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Please Call Parish Office

### Holy Family Church

85 North St.

### Sacred Heart Church

90 Melrose Rd

### St. Alphonsus Church

85 E. Genesee St.

### St. Ann Church

4890 Twelve Corners Rd.

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### How to Hate the Christian Way

September 7, 2025

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:25-33

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.  
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*"The more often we receive the Eucharist,  
the more we will become like Jesus,  
so that on this earth  
we will have a foretaste of heaven."  
Carlo Acutis*

## Calendar of Events Week of September 7, 2025

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**Monday, September 8, 2025**

6:00pm(SH) Parish Life Meeting

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

6:00pm(SH) Men's Club Meeting

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**Friday, September 12, 2025**

8:30am-8:00pm(SA) Adoration

**Saturday, September 13, 2025**

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

1:00pm Parish Picnic Yawger Brook

The "**Pack the Pantry**" item for the week of  
September 6/7-**Bags or Boxes of Cookies**  
September 13/14-**Boxes of Cereal**

Please bring these items to church and place them in  
our "**Pack the Pantry**" baskets or they can be  
brought to the:

**ST. ALPHONSUS FOOD PANTRY**  
(PHYSICAL LOCATION)  
**1579 CLARK ST. RD. FINGERLAKES MALL**  
(SAVANNAH BANK ENTRANCE)  
Monday-Saturday  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
315-252-0710

**All Correspondence should be addressed to:**  
**St. Alphonsus Food Pantry**  
**90 Melrose Rd.**  
**Auburn, NY 13021**

**PLEASE NOTE: Soup, Pasta Sauce, Coffee, Tea,**  
**Juice, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Tissues and**  
**Hand Soap are always needed and appreciated**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**St. Alphonsus Food Pantry** is collecting cans of  
soup to help keep the Food Pantry shelves full.  
"*One Can Make a Difference*" ~ whether it's tomato,  
chicken noodle, vegetable, or a hearty stew. Let's  
come together to make sure everyone in our  
community has something warm to eat.

*Thank you for your  
continued generosity and support!*

### ~REMINDER~

The 11:30am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church  
has changed to 11:00am. This change is so  
catechists can take students to 11:00am Mass as  
part of their religious education program to help them  
understand and participate in the liturgy.

**Due to** the early submission date for the bulletin,  
there is no weekly report. The information for  
August 31st will be in next week's bulletin.

### Memorial Candles Week of September 7, 2025

**Sacred Heart Church**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
*Stanley & Mary Krawczyk*  
by  
Virginia

**St. Alphonsus Church**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
*David Riordan*  
by  
Family

### Our new Parish Council Members effective September 2025:

*Holy Family Church:* Liza Kelly, Jeannine Larose

*Sacred Heart Church/St. Ann:* John Murtari,  
Tom Ryan, Andrea Gilfus, Charlie Greene &  
Lisa Sobus

*St. Alphonsus Church:* Mike Skomsky, Karen Walter,  
Lisa Homick, Marianne Mendzef

We would like to thank our outgoing Parish Council  
Members for their commitment and dedication to  
Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and  
St. Ann.

**Sunday Obligation** It's all too easy to find some  
reason *not* to go to Mass. All of us probably have at  
least one good excuse that we could use to try to  
justify skipping Mass, but the Mass is the greatest gift  
that God has given to us.

"Dear friends, we don't ever thank the Lord enough  
for the gift He has given us in the Eucharist! It is a  
really great gift and that is why it is so important to go  
to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass not just to pray, but  
to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of  
Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to  
the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to  
Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the  
resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so  
important to us." ~Pope Francis~

Reminder St. Alphonsus Church has 5:00pm Mass  
every Sunday and all are invited to join us in prayer  
and thanksgiving.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am morning Mass and concludes with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. All are invited to spend quiet time alone with the Blessed Sacrament.

**Every last Friday** of the month, April through November, at St. Alphonsus Church in Auburn, there is Rosary for revival of Eucharistic Adoration and the return of lapsed Catholics to their families of faith. Rosary will start at 7:00 PM and will be followed by Benediction. For more information, please call Pat Cleaver at 315-406-4238.

*"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**Faith Formation Registration** for the 2025-2026 program year is now open! We are eagerly looking forward to this year's offerings. This weekend September 6th & 7th we will have a special *Blessing of the Backpacks* at all Masses. Students and adults may bring their backpacks to the steps of the sanctuary before Mass for a special blessing and prayer asking God for wisdom and protection for students and teachers. A small charm will be placed on each backpack.

#### **Faith Formation**

Classes begin on Sunday, September 21st, which is Catechetical Sunday.

\*Kindergarten to Grade 6 will meet from 10:00am to 11:00am; children will then be escorted to 11am mass by their catechist and sit as a class (or they can opt to sit with their family).

\*Confirmation Year 1 will meet from 3pm to 5pm

\*Confirmation Year 2 will meet from 5pm to 7pm

**If you know of someone** who needs a "Hug from God" the Prayer Shawl Ministry can help. It could be a parishioner, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone in need of a hug. If you know someone who is struggling with an emotional challenge, illness, a job loss, struggling in school or who has been bullied, or suffered the loss of a loved one, please call Nancy in the parish office for more information. "Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." *Written in 1998 by: Janet Severi Bristow Copyright ©2023.*



**Our Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday September 14th from 1:00pm until 4:00pm at Yawger Brook. It is free to attend for all Parishioners and we hope you will attend..... **please** contact the office at (315) 252-7271 to advise as to how many will attend. Please also advise if you are a Volunteer so we know how many Volunteers will be in attendance as well!!

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**Parish Life Meetings** are held the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. The meetings are open to all. Our next meeting is Monday, September 8, 2025. Hope to see you there.

**NEW CATALOGS!!!** RADA Catalogs for Parish Life Fundraising are available in the vestibule of each of the Churches with instructions on the front for ordering online. If you have difficulty ordering or have any questions, please contact Karen Mahoney at (315) 515-3151 or Missy Deyneka at (315) 246-8945 for assistance. Thank you!

**Dance for People with Special Needs** will take place on Friday October 3rd, in the Sacred Heart Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm featuring a DJ, dancing, pizza, water and soda with gifts for the guests!!! We are very excited and hope to see you there!!!

**Come pray and socialize** with us! You are invited to our next First Friday mass and lunch social to take place Friday October 3rd at 11:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 90 Melrose Road. We invite you to attend and meet new people, make new friends, and enjoy the food and time together as we grow into one community of faith.



THOUGHT TO PONDER: "The day the power of love overrules the love of power; the world will know peace."

~Mahatma Gandhi~

		<b>MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025</b> <b>Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)</b>
<b>Saturday, September 6, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm (SH)</b>  <b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+June &amp; Lynn Bevier</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+The Walsh &amp; Covich Families</b> <i>by Family</i>  <b>+Richard Boedicker</b> <i>by Wife Judy &amp; Family</i> <b>+Stanislaw Walawender Family &amp; John Stechuchak</b> <i>by Clara</i> <b>+Maureen Burns</b> <i>by Janet Carroll</i>
<b>Sunday, September 7, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>  <b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>  <b>10:30 am (SA)</b>  <b>11:00 am (SH)</b>  <b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Fred Delaney</b> <i>by Julie Knight</i> <b>+For the People of Sacred Heart</b>  <b>+Christine Cuff</b> <i>by Dennis</i>  <b>+John Arpino</b> <i>by Stephen &amp; Joe</i>  <b>+Brian Vitale</b> <i>by Grandma &amp; Granpa</i>  <b>+David Riordan</b> <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Monday, September 8, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>  <b>12:15pm (SA)</b>	<b>+John McKeon</b> <i>by Molly &amp; Erin</i>  <b>+Pat Alano</b> <i>by Daughter</i> <b>+Maureen Burns</b> <i>by Ginger Sheffey</i>
<b>Tuesday, September 9, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>  <b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Elaine Casbarro</b> <i>by Family</i>  <b>+Beverly DeTomaso</b> <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Wednesday, September 10, 2025</b>	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Agnes Njambi</b> <i>by Phillip &amp; Catherine Gioia</i>
<b>Thursday, September 11, 2025</b>	<b>5:15pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Alice Shaw &amp; Mary Page</b> <i>by Kathy</i>
<b>Friday, September 12, 2025</b>	<b>7:30am (SA)</b>  <b>8:30am (SH)</b>	<b>+Special Intention</b> <i>by Debbie Netti</i>  <b>+Dawn Corriveau</b> <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Saturday, September 13, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm (SH)</b>  <b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+John Farrell</b> <i>by Mary</i> <b>+Bill Klink</b> <i>by Lou Walsh &amp; Karen Walsh</i>  <b>+Deceased Members of the Burns &amp; Morgan Families</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Margery Klock Connell</b> <i>by The Connell Family</i> <b>+Edna Cruz</b> <i>by Cheryl Foster</i>
<b>Sunday, September 14, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>  <b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>  <b>10:30 am (SA)</b>  <b>11:00 am (SH)</b>  <b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Leo McGinn</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+The Mount Carmel Class of 1966</b> <i>by Classmates</i>  <b>+For the People of St. Ann's</b>  <b>+Nancy Smith</b> <i>by Richard &amp; Maria White</i>  <b>+James Connors</b> <i>by Monica Weslowski &amp; Family &amp; Steve Vincent</i>  <b>+Ted Dykoschak</b> <i>by Family</i>

**Please call the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 to schedule a Mass Intention.**



**Sunday, September 7, 2025**  
**“Back to School Blessings for a New School Year”**

Grab your backpack and sharpen those pencils, because it's back-to-school season once again!

For Catholic families, "back to school" involves spiritual preparation such as attending Mass, praying together, and asking for the intercession of saints like Saint Thomas Aquinas. Families can also incorporate faith-filled traditions like choosing a patron saint for the year or praying together at home to bless the new school year for students and teachers.

**Spiritual Preparation & Prayer**

**Pray as a Family:**

Start the school year by encouraging prayer together, including on the way to school, to foster a connection with God. Establishing a prayer routine with your children will help them become comfortable with talking to God and teach them that He is always there for them. In times of stress or trouble, your children will know the vital role of prayer. Prayer also helps bond families in their faith journeys.

**Back-to-School Prayers:**

Use specific prayers for students, teachers, and staff to ask for wisdom, strength, and guidance for the year ahead.

**Attend Mass:**

Between school, sports, and other extracurricular events, you may find that your family is stretched for time on the weekends. However, it is important to make time for Mass for you and your children. As you discuss the Gospel readings and homilies from the Mass with your children, they will learn about important coping skills and moral lessons that can be applied to real life situations on the playground and in the classroom. More than any other incentive, keeping the Sabbath holy and spending an hour celebrating our faith during Mass is the greatest spiritual gift you can give to your children.

**Faith-Filled Traditions**

**Patron Saints:**

Choose a specific patron saint, such as Saint Thomas Aquinas, who is known as a patron of students and educators, to provide inspiration and protection throughout the year.

**Visit Your Parish:**

Check out the religious education programs or attend events at your local Catholic parish for further spiritual support.

**Involve Your Children:**

Encourage children to learn and grow closer to Christ by integrating their faith into their daily learning and interactions with friends and teachers.

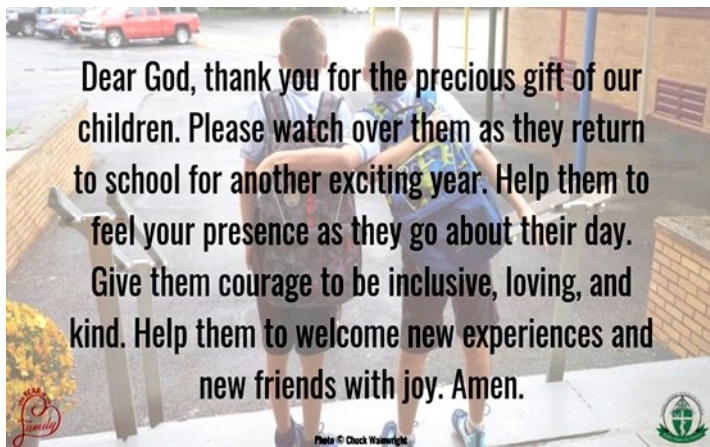
**Resources**

**Diocesan Websites:**

Many diocesan websites provide specific prayers, blessings, and articles to help families navigate the back-to-school period. Check out [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) for more information.

Heading back to school can be as equally stressful as it is exciting. Remember to enjoy this time in your children's lives and encourage them to do their best, make friends, and, of course, have fun.

In His Service,  
Ana Haff  
Director of Faith Formation



**GRIEFSHARE** Meetings will be held on Wednesdays. Meetings begin at 1:30 pm and are approximately 90 minutes to two hours long. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. The DVD seminar features grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. GriefShare meetings are held at Schrader Hall (basement of St. Mary's Church), 15 Clark St., in Auburn. If you come into the parking lot from State Street behind Savannah Bank, the entrance is between the rectory (white house and the church). Register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/265582>. Contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or [berniet8@gmail.com](mailto:berniet8@gmail.com) for further information.

**Father Wahl's Brick Garden** "Plant" a brick in memory of or in honor of your loved one in Fr. Wahl's beautiful Brick Garden at Sacred Heart Church. Please call Nancy in the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 for details or to get a form. Thank you!

**Would you like to read the bulletin on-line:** Sign up to have the bulletin sent to your email by going on <https://parishesonline.com/home> and selecting either zip code or Sacred Heart Church to bring you to our bulletin page. From there you can sign up to have the bulletin sent directly to your email every week. There is also a link to our Facebook page. ([facebook.com/sacredheartauburn](https://facebook.com/sacredheartauburn)) and our Website([www.sacredheartauburn.org](http://www.sacredheartauburn.org)).

**If you have moved, changed** your phone number, email address, if your children have grown and are no longer living at home, you wish to register at a different church or any other circumstance or significant life event, please let the parish office know. We need to keep the information in our parish census as up to date as possible so we can assure you receive the information we send out to you. Thank you!

### Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

September

#### For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,  
we might experience our interdependence  
with all creatures  
who are loved by God  
and worthy of love and respect.

# SEPTEMBER 11 NEVER FORGET

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**Fr. John Guy Knights of Columbus** Council 12223 will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at St. Joseph's Church in Weedsport at 7:00 pm, preceded by a Rosary at 6:30 pm.



**Save the Date! SAINTS NEXT DOOR DINNER** Sunday, November 2, 2025, 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM Springside Inn, 6145 W. Lake Rd. Auburn, NY. Prior to his death, Pope

Francis encouraged the faithful to recognize their "saints next door," during the 2025 Jubilee Year. Please join us in celebrating all the Priests and Sisters who have dedicated their lives to serving and spiritually guiding our local Catholic faith community over the decades. Ticket price: \$50/Person To purchase tickets, please call Cheryl Foster (315) 246-4345 or Laura Cuthbert (315) 246-1960.

### Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,  
What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages. Bless our grandparents, today and always. Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight. Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.

Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations. Amen

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**Farrell's Funeral Service**  
**315-252-7544**  
For Sponsoring an Ad  
In Our Weekly Bulletin



**Remember our Sick:**

Tim Grazsko, Vicky Festa, Jamie Mazza, Pat, Jim Podolak, Nancy Tokarz, Mary Manuel, Helen Oyer, Olivia, Sue, Evelyn Gagliano, Kathleen, Bruce, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, John Salva, Stacy, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Courtney Fedyshyn, Briana Dewitt, Joyce Blowers, John Clark, Cheryl Bellnier, Colleen Pinckney, Pat Gallagher, Gloria Cuddy, Tim Daly, Sue Daly, Carol Aldrich, Thomas Didio, Dave, Don & Joan Zeleznik, Mary Campbell, Mark Cole, Jonathan Arrowsmith, Lucas Mallory, Joe Schubach, Mary Warter, Gina DelPiano, Caleb Jones, Michael Fronzek, Carter Hergert, Joan Komanecky, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Stephen L. Norris, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, David Festa, and those listed in our Book of Petitions.

*"We pray for all those who are sick, especially those on our parish prayer list, those in nursing homes, assisted living, the hospital or the homebound. May they receive comfort, healing, and strength from God's grace."*

***Please call Nancy at 315-252-7271 to have names added or removed. Thank you!***



**We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving U.S. and abroad:**

LCpl Brian Baxter USMC, Capt. Gregory Baxter USMC, Capt. DJ Benzing USAF, Lt.Col Joseph E. Brooks USAF, SSgt Tom Ellis Sr. USA, SSgt Angel Gonzalez USA, Col Eddie Gonzalez USMC, Pvt Zachary Gonzalez USMC, CWO4 Roger Graf USA, 1SGT Zachary Howell USA, SSgt James Johnson USMC, SFC Jason Mero USA, Pvt Justin Miller USA, E3 David Mirales US Navy, Lt Jg Richard Nelson IV, USN, E4 Adam H. Brooks, Airman Sarah Pasternak Clark, USAF, Airman Alex Gonnella, USAF.

*"We pray for the protection and safety of all military personnel, including police, fire, and corrections serving both at home and abroad, especially those deployed in dangerous situations."*

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