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Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:00pm  
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Baptism, Marriage,  
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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.

## The Catholic Community of Holy Family \* Sacred Heart \* St. Alphonsus \* St. Ann

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 17, 2025  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "**Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?**" he asks, "**No, tell you, but rather division**" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

*Father John Muir*

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*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.  
~Pope Francis~*

<b>Calendar of Events Week of August 17, 2025</b>
<b>Sunday, August 17, 2025</b>
<b>Monday, August 18, 2025</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 19, 2025</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 20, 2025</b>
<b>Thursday, August 21, 2025</b>
<b>Friday, August 22, 2025</b> 8:30am-8:00pm(SA) Adoration 9:00am(SH) Coffee Hour & Chat with Fr. Paul
<b>Saturday, August 23, 2025</b> 1:00pm(SH) Wedding
<b>Sunday, August 24, 2025</b>

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of  
August 16/17-**Bottles of Salad Dressing**  
August 23/24-**Jars of Peanut Butter**

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!*

**Fr. Paul Alciati** will have a question-and-answer  
session after morning Mass on **FRIDAY AUGUST**  
**22nd**. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Bring  
your questions about church, faith, liturgy or  
whatever you would like to ask about our faith. We  
will meet in the conference room.

### **~Time Change for Mass~**

Beginning September 7<sup>th</sup> the Sunday Mass will  
change from 11:30am to 11:00am at Sacred Heart  
Church. 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.

### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 08/10/25**

**Sacred Heart Church**  
Regular Collection \$5506.00  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
Regular Collection \$3655.00  
**St. Ann's Church**  
Regular Collection \$1750.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### **Memorial Candles Week of August 17, 2025**

**Sacred Heart Church  
Tabernacle Candle**  
*Stanley & Josephine Kott*  
by  
Family

**St. Alphonsus Church  
Tabernacle Candle**  
*Anthony J. Daloia*  
by  
Betty Festa

**St. Alphonsus Church  
St. Joseph Candle**  
*James Cummings*  
By  
*Wife Audrey & Son John*

### **For Those Who Have Recently Died**

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



Eucharistic Ministers  
&  
Lectors



**Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann are  
seeking Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers (and Altar  
Servers)**

The lector has the honor to proclaim the Word of God  
to the congregation at each Mass. The lector should  
have a good understanding of the scripture passages  
and then successfully communicate them to the  
congregation.

Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist  
assist the clergy to distribute Holy Communion during  
Mass. There is no ministry in the Church that holds a  
greater responsibility or privilege!

These ministries require a loving commitment and  
training will be provided if necessary. Once training is  
completed, you will be placed on a schedule.

If you have a calling to use your gifts and talents in  
this way or have any questions, contact Nancy in the  
parish office at 315-252-7271 or email at  
nancy.kavanagh@dor.org.

**The Catholic Community of Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann Faith Formation Program** works in partnership with parents to help form children along their faith journey. It is important that parents understand their primary vocation as catechists to their children as defined by the Catholic Church. Children first experience their Catholic faith at home with their family. The children's Faith Formation program is here to assist you. We offer faith formation classes beginning in kindergarten through the 6th grade along with preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

We're thrilled to announce that Faith Formation Registration for the 2025-2026 program year is now open! We are eagerly looking forward to this year's offerings. We encourage your children to continue their journey of faith, growing and deepening their understanding, and we kindly request all families to register for each year, not just the Sacramental years. Registration forms can be found in the back of each church or by contacting Ana Haff at 315-252-7271 or via email at [ana.haff@dor.org](mailto:ana.haff@dor.org). Our Faith Formation Office will also be open on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm beginning on July 30 to accommodate in-person registrations.

**AT-A-GLANCE for the program:**

- \*Blessing of the Backpacks will take place at all masses on Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7.
- \*Classes begin on Sunday, September 21
- \*Grade Kindergarten to Grade 6 will meet from 10am to 11am; 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

**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*



**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!

**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 1, 2025. Hope to see you there.

**Our next First Friday Mass and Luncheon is Friday, September 5th** 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!!!

**The Parish Picnic** will be held on September 14th at Yawger Brook again this year at 1:00pm. We will be honoring our Volunteers at this event as the timing of Easter caused difficulty with the Volunteer dinner this past spring. Please put this date on your calendar as we had a great time last year. We will have games, lots of good food and fellowship. Hope you will join us this year!!!

*"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."*  
Sister Lucia of Fatima

<b><u>Cluster 2</u></b>		
<b><u>Daily Mass Schedule</u></b>		<b><u>Church</u></b>
Monday, Tuesday, Friday	<b>8:30am</b>	Sacred Heart
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	<b>12:15pm</b>	St. Alphonsus
Thursday	<b>5:15pm</b>	St. Alphonsus
Friday	<b>7:30am</b>	St. Alphonsus
<b><u>Cluster 1</u></b>		
<b><u>Daily Mass Schedule</u></b>		<b><u>Church</u></b>
Monday-Friday	<b>7:00am</b>	St. Mary's
Monday & Friday	<b>9:00am</b>	St. Hyacinth's
Wednesday	<b>9:00am</b>	St. Patrick's, Cato
Tuesday & Thursday	<b>9:00am</b>	St. Francis

**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025**  
**Sacred Heart (SH) \* St. Alphonsus (SA) \* St. Ann (ANN)**

<b>Saturday, August 16, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm (SH)</b>	<b>+Mary Ellen Nolan</b> <i>by Bill &amp; Linda Prosser</i> <b>+Mary Gallup</b> <i>by Kevin &amp; Paige Jessie</i> <b>+Thomas &amp; Brian Burns</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Stanislaw Walawender Family &amp; John Stechuchak</b> <i>by Clara</i>
<b>Sunday, August 17, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Maria Pilipczak</b> <i>by The Jorgensen Family</i> <b>+Barbara Wallace</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>	<b>+Jean Flanigan</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>10:30 am (SA)</b>	<b>+Robert Graney</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Margaret "Peggy" Osborne</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>11:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Amy Pine</b> <i>by The Kavanagh Family</i> <b>+Gino Alberici</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Ted Dykoschak</b> <i>by Family</i>
<b>Monday, August 18, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Caroline Blowers</b> <i>by Pat Casler</i>
	<b>12:15pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Tom &amp; Brian Burns</b> <i>by Bill &amp; Mary Rowe</i>
<b>Tuesday, August 19, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Special Intention</b> <i>by Deb Netti</i>
	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Mel Brown</b> <i>by Estate</i>
<b>Wednesday, August 20, 2025</b>	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Joseph &amp; John Carberry</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Emily Barton</b> <i>by Family</i>
<b>Thursday, August 21, 2025</b>	<b>5:15pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Ruth Barry</b> <i>by Estate</i>
<b>Friday, August 22, 2025</b>	<b>7:30am (SA)</b>	<b>+Carl &amp; Charlotte Porten</b> <i>by Estate</i>
	<b>8:30am (SH)</b>	<b>+John &amp; Mary Melnick</b> <i>by Family</i>
<b>Saturday, August 23, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm (SH)</b>	<b>+Edward &amp; Bernadine Orlick</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Helen &amp; Lynn Ripley</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Jim &amp; Donna Lawler</b> <i>by Thomas Augustine</i>
	<b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Maureen Burns</b> <i>by Tim &amp; Marsha Burns</i> <b>+Joan Rusin</b> <i>by Joe &amp; Susan Rusinko</i> <b>+Tom &amp; Brian Burns</b> <i>by Bill &amp; Mary Rowe</i>
<b>Sunday, August 24, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Robert Enge Sr.</b> <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>
	<b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>	<b>+Patty Galloway</b> <i>by The Owasco Planning Board</i> <b>+Special Intention</b> <i>by Deb Netti</i>
	<b>10:30 am (SA)</b>	<b>+Charles Norton</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Keisha Boothman</b> <i>by Janet &amp; Peter Brooks</i>
	<b>11:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Jerry Crowley</b> <i>by Sharon &amp; Family</i> <b>+Gerald Oliver</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Charlotte Moran</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+For the People of St. Alphonsus</b>

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



**Sunday, August 17, 2025**  
**Summer with the Saints ... Who is Pope Saint John Paul II?**

Pope Saint John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla (voy-TIH-wah) on May 18, 1920, to working-class parents in Wadowice, Poland. His mother died when he was eight, and his older brother died a few years later. His father, a pious and disciplined man who was a lieutenant in the Polish army, became the dominant influence in his life. Saint John Paul II was an outgoing but serious boy, an excellent student, and an avid athlete who enjoyed playing soccer and skiing.

During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, he secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary established by the archbishop of Krakow. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946. In 1964, he was appointed archbishop of Krakow; just three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected Pope, the 264th in the Church's history. He took the name John Paul II. He began his papacy on October 22 by telling the world, "Be not afraid;" his life showed everyone that to change the world, we must "cast into the deep for a great catch." From the start of his papacy, he made evangelization a key part of his mission and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. As pope, he made 105 trips, visiting 117 countries. In total, he traveled more than 725,000 miles. Wherever he went, large crowds came to see him.



In 1981, a Turk named Mehmet Ali Agca shot the Pope twice in an assassination attempt and wounded him. Following Jesus' example of forgiveness and compassion for the sinner, Pope Saint John Paul II later met with Agca in his prison cell and gently speaking to him of the forgiveness of Christ, forgave him for what he had done.

Throughout his life, Pope Saint John Paul II was an avid sportsman, hiking and skiing even in his sixties. In 1992, however, his health began to decline. It was later revealed that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he bore his suffering patiently and continued his pastoral work despite his physical pain. He entrusted his health to God and joined his suffering with that of Christ.

Pope Saint John Paul II died in Vatican City on April 2, 2005. In January 2011, the Vatican recognized the recovery of a French nun from Parkinson disease as a miracle performed by Pope Saint John Paul II; he was beatified on May 1, 2011, and canonized with Pope John XXIII on April 27, 2014. His feast day is October 22.

**References:**

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*In His Service,  
 Ana Haff  
 Director of Faith Formation*

	POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II WORD SEARCH														
ARCHBISHOP	C	V	A	T	I	C	A	N	C	I	T	Y	A	J	P
ASSASSINATION	A	S	S	A	S	S	I	N	A	T	I	O	N	S	J
CARDINAL	R	B	C	O	K	P	O	C	I	K	P	P	M	S	O
FORGIVENESS	D	J	H	N	O	M	T	S	L	P	O	O	N	E	H
JOHN PAUL II	I	A	K	R	P	R	S	M	D	L	P	H	O	N	N
KAROL WOJTYLA	N	D	E	J	T	E	Q	P	A	O	E	S	N	E	P
POLAND	A	H	N	G	N	I	J	N	L	C	F	I	W	V	A
POPE	L	S	O	T	I	R	D	K	E	Q	L	B	Z	I	U
PRIEST	B	T	S	W	A	F	L	A	V	J	W	H	A	G	L
SAINT	P	R	I	E	S	T	L	U	A	I	O	C	X	R	I
TRAVEL	C	G	H	K	B	R	K	I	R	B	Y	R	V	O	I
VATICAN CITY	K	A	R	O	L	W	O	J	T	Y	L	A	M	F	X

**GRIEFSHARE** Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, beginning August 27, 2025. Meetings begin at 1:30pm 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.

**Have you ever felt** called to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? The Secular Franciscan Order (formerly known as the "The Third 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 on the fourth Sunday of the month 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, August 24. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or [berniet8@gmail.com](mailto:berniet8@gmail.com).



**Intentions of the Holy Father  
Pope Leo XIV  
August**

**For Mutual Coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



**St. Albert the Great Academy**, here in Auburn, offers an excellent, faith-based, nurturing education for those in Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We seek to educate the whole child in a Catholic setting using elements

of Montessori education. Our pre-K classes now have a waiting list, but we are still accepting registrations for those in grades Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the upcoming school year. For more information, please check our website at [www.stalbertthegreatacademy.com](http://www.stalbertthegreatacademy.com) or call the school office at 315-283-0555.

Let us help your child achieve Greatness!



**Question:**

**Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?**

**Answer:**

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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**Remember our Sick:**

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 Komaneky, 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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