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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

August 31, 2025  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10).** This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

Father John Muir

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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 August 31, 2025

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**Monday, September 1, 2025**  
**All Parish Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

**Friday, September 5, 2025**  
8:30am-8:00pm(SA) Adoration  
11:30am(SH) First Friday Mass

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

### ~REMINDER~

**Next Sunday**, 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.

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of August 30/31-**Jars of Jams/Jelly/Preserves**  
September 6/7-**Bags or Boxes of Cookies**

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 generosity!*

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 08/24/25

**Sacred Heart Church**  
Regular Collection \$5331.75  
**St. Alphonsus Church**  
Regular Collection \$3258.00  
**St. Ann's Church**  
Regular Collection \$1395.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### Memorial Candles Week of August 31, 2025

**Sacred Heart Church**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
*Mary Rita Carnicelli*  
by  
Ed & Joanne Nash

**St. Alphonsus Church**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
*JR Colella*  
by  
Family

### For Those Who Have Recently Died

*Jack Speno*  
*Lorraine Kimak*  
*Nancy Smith*  
Eternal rest grant unto  
them,  
O Lord;  
and let perpetual  
light shine upon them



**Lord on this Labor Day**, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen. ~ from Our Sunday Visitor

**Tomato Fest** is September 6, 2025, from 10:00am to 7:00pm at the Fingerlakes Mall. St. Alphonsus Food Pantry is sponsoring an Open House that day. Come enjoy the fun and stop into visit us. Please bring a non-perishable item to help our neighbors in need. There is no admission fee so come join the fun and stop in and say hello. Hope to see you there.

### Thought to Ponder

“No act of kindness, no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.” ~Aesop

**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. Next 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.

\*Grade 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



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!

**Altar Server** This is a wonderful learning experience for our young members of the parish. They learn about their faith and take on responsibility. Altar Servers help facilitate our Eucharistic liturgies in a regular and reverent manner. This ministry is open to anyone who has received their first Holy Communion and older.

These ministries require a loving commitment and training will be provided if necessary.

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](mailto:nancy.kavanagh@dor.org).



**The Parish Picnic** will be held on September 14th at Yawger Brook again this year at 1:00pm. We will be honoring all our wonderful Volunteers at this event; their service is a blessing to our church. So join us and enjoy delicious food, games, and fellowship. RSVP to Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271.

**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 8, 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!!!



**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*

		<b>MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025</b> <b>Sacred Heart (SH) * St. Alphonsus (SA) * St. Ann (ANN)</b>
<b>Saturday, August 30, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm (SH)</b>	<b>+Stanley Kott</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+D. Walsh</b> <i>by Lou Wash &amp; Family</i> <b>+Mary Rita Carnicelli</b> <i>by Suzanne Galbato</i>
	<b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+The Festa &amp; Ford Families</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Ann Caci &amp; William Donald McConnell</b> <i>by Theresa Powers</i>
<b>Sunday, August 31, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Steve Gauthier</b> <i>by Dave &amp; Ann Driscoll</i>
	<b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>	<b>+Joseph Zane</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+Florence Liberatore</b> <i>by Frank &amp; Lynda Liberatore</i>
	<b>10:30 am (SA)</b>	<b>+Dolores Caramella</b> <i>by Adele, Patty &amp; Elaine Giacalone</i>
	<b>11:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+The Deceased Members of the Graney/Zanowick Families</b> <i>by Theresa Graney Zanowick &amp; Daughters</i>
	<b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Alfred, Shirley &amp; Maria Napoli</b> <i>by Bill &amp; Cathy Barlow</i>
<b>Monday, September 1, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>
	<b>12:15pm (SA)</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 2, 2025</b>	<b>8:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Peggy Lewis</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Pamela Gray Anastasio</b> <i>by Tom &amp; Kathy</i>
<b>Wednesday, September 3, 2025</b>	<b>12:15 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Gina A. dela Cruz</b> <i>by Maria White</i> <b>+Joseph Karanja</b> <i>by Mariellen Androsko</i>
<b>Thursday, September 4, 2025</b>	<b>5:15pm (SA)</b>	<b>+Dad</b> <i>by Glora</i>
<b>Friday, September 5, 2025</b>	<b>7:30am (SA)</b>	<b>+Special Intention</b> <i>by Debbie Netti</i>
	<b>8:30am (SH)</b>	<b>+Gertrude O'Leary</b> <i>by Dr. &amp; Mrs. Thomas Hogan</i> <b>+Carmella Ruscio</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>11:30am(SH)</b>	<b>+Robert Restey</b> <i>By Bereavement Ministry</i>
<b>Saturday, September 6, 2025</b>	<b>4:00pm (SH)</b>	<b>+June &amp; Lynn Bevier</b> <i>by Family</i> <b>+The Walsh &amp; Covich Families</b> <i>by Family</i>
	<b>4:30 pm (SA)</b>	<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>+Fred Delaney</b> <i>by Julie Knight</i> <b>+For the People of Sacred Heart</b>
	<b>9:00 am (ANN)</b>	<b>+Christine Cuff</b> <i>by Dennis</i>
	<b>10:30 am (SA)</b>	<b>+John Arpino</b> <i>by Stephen &amp; Joe</i>
	<b>11:30 am (SH)</b>	<b>+Brian Vitale</b> <i>by Grandma &amp; Granpa</i>
	<b>5:00 pm (SA)</b>	<b>+David Riordan</b> <i>by Bereavement Ministry</i>

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



**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**Summer with the Saints ... Who is Saint Nicholas?**

Children all over the world know him and love him. In Germany, he's Kriss Kringle. In France, he's Pere Noel. British children call him Father Christmas. Of course, you know him as Santa Claus. He's got another name, you know. It's an ancient one that goes back hundreds of years. It's one of the very first names people called him: Saint Nicholas. Children tell lots of fun stories about Santa Claus, Pere Noel, or Kriss Kringle. All of these stories remind us of how much we're loved and of how happy we are when we give. The earliest stories we know were told about Saint Nicholas, the bishop of Myra. Hundreds of years ago, Nicholas lived in a seaside town named Myra, which is in the country we now call Turkey. Ever since he was a small child, Nicholas loved God more than anything. He studied hard, prayed often, and followed Jesus by helping the poor. The people of Myra loved Nicholas so much that when their old bishop died, they immediately elected Nicholas to replace him.

Here is a story about Nicholas that has been passed down through many generations ... There was a man living in Myra who was very poor. This man had no wife, but he had three grown daughters who lived with him. In those days, when a young woman got married, she had to bring money or property with her into the marriage. This is called a dowry. If a woman didn't have a dowry, she would never marry. This man was so poor that he had no money for his daughters' dowries. And he didn't have enough money to support them either. He had, he believed, only one choice: to sell his daughters into slavery. Nicholas heard about this terrible situation. Late one night, Nicholas crept to the man's home and threw something through the window. It was a bag of gold—enough to pay the dowry for his oldest daughter. The man was overjoyed, and his daughter was too. Without being seen, Nicholas did the same for the poor man's other two daughters.

Stories about Saint Nicholas spread from his home in Turkey up to Russia, where he is still a very popular saint. Through the centuries, people passed on stories of him across the most northern parts of Europe, then to Germany, France, and England, and finally to the United States. The children in every country gave Saint Nicholas a name in their own language, and ours is Santa Claus.

Christmas is a fun, exciting time. It's fun because of all the time we get to spend with our families. It's fun because we do a lot of celebrating. It's fun because we get to think, sing, and pray about Jesus, who was born into the world to save us. Christmas is also fun because we get to give. We can show our family and friends how much we love them by giving them special gifts that we make or buy. We give because we're thankful. We're thankful for friendship and love and for all the people who take care of us. We're thankful to God for giving us life. Saint Nicholas was thankful too, and that's why at Christmastime we try to be just like him. He was so grateful for the life God had given him that he just couldn't stop giving joy and hope to others—no matter how far he had to travel or how many roofs he had to climb!

**SAINT NICHOLAS WORD SEARCH**

<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	P	E	R	E	N	O	E	L	S	A	M	H	A	R	F	T
<b>FATHER CHRISTMAS</b>	R	C	R	U	O	L	P	W	S	R	F	G	R	L	G	H
<b>GIVE</b>	T	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	G	A	B	Y	M	O	A
<b>KRISS KRINGLE</b>	F	A	T	H	E	R	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	N
<b>LOVE</b>	A	R	T	B	W	C	H	S	T	V	M	A	S	R	A	K
<b>MYRA</b>	M	T	H	A	T	G	R	G	I	E	P	E	R	E	N	F
<b>PERE NOEL</b>	T	A	S	D	F	G	I	H	J	K	L	M	N	B	T	U
<b>SAINT NICHOLAS</b>	S	Z	X	C	V	B	S	M	N	B	V	T	Y	U	A	L
<b>SANTA CLAUS</b>	R	Q	W	E	R	T	T	U	I	O	P	K	E	G	C	S
<b>THANKFUL</b>	H	A	S	D	F	B	M	A	S	T	H	U	V	S	L	C
	T	A	F	G	R	K	A	B	M	N	Y	U	O	E	A	L
	R	E	K	R	I	S	S	K	R	I	N	G	L	E	U	A
	S	A	I	N	T	N	I	C	H	O	L	A	S	C	S	R
	A	Q	W	E	D	S	R	F	T	G	H	J	U	I	S	B

**GRIEF SHARE** 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

**"The Spiritual Care Department"** at Auburn Community Hospital is opening training for Volunteers. There is an immediate need for office help as well as patient visitors in the hospital and resident visitors in the nursing/rehabilitation facility ~The Finger Lakes Center for Living. For more information email Deacon John at [jotomandl@auburnhospital.org](mailto:jotomandl@auburnhospital.org).



**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.

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2. Select "Create a New Account"
3. **Find Holy Family/Sacred Heart/St. Ann/St. Alphonsus AUBURN** in the drop-down menu.
4. Fill in required fields
5. Follow directions to start learning!

**Question: Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?**

**Answer:**

If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.

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**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.

We would like to thank  
**St. Albert the Great**  
**315-283-0555**  
 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."*