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Sacred Heart:  
Saturday 3:00pm  
St. Alphonsus:  
Saturday 3:30pm  
Sacraments  
Baptism, Marriage,  
Ministry of the Sick:  
Please Call Parish Office

**Sacred Heart Church**

90 Melrose Rd

**St. Alphonsus Church**

85 E. Genesee St.

**St. Ann Church**

4890 Twelve Corners Rd.

**Holy Family Church**

85 North St.

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**PRACTICING CATHOLIC  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

**April 19, 2026**

**The Story That Never Ends**

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we know, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a gotcha! moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And... scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

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The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of  
April 18/19-**Cans of Fruit or Fruit Cocktail**

April 25/26-**Cans of Vegetables**

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, 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!*

**To support Father Muhindo**, please place your  
donation in an envelope marked “Deacon John –  
Uganda Parish.”

Deacon John will continue sharing about Father’s  
needs during his homily at St. Alphonsus on the last  
weekend of this month.

**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." — Psalm 46

All are welcome to spend quiet time with the Lord.

**Our 2026 Daily Mass Record Book** is open. If you  
would like to schedule a Mass Intention or reserve the  
Tabernacle Candle in honor of a loved one, please  
call the Parish Office at 315-252-7271. The  
Tabernacle Candle is a beautiful way to honor a loved  
one or offer a special prayer intention. The candle  
burns for an entire week, and the offering is \$10.00.  
We are now able to include two intentions for each  
candle. If you are requesting both a candle and a  
Mass, kindly provide two separate checks, as each  
offering is deposited into a different account. Thank  
you for your understanding and generosity.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 04/12/26**

**Sacred Heart Church**

Regular Collection \$5994.00

**St. Alphonsus Church**

Regular Collection \$3695.00

**St. Ann’s Church**

Regular Collection \$1259.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Parish Registration** It is very important to be  
registered in a parish. We need to keep our  
parish census as up-to-date as possible but we  
can do that only when you formally register.  
This is helpful for religious education,  
Catholic school attendance and for times when  
you need letters from the parish confirming  
parish registration. For example, you may be  
asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or  
Confirmation and need a letter stating you are  
registered and a participating member of this  
parish and suitable to assume the role of being a  
sponsor. Please make sure you are registered.  
You can always check by calling your Parish  
Office.

If you want others to be happy,  
practice compassion.

If you want to be happy,  
practice compassion.

~ Dalai Lama

**Calendar of Events  
Week of April 19, 2026**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

**Monday, April 20, 2026**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

5:00pm(SH) 1st Rec/1<sup>st</sup> Communion Prep

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

**Friday, April 24, 2026**

8:00am(SA) Adoration

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

3:00pm Year 1 Confirmation

5:00pm Year 2 Confirmation



**Our next First Friday Mass** in the Hall at Sacred Heart is on May 1, 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!!!

**Our next Parish Life Meeting** is Monday, May 4th at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. All are invited to attend.

**RADA Catalogs** for our Parish Life Fundraising are now available in the vestibule of each of our Churches. Instructions for placing online orders are printed right on the front of every catalog.

If you have any difficulty ordering or have questions, please reach out to:

- Karen Mahoney: 315-515-3151
- Missy Deyneka: 315-246-8945

We're also excited to share that \$5.00 coupons are now attached to the front of the catalogs! Feel free to take advantage of this savings while supporting our Parish Life events—like our Parish Picnic—at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. It truly helps our fellowship flourish.

**Pope Leo's Intentions for April:**

*For priests in crisis*

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**A Prayer for World Peace**

"Lord, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation."

**Next week, April 25/26** we will take up the *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**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.

**Thank you for your continued support** and generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal!

*156 Sacred Heart parishioners have contributed \$37,228 or 79% of our goal.*

*113 parishioners from St. Alphonsus have contributed \$23,547 or 63% of our goal.*

We have a little less than two months to make our goal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider giving to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Checks may be made 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

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

We would like to thank  
**Auburn EyeMDs**  
**315-253-3217**

For Sponsoring an Ad In  
Our Weekly Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF April 19, 2026

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**4:00pm Sacred Heart**

+Joseph Guerrero by Bill & Linda Prosser  
+Clara Walsh by Family  
+Ann Driscoll by David Driscoll's Siblings

**4:30pm St. Alphonsus**

+Shirley Marquart by Mary Chalupnicki  
+Maureen, John & Ann Burns by Tim & Marsha

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Alan Wilson by Georgia

**9:00 am St. Ann**

+Mark Geherin by Family  
+Sharon Springer by Kristine & Paul Hickey

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Sister. Diane Muldoon SSJ by Jeannine Larose  
+Joanne Paleczny by Mike & Pam Skomsky  
+Frances Watkins by Lisa, Danielle & Micah

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**

+Anthony & Joyce Lobisco by Tom & Jane Leone  
+Paul Viggiano by Tom & Jane Leone  
+Ron Netti by Tom & Jane Leone

**5:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Ronald Jones & Joan Manning  
by Peter & Janet Brooks  
+Richard Wisniewski by Richard & Maria White

**Monday, April 20 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Ken Kanya by Deacon John & Carol Tomandl  
+Stanley Kalet by Family

**12:15pm St. Alphonsus**

+Joseph & John Carberry by Family

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Charlie Warter by Mary  
+William Yount's Healing by Ann Fonsaca

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Ted Tomandl by Family  
+William Sage by Linda Moran

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

**12:15 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Deceased Members of the Rosetti Family  
by Dr. Phillip & Cath Gioia

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

**5:15pm St. Alphonsus**

+Ruth Schell by Estate

**Friday, April 24, 2026**

**7:30am St. Alphonsus**

+For our Faith Community

**8:30am Sacred Heart**

+Alex Fumarola by Andrew & Helen Kuczek

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**4:00pm Sacred Heart**

+William Jacobs by Family  
+Gladysjoy Gatinao Sio by John White  
+Christian Lewis by Family

**4:30pm St. Alphonsus**

+Ormie King by The Driscoll Family  
+Debbie Manzone by Joe & Susan Rusinko

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

**8:30 am Sacred Heart**

+Ed Galka by Jean Shutter & Paul Vitale

**9:00 am St. Ann**

+Jean Podolak Edwards by Family

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Barbara Granville & Francis P. Riester  
by Nancy

**11:00 am Sacred Heart**

+Ronald Jones by Pat & Kathie Collier

**5:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

+James Marquart by Family  
+Lynn Tomandl by Family  
+Sherry Chayka by Family

**The Memorial Candles  
Week of April 19, 2026  
Sacred Heart Church**

Tabernacle Candle

*David Weaver*

by Ed & Joanne Nash

For Those Who Have Recently Died

*Josephine Christiantelli*

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





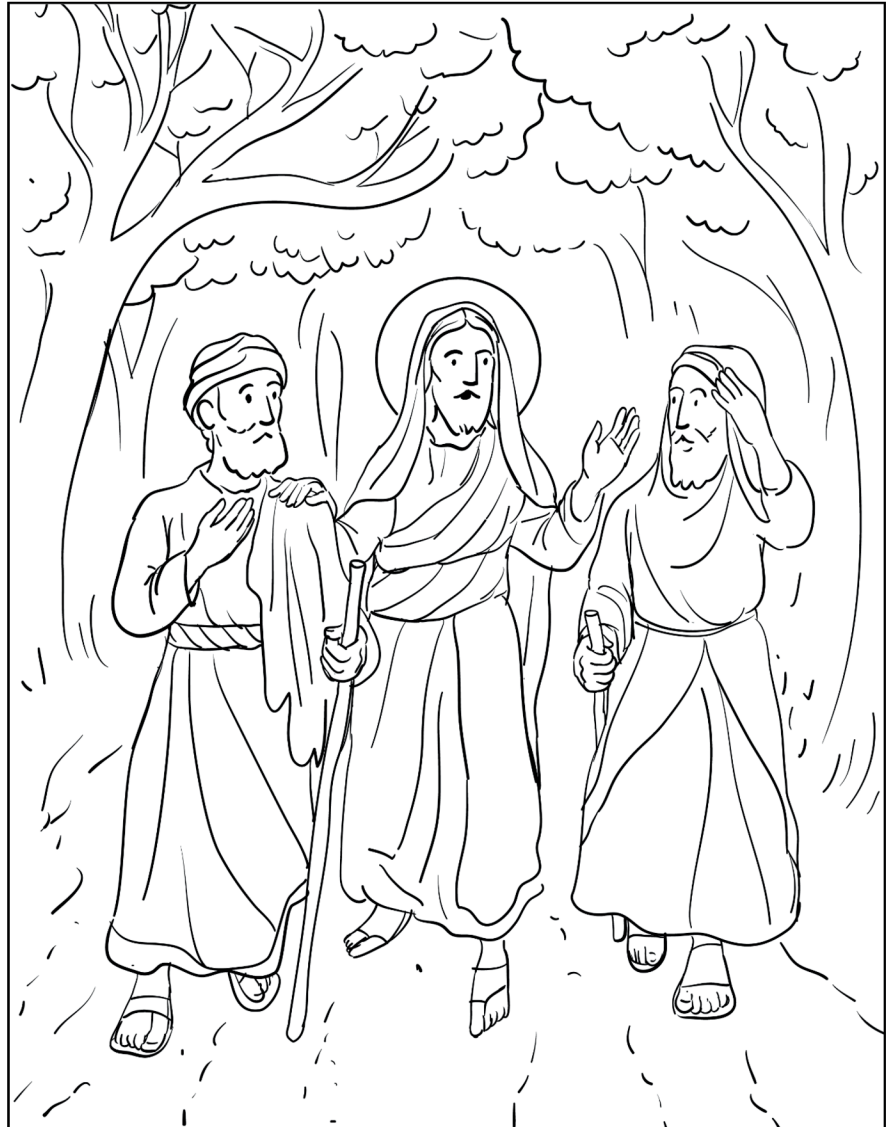
Catholic Mom  
HOLY CROSS  
FAMILY MINISTRIES

## SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Have you ever wanted to talk with Jesus? Have you thought of questions you would ask Him? Why does the Bible say this thing or the Church say that thing? Today's Gospel tells us the story of two men who were walking on a road to Emmaus. Suddenly, without them realizing that it was Him, Jesus appeared to these two men. He explained many important passages of the Bible to them. Once they reached Emmaus, they asked Him to stay with them, so He "took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." That's the Mass! Then they recognized that it was Jesus. At every Mass, we have a similar opportunity to these disciples. We listen to the Word of God in the Bible and the priest (who is in persona Christi, which is a different language for saying that the priest is "in the person of Christ") explains it to us in the homily. Then the priest takes bread and says the words of consecration and then gives us Jesus in the Eucharist! What an incredible blessing!

In His Service,  
Ana Haff  
Director Of Faith Formation  
ana.haff@dor.org

Sunday, April 19, 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter Luke 24:13-35  
Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning  
[within us] while he spoke to us  
on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32



### Activities:

- Pay special attention to the homily today. How can you understand the Mass readings better because of it?
- Jesus may not appear in a bodily form to you like He did to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, but you can still talk with Him! Talk to Him in prayer, ask Him your questions, tell Him you love Him!
- The two disciples basically had a Bible study with Jesus. Do you have any friends that you can spend time with to learn about the Bible?

**St. Alphonsus Food Pantry** is in need of new or gently used children's books. Our supply is very low, and the kids truly love being able to take home a book of their very own.

If you have children's books your family no longer uses, we would be grateful to receive them.

You may drop donations off after Mass at the church or directly at the Pantry.

Thank you for all you do to support our neighbors in need.

**The weekend of 4/25/26 & 4/26/26**, you may notice some of our school families present after Mass with raffle tickets in hand. They are helping support St. Albert the Great Academy's Gift Card Raffle Fundraiser, an important effort that benefits our students and school programs.

We invite you to consider supporting their efforts with a donation by purchasing a ticket. Not only will you be supporting Catholic education and our school community, but you'll also have the chance to win exciting gift card prizes from national retailers and local businesses.

Your generosity helps make a lasting difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for your continued support of St. Albert the Great Academy!

**Tyburn Academy** has several openings for next school year, including Science and Math Teacher, English Teacher, Spanish Teacher, and Athletic Director. Please contact Principal Conor O'Donnell if you are interested in learning more at [codonnell@tyburnacademy.com](mailto:codonnell@tyburnacademy.com)

**Have you ever felt** called to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? The Secular Franciscan Order was created more than 800 years ago by St. Francis for lay people – married and single – priests, and deacons who want to live out Franciscan spirituality in their daily lives. Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order regularly meets in Schrader Hall at St. Mary's Church, 15 Clark St, Auburn at 2:15 p.m. for prayer and study of Franciscan spirituality. Visitors are welcome to see if they are called to this Franciscan approach to life. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 26. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or [olasfoauburn@gmail.com](mailto:olasfoauburn@gmail.com).

### **Celebrating Sister Chris**

Sister Chris will be celebrating two remarkable milestones this year — her 80th Birthday on May 2nd and her 60th Anniversary of Religious Life in July. All are invited to join in honoring her years of faith, service, and dedication by sending cards and congratulations to:

*Sister Chris Treichel*

*Saint Elizabeth Motherhouse*

*115 E. Main St*

*Allegany, NY 14706-1396*

**Loss of a Spouse** is a 90-minute program for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held on Monday, April 27 at St. Mary's Church in Schrader Hall at 1:30 pm. If you come into the parking lot from State Street behind Savannah Bank, the entrance is between the rectory (white house) and the church. The seminar offers helpful insights into what to expect in the days to come; how to deal with loneliness; what to do with your spouse's belongings; why it won't always hurt this much; and other practical help for dealing with the challenges of widowhood. Everyone who attends will receive a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. The fee is \$7.00 for the book. To register, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or [berniet8@gmail.com](mailto:berniet8@gmail.com) or register at <https://www.griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/events/274194>.

*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."*

~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu



*Earth Day*  
**EVERY DAY**

April 19, 2026

*Remember our Sick:* Frank D., Johnny Coop, 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, 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:* Major Mark Doherty US Army, 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."*