 & 10. If you are not sure you want to commit to teaching, perhaps you could assist in a classroom instead—both are needed.

Please contact Michelle at sjsmdre@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to learn more.

-Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire-
St. Catherine of Sienna



Celebration of our Parish Feast Days!

We will be celebrating the feast days for our two parishes during the month of July! The feast day for St. Mary of Mount Carmel

was on Thursday, July 16th and this weekend on Sunday, July 19th we concluded our 10:30am Mass with Exposition and Benediction.

The feast day for St. James is next Saturday, July 25th! To celebrate St. James feast day, we will have Exposition and Benediction to conclude both the 4:00pm Mass on July 25th and the 8:30am Mass on July 26th. Worship aids will be passed out after Communion by the ushers.

Holy Water Bottles for Safe Travels. We have more Holy Water bottles available to use to Bless your Vehicles. They are 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 or if you'd like to give a bottle to your loved ones, be sure to pick up a bottle and use the Holy Water and prayer to pray for safe travel wherever you go.



Dear God, so far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish, and I'm really glad of that! But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen."

Our Lady of Mount Carmel...

The Virgin of Carmel is one of the most cherished and widely known Marian devotions in the Catholic Church. Each year on July 16th, we celebrate her feast day.

Here are five things you may not know about this beautiful devotion:

1. **Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Origins Trace Back to Mount Carmel in Israel.** Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel began with hermits who lived on Mount Carmel (Isaiah 35:2), located in present-day Israel, starting in the 12th century. These hermits eventually formed a community that became the Carmelite Order. Their devotion to Mary was centered on honoring her as the "Lady of the Place." Mount Carmel is also significant in the Bible: it's the site where the prophet Elijah boldly confronted the prophets of the pagan god Baal and showed the power of the Lord (1 Kings 18:20-46).
2. **The Brown Scapular Has a Profound Spiritual Meaning.** One of the most iconic symbols associated with Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the brown scapular. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary gave this scapular to Saint Simon Stock, a Carmelite prior, in 1251. Far from being a superstitious object or amulet, the scapular is a sign of Marian love and protection. One of its most well-known promises is that anyone who dies wearing it with devotion will not suffer eternal damnation. The scapular received official recognition from the Church in 1587 and has been endorsed by many popes since.
3. **Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Feast Day Is Linked to a Marian Apparition.** The date of July 16th was chosen for her feast day because it marks the day the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock in 1251 and gave him the scapular. This apparition holds a central place in Carmelite spirituality and tradition.
4. **Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the Patron Saint of Many Professions (Depending on the Country).** Our Lady of Mount Carmel is most commonly known as the patroness of the sea, sailors, and fishermen. She is also honored as the patron saint of other professions in various countries. In Peru, for example, she is the patroness of the National Police; in Chile, she is the patroness of the Army. In some places, she is also considered the protector of drivers.
5. **Her Devotion Is Especially Strong in Spain and Latin America.** The Carmelites played a major role in spreading devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel throughout Spain and the Americas. Today, she is especially venerated in many Latin American countries, including Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Mexico. Our Lady of Mount Carmel holds a special place in the hearts of Catholics around the world. As Pope Benedict XVI beautifully expressed:

"Carmel, a high promontory rising on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea, near Galilee, has at its base numerous natural grottoes once favored by hermits. The most famous of these men of God was the great prophet Elijah, who in the 9th century B.C. courageously defended the purity of faith in the one true God against idolatry. Inspired by Elijah's example, the contemplative Carmelite Order arose—a religious family that has given the Church great saints such as Teresa of Ávila, John of the Cross, Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. The Carmelites have spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, presenting her as a model of prayer, contemplation, and complete dedication to God."

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.



Area Events

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

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!

Come & See Day Retreat. Saturday, August 1st. The Seraphic Adorers of The Child Jesus are hosting a retreat day for young women ages 18-29. If you are interested or would like more information, please text 715-899-0768 or email prayers@seraphicadorers.com

St. Philip, Rudolph 105th Church Picnic. Sunday, August 2nd. At the world famous Grotto Shrine and Wonder Cave. Mass at 8:30am in church. All activities on the grounds Food, refreshments, games and raffles. Polka Pak from 11-3, Gray Catz from 3-6. Children's games & Bingo begin at 11:00am. Basket raffle drawing at 5:00pm.

St Adalbert Church Picnic. Sunday, August 2nd. Outdoor Polka Mass @ 10:00am. Baked or grilled chicken dinner starting at 11:00am. \$1,000 Bingo at 1:00pm. Cherry Tree, kids games, Packer Wagon Raffle, 50/50 raffle, Battle of the Bands 11am-7:00pm, and more!

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.

Sacred Heart Church Picnic. Friday, August 14th from 7:00pm-11:00pm (music by Night Shift) and Sunday, August 16th. Bingo, Cherry Tree, kids games, raffles, bands and 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



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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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