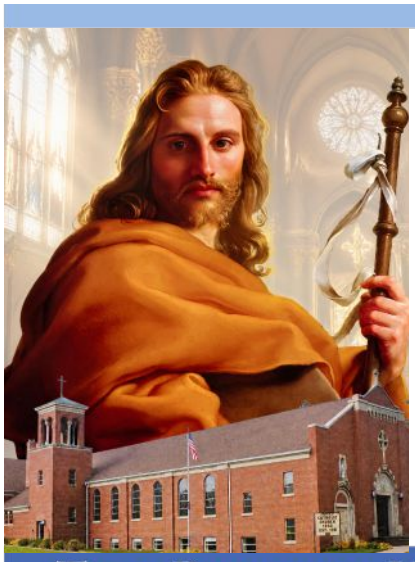


St. James
St. Mary of Mount Carmel
Catholic Parishes

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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

Monday, November 2nd 8:15AM @ SM ← Additional Mass
For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, November 3rd 8:15AM @ SM
+Steven & Barbara Sternik

Wednesday, November 4th 8:15AM @ SM
+Edmund Bruske

Thursday, November 5th 8:15AM @ SM
+Elsie Modrzewski

Friday, November 6th 8:15AM @ SM
Living & Deceased Members of the Loecher Family

Saturday, November 7th 4:00PM @ SM
+Carl & Barb Adamski

Sunday, November 8th
8:30AM @ SM Parishioners of our Two Parishes
10:30AM @ SM Living & Deceased Members of the Nick & Eleanor Trzebiatowski Family



Sunday, November 1, 2026

ALL SAINTS DAY

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them." Matthew 5:1-2

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

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
John 11:25

All Souls Day: Remembering with Love and Hope

On All Souls Day (November 2nd), we remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially our family members, friends, and those who have touched our lives. Although we miss them deeply, our Catholic faith reminds us that death is not the end of our story. Through Jesus Christ, we have the promise of eternal life.

Grief can leave an emptiness in our hearts, and the loss of someone we love is never easy. Yet we find comfort in knowing that God's love is greater than death.

We entrust our departed loved ones to His mercy, praying that they may share in the fullness of His heavenly kingdom.

As we remember those who have gone before us, let us also be grateful for the love they shared, the lessons they taught us, and the memories that remain in our hearts. May our prayers unite us in faith and remind us that, in Christ, love never truly ends.

Take a few moments this week to remember a loved one who has died. Offer a prayer for their soul, light a candle in their memory, or share a special memory with someone who misses them.

Let your love become a prayer of hope, trusting that God holds our loved ones close to His heart.

Eternal Rest, and Everlasting Peace Prayer

Merciful Father, we remember all our loved ones who have died. Thank You for the gift of their lives, the love they shared, and the memories we will always treasure.

Welcome them into Your loving presence and grant them eternal peace. Comfort those who are grieving, especially those whose hearts still ache with the loss of someone dear. Give them strength when they feel lonely and hope when the days seem difficult.

May we trust in Your promise of eternal life and find comfort in knowing that nothing can separate usfrom Your love. Until we are reunited in Your heavenly kingdom, keep our loved ones close to Your heart and help us carry their love with us each day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Stewardship *A way of living*

	St. Mary	St. James
Collection Budget for Last Week	**$ 3,050**	**$ 2,900**
- Adult Envelopes	$ 2,085	$ 1,481
- Online Giving	$ 1,755	$ 151
- Loose Offertory	$ 361	$ 333
Total Weekly Collection	**$ 4,201**	**$ 1,965**
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 1.151**	**$ (935)**
Other Giving:		
- Non Parishioner Donations	$ 50	$ 75
- Bingo Proceeds	$ 110	$ 0
- St Mary Restoration Collection	$ 1,478	$ 50

Year to Date (As of 10/25/26)

YTD Weekly Collection Budget	**$ 51,670**	**$ 48,900**
YTD Weekly Collections	$ 54,035	$ 48,711
Over/(Under) Budget	**$ 2,365**	**$ 189**

MANY GIFTS, ONE MISSION

2026 - 2027 Annual Appeal

Goal	$ 36,495	$ 28,170
$ Pledged to Date	$ 1,675	$ 2,610
% to Goal	5%	9%
# Families Participating	9	10

thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SMMC Scrip Update
Scrip is on sale this weekend! 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 Hydie Laidlaw at (715) 347-3544 or stop by the parish office to purchase cards during the week.

If you plan on doing any shopping or gifting or have a special project coming up - especially with Thanksgiving right around the corner - why not buy your cards from Pat or Hydie? It costs you nothing extra - and takes only a few minutes to stop by the scrip table before or after Mass. Looking for a card that isn't normally stocked? Talk to Pat or Hydie - they'll be happy to help you out!



Still Looking! Both St. James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel are in need an individual to clean the church buildings on a weekly basis. This is a part-time position, 14-26 hours per week. Hours are flexible. You must be over 21 years of age to apply. For more information contact the parish office or email: sjsmparishlife@gmail.com

St James Restoration Project will begin this month! Effective, this Monday November 2nd, all Masses will take place at St. Mary of Mount Carmel until completion of the project.

- Due to the scaffolding and construction, there will no longer be access to the church or sacristy.
- The parish office will be open as usual.
- Council & committee meetings will continue to take place in the St. James gathering area.
- All Religious Education classes will take place at St. Mary.

St. James and St.Mary of Mount Carmel, Pray for Us!

Remembering Loved Ones Who Passed Away. This weekend at the 8:30am and the 10:30pm Masses, we remember loved ones who passed away from October 2025-October 2026 with a Memorial Service. You can find their names and short bios in this weekend's insert. Also, please be sure to read the 'Did You Know' section (located directly to the right) to help understand how very important it is to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Let us always prayerfull remember our loved ones.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
and let the Perpetual Light shine upon them.
May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



This Week! Exposition and Benediction.

First Thursday, November 5th and
First Friday, November 6th
After the 8:15am Mass at St. Mary

BBQ & Bingo! Mark your calendars for 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! Everything concludes by 1:00pm.

2026 Confirmation. The Confirmation Mass will take place at 4:30pm next Sunday, November 8th at St. Mary of Mount Carmel with Bishop Battersby. Please pray for the continued spiritual journey of our confirmation candidates.

John Benjamin
Sawyer Cohen
Ava Dambroski
Landon Dambroski
Jacob Marcott
Rachel Portmann
Jordynn Stuczynski



Monday, November 2nd is All Soul's Day. All Soul's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation; however Fr. Jerzy will be celebrating Mass that morning. **If you are able, please join us for Mass this Monday, November 2nd at 8:15am at St. Mary** as we remember the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Did You Know?
From our Sacred Worship Committee

How do we gain a Plenary or Partial Indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory?
All Souls Day is a solemn celebration commemorating all those who have died and are now in Purgatory. Purgatory is where the soul waits with great torment for the longing to be with God. Souls in Purgatory cannot offer sacrifice or pray for themselves to be purified. It is up to the living to offer Mass, prayers, fasting & acts of mercy for those who died.
A great work of mercy is to pray for the dead. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: *"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven"* (CCC 1030)

The Church grants a **plenary indulgence**, **applicable only to the souls in Purgatory**, to the faithful who:
On All Souls Day, November 2nd, devoutly visit a church and pray an Our Father and the Creed or from November 1st to 8th, to those who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed.

A plenary indulgence offers the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

A partial indulgence speeds up the process of the perfection of a soul but doesn't promise immediate release. One may gain a partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory throughout the year by devoutly reciting the "Eternal Rest" prayer.

To obtain an Indulgence, one must:

- Be in the state of grace, having gone to Confession
- Receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope
- For Plenary indulgence, it is also necessary to have complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.

Area Events

St Adalbert's Catholic School is hosting Glow Bingo November 6th in the church hall. Doors open at 4pm and bingo starts at 6pm. There will be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments for sale. Best dressed neon costume contest happens during intermission. There will be a food drive for the Rosholt food pantry. If you bring a donation, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

Sacred Heart Steak Night Dinner & Raffle. Saturday, November 7th, at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia. Dinner tickets cost $35 per person and can be bought at the following locations: Sacred Heart Parish Office, Polonia Cafe, Sylvia's, and Pineries Bank. Dinner service will begin after the 4:00pm Mass. The raffle drawing will be held at 7:00pm.

St. Bronislava Holy Name Society's "All You Can Eat Breakfast" will be held Sunday, November 8, 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

Nov. 14 - Take and Bake Fruit Pie Sale (St. Wenceslaus PCCW, Milladore) is selling Fruit pies from 2pm to 4pm with the following flavors: Cherry, Blueberry, Peach, Apple, and Cranberry Walnut along with Personal Hand Pies, while supplies last.

Sacred Heart Parish Soup Sale sponsored by PCCW will be November 14th and November 15th. Soups are Chicken Noodle Soup (with homemade noodles) and Vegetable Beef Barley Soup for $10.00 per quart. Preorder only by calling Betty Ostrowski at 715-592-4003. The last day to place your order is Sunday, November 8th . Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish and memo PCCW Soup Sale. Payments can be mailed to Sacred Heart Parish 7379 Church St Custer WI 54423. Pick up will start Saturday November 14th between 10:00am and 3:45pm and Sunday November 15th before and after the Mass.

St. Bronislava Progressive Bingo. November 14th. Doors open at 4:30pm. Bingo starts at 5:30pm Concessions available. Bingo Cards 6 face $10 / 9 face $13. Progressive Black Out cards: $3|$6|$9 Cash Only.

St Casimir's Parish Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, November 15th, 8:30am-12 noon. All u Can Eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, juice, coffee. Aduts: $12 / 6-12 $6.00 / Pre-school free. (9:00am Mass)

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

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

All young adults ages 18-35 are invited to the fourth annual Behold retreat, which will take place on Saturday, January 16, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. Our theme for this year is "Behold: I Stand at the Door and Knock." This retreat will examine themes of the interior life and what it really means to let Christ into our hearts. The cost of the retreat is $30. Nursing infants are welcome! Contact Anne McMenomy-Rodman at dre@stpatsonalaska.com with any questions!

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