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St. Alphonsus:
Saturday 3:30pm

Sacraments

*Baptism, Marriage,
Ministry of the Sick:*
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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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 4:12-23

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get; the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, "**Come after me**" (**Matthew 4:19**). And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, "**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**" (**1 John 4:10**). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

Father John Muir

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Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo
January

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Calendar of Events Week of January 25, 2026

Sunday, January 25, 2026

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation
3:00pm(SH) Year 1 Confirmation
5:00pm(SH) Year 2 Confirmation

Monday, January 26, 2026

Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

5:00pm-6:00pm(SH)
1st Reconciliation/Communion Class

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Friday, January 30, 2026

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

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Sunday, February 1, 2026

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation
3:00pm(SH) Year 1 Confirmation
5:00pm(SH) Year 2 Confirmation

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of
January 24/25-**Bottles of Ketchup**
January 31/Feb. 1-**Bottles of Mustard**

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

Monday-Saturday
9:00 am-11:30 am
315-252-0710

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

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sunday February 8, 2026, is Souper Bowl Sunday

We are again participating in the Annual Souper Bowl of Caring Event. We ask that you put your spare change in our Soup Bowls to help the Food Insecure in our community. Then choose your favorite team and CHEER them on to VICTORY. We will have Soup Bowls at the entrances of the churches at all Masses. All monies will stay here at St. Alphonsus Food Pantry to help our neighbors in need.

Thank you so much for your generosity

Due to the early bulletin submission date, there is no weekly report. The information for January 18th will be in next week's bulletin.

A Note on Sunday Offering Envelopes

We would like to thank all of our parishioners for their continued generosity and support to all of our parishes. We have a small request when writing out your check for your Sunday collection: please include your envelope number on the memo line. This makes the process clearer and more efficient for our Monday morning counters.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support.

GIVING STATEMENTS

2025 Annual Giving Statements will be mailed this week. If you have not received a statement by the second week of February, please call Nancy at the parish office or if you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact the Regional Finance Office at 315-252-7111.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday at St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am daily Mass and concluding with Eucharistic Benediction at 8:00pm. Stay for one minute or for an hour. Feel His love and His peace! *"Be still and know that I am God."* — *Psalms 46*
All are welcome to spend quiet time with the Lord.

The 2026 Daily Mass Record Book is open. Please call the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 to schedule a Mass Intention or Tabernacle Candle. When requesting a candle and a Mass at the same time, please write two separate checks as they are deposited into two separate accounts.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those who are most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.



**Attention! Attention!
Attention!**

New date and time!

The Catholic Community of Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann invite you to our Wine Tasting Social on **Friday, February**

13th at Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 6:30pm-8:30pm. \$5.00 per person. Bring an appetizer and your favorite bottle of wine to share! We look forward to seeing you there.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

The **2025-2026 Catholic Ministry Appeal** has begun. Please prayerfully consider donating to this years CMA and help us reach our goals. New this year the **Catholic Ministry Appeal** is offering a prize of \$5,000 to the parish who has the greatest increase of donors. So, if you have never made a pledge to the CMA, please do so now, even if it is only \$10 or \$15. In most parishes, only about 35% of parishioners support the CMA. Let's bring that percentage to 50% in our parish!

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Please make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal (not to your parish).

They can be put in an envelope either in the collection basket or mailed to:

**Catholic Ministries Appeal,
PO Box 6841
Ithaca, NY 14851**

01/16/26	Donors	Pledged	Goal	%
ANN	21	\$8,110	\$10,000	81%
SH	127	\$32,953	\$47,000	70%
SA	96	\$18,752	\$37,000	50%



Our next First Friday Mass in the Hall at Sacred Heart is on February 6, 2026. at 11:30am with a light luncheon to follow. If you have not attended a First Friday as of yet, please join us and see what the fun and fellowship is all about!!!

Reminder our next Parish Life meeting will be on *Monday, March 2, 2026*, at 6:00 PM. There is no meeting in February. All are invited. We are looking for new ideas for fundraisers, social gatherings or any other ideas you may have for Parish Life.

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. **\$5.00 Coupons** are now attached to the front of the RADA Catalogs for the Parish Life Fundraising that are available in the vestibule of each of our Churches!! Feel free to take advantage of this savings and know that you are helping our Fellowship events like the Picnic for free!! Thank you!

Tyburn Academy Open House

Tyburn Academy will be hosting an Open House February 2nd from 6:30 - 8:30 pm for any families interested in learning more about the school's identity and academic programs for Grades 7-12. There will also be a follow up shadow for prospective students to attend Tyburn for a day on Thursday, February 5th. Walk-ins are welcome, and you can also register in advance at tyburnacademy.com/visit

Hope Grows From GREAT Beginnings:

The Annual Fund for St. Albert the Great Academy is kicking off its second yearly campaign. Please consider supporting our mission by making a donation today. Together we can provide families with higher academic standards, a strong foundation in faith, more financial assistance, improved facilities, and a safe environment to flourish in. Every donation makes a difference. Thank you for your support!

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In Our Weekly Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2026

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Jama & Steve Kessler & Jim & Janeth Denman*
by Barbara Hartnett & Family
+*The Deceased Members of the Farrell Family*
by The Farrell Family
+*Edward & Bernadine Orlick* by Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*James & Elizabeth Westmiller* by Elizabeth Quill

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart)

+*Don Poole* by Family
+*Barbara Wallace* by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+*For the People of St. Ann Parish*

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Nicholas Newert* by The Holmes Family
+*John Arpino* by Mom, Stephen & Joe

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*The Moore & Guido Families* by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of Our Faith Community*

Monday, January 26, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Linda Davidson* by Helen Delaney
+*Clara Walsh* by Family

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Louise M. Janusz* by Lorraine & Donald Arliss

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

8:30 am-Sacred Heart

+*David Scalzo* by Eric Cummings

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of Sacred Heart Parish*

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Elizabeth Badran* by Bereavement Ministry

Thursday, January 29, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*For Richard Kenyon's Healing* by Dr. & Mrs. Gioia

Friday, January 30, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Sam & Yolanda DeRosa* by Family

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Carmelia Smith* by Bob & Sue Marullo

Saturday, January 31, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Dick Ruschak* by Elaine Graceffo
+*Joanne Sidor* by Carol Gamba, Liz Secaur &
Mary Jane Middleton
+*Raymond A. Ptak* by Maria White

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Mike Fitzgerald* by Joe & Susan

Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart)

+*Richard, Kitty & Leighanne Boni* by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Sven Edwards* by Family
+*Michele West* by Mom & Dad

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*James Mendzef* by Wife & Daughter Julie

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Ormie King* by Tom & Melissa Geherin

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Joseph Klonowski* by Mary

**The Memorial Candles
Week of
January 25, 2026**

**Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Joseph Chindamo
by
Ed & Joanne Nash

**St. Alphonsus Church
St. Joseph Candle**

Joseph Graney
by
Family

**For Those Who Have
Recently Died**
Deborah Manzone Franczek

Eternal rest grant
unto them,
O Lord;
and let perpetual
light shine upon them

January 25, 2026
Fishers of Men

In this week's Gospel, Jesus calls his disciples to be "fishers of men," meaning He called ordinary fishermen like Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave their nets and follow Him, promising to transform them into people who would "catch" or bring others to Christ by sharing the gospel and making disciples, a task requiring faith, dedication, and reliance on Him to succeed. This call, found in Matthew 4:19 and Mark 1:17, uses the familiar metaphor of fishing to represent evangelism and spiritual outreach. In essence, Jesus transformed their earthly profession into a spiritual calling, asking them to use their skills and understanding of fishing as a metaphor for bringing people into God's kingdom.

Special Meaning:

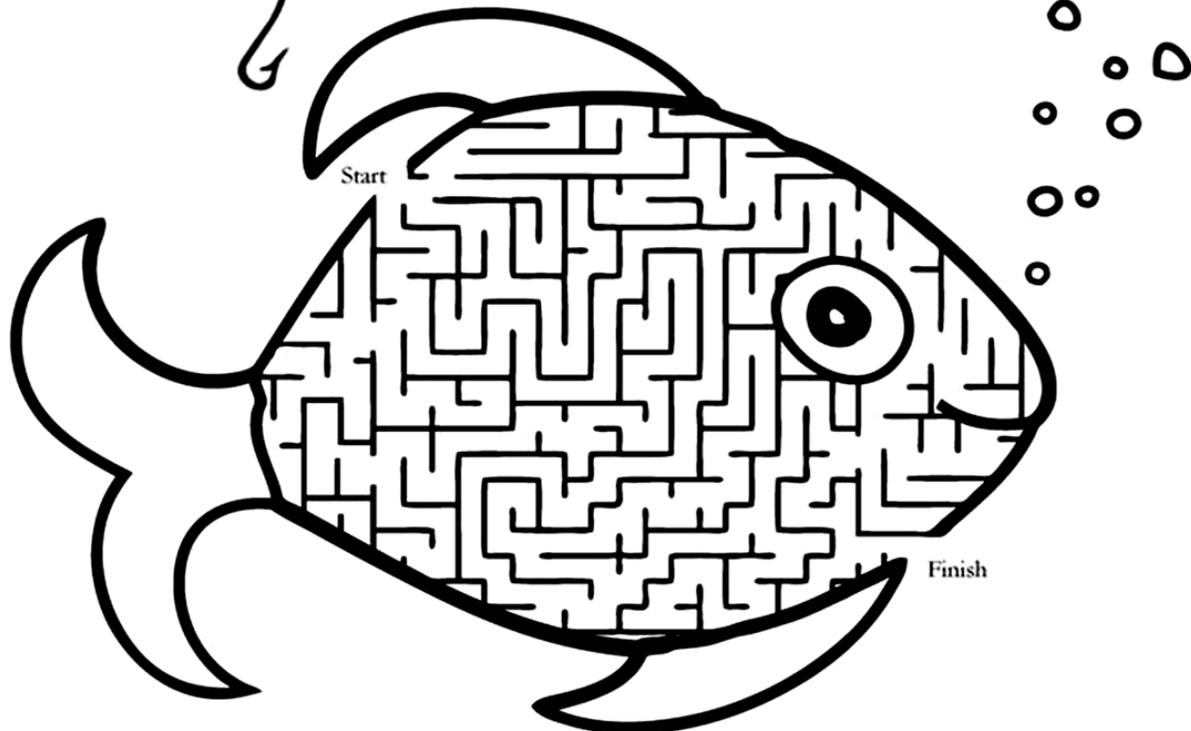
Casting Nets: Like fishermen cast nets to catch fish, disciples are to cast the message of the Gospel to "catch" people's hearts.

Spiritual Growth: Following Jesus is the essential preparation to become effective in this mission; He makes them fishers of men as they follow Him.

Witnessing: It's a call to share their faith, set an example, and bring others to know Jesus.

The Transformation: The promise "I will make you" signifies that this ability isn't inherent but comes from Christ's power as they follow Him.

FISHERS of MEN



And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you
become fishers of men." **Mark 1:17**

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Sunday, Jan 25, 2026 Lace up your walking shoes Do you feel different this year? What insights have you gained over the past 12 months? In what ways have you changed? What areas in your life need your attention? You may feel like resting for a while. But remember, you can't stand in one place indefinitely and be a disciple of Jesus. Christianity requires transformation and conversion, and these changes can take a lifetime. Invest in the resources (people, periodicals, books, and worship) that will serve as your walking shoes on your never-ending spiritual journey. THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67). "Immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him."

Monday, Jan 26, 2026 Truth be told "What is truth?" Pontius Pilate asked at Jesus' trial. His question showed how little he understood of Jesus' claim that "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). Today, people sometimes go to the opposite extreme and are a little too quick to call something, particularly their own ideas, the Truth. However, most of us recognize that truth has to do with something or someone we can trust and rely on. For Christians, God is the one who is utterly trustworthy. How do we know this? One place to look is scripture and the truth revealed there. Listen to God's word and learn it well, and you will "belong to the truth." 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:22-30 (520/317). "Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God."

Tuesday, Jan 27, 2026 Think differently Jesus continually challenged his followers (and us) to think beyond rigid definitions and long-established rules. Angela Merici (1470-1540), founder of the Order of St. Ursula, was one who accepted this challenge. At a time when women were either supposed to marry or enter a convent, Angela understood that single women could live with their families, immerse themselves in their community, and evangelize through their good works. She considered the women who joined her mission her "daughters," and thus expanded, as Jesus calls us to do, our perception of family. In what ways do your perceptions restrict you? Be open to new ways of thinking, as Jesus and Saint Angela were. MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35 (318). "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Wednesday, Jan 28, 2026 Put your mind to it The formidable thinking and writings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Dominican theologian and doctor of the church, are still studied today, not only by Christian scholars but by secular philosophers as well. While Aquinas did refer to his massive and unfinished Summa Theologiae as "so much straw" when compared with what he came to discover in his relationship with Christ, he is nonetheless an important model for us today on the seemingly lost art of clear and logical thinking. We can also show Thomas respect by exploring the

richness found in other philosophies and beliefs and seek to include rather than exclude, to understand more than proselytize. MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20 (319). "Those present along with the Twelve questioned him about the parables."

Thursday, Jan 29, 2026 Save space for learning Read just about any string of online "comments"—chances are if you're a thoughtful person you won't be able to get far—and you'll quickly realize that many people don't think much about what they say. In most virtual spaces, expressing opinions and feelings, no matter how shallow, uninformed, and irrelevant to the topic, is everything. So please note: Carelessness doesn't fly when it comes to the gospel. Jesus wants his disciples to take time to learn and ponder and explore his message before they start sharing it. As Saint Jerome bluntly put it: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" So do your spiritual homework, and after that remember to be kind. 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."

Friday, Jan 30, 2026 Put some mustard on it The tiny mustard seed adds flavor not only to many foods but also to a number of religious traditions. Jesus used the gospel parable of the mustard seed as a model for the reign of God. To teach humility, Jewish texts compared the knowable universe to the size of a mustard seed. And the Quran states that no soul will suffer the least injustice on the Day of Judgment because even the equivalent of a mustard seed will be accounted for on God's scales of justice. Whenever you doubt that your small efforts will make a difference, remember the quiet power of that tiny seed. 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God ...? It is like a mustard seed."

Saturday, Jan 31, 2026 Discover your calling When we hear the word vocation, many of us think of ordained ministry or vowed religious life. Yet each of us has a unique calling that, if discerned and embraced, would make the best use of our gifts and talents. When we haven't taken time to discover that call, our lives can feel less significant or effective than they were meant to be. In honor of Saint John Bosco (1815-88), a pioneer in vocational training, take some time to ask yourself, "Who am I called to be?" A thoughtful book, such as A Sacred Voice Is Calling by John Neafsey, or a heartfelt conversation with a wise friend can help your process of discernment. MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

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Remember our Sick:

Kevin Jessie, Kathryn Lane, Eleanor Hudo, Patricia Ricci, Anthony Alberici, Evelyn Gagliano, Sue, Carl Jr. & Cheryl Moore Festa, Tim Grazsko, Jamie Mazza, Pat, Jim Podolak, Mary Manuel, Olivia, Kathleen, Bruce, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, John Salva, Stacy, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Cortney 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, 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, USAF, Lt. Jack Hogan, USN, Airman Alex Gonnella, USAF., Major William Griffin USMC

"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."