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Sacred Heart:
Saturday 3:00pm
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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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Humility Rules October 26, 2025

It's an oxymoron to imagine the humble soul on top of the world. Humility seeks to be hidden and takes the low road. Yet in the inscrutable gospel reality (where the last shall be first), the humble one is exalted in the end. If we take a quick glance around the world or our assembly, it's shocking to imagine just who those exalted ones might be. It's also disconcerting to consider that the exalted ones may not be us.

If we're shocked and disconcerted, then we know we've just been parabled. A parable is like a gag gift: It's conventionally wrapped on the outside but inside nestles the *gotcha*. Rest assured when it comes to a parable, the joke's always on us. Here's how it works. Jesus is a smart teacher, and he knows that no one likes to be preached to. So he presents stories, which seem easy and pleasant at first—then take a sharp turn toward discomfort. A preacher may tell us the same harsh truths, but we can tune him out the moment he goes down the dark road to perdition. A storyteller, by contrast, captures the imagination, and we tend to travel with him or her further—all the way to the troublesome ending.

Parables conceal something, like chocolates in a box. You have to bite in to find what's at the center. By the time you discover it, it may be too late to refuse it. Parables draw comparisons between what we know and what we don't know, conventional understanding up against gospel truth. They begin in familiar territory if you live in an agrarian society: sheep and goats, sowers and seed. Or with recognizable local characters: the debtor and his master, or the Pharisee and the tax collector. First we say: Yeah, yeah, sure, sure. Then the sharp corner is turned, and we swallow hard. We don't like where this story is going; that isn't supposed to be the way of things.

We learn two things about parables. First, that their intention is to clarify moral mysteries. Second, that just as often they leave us deaf and blind. The mystery is resolved for those with eyes to see in the first place, people already intent on obedient listening. Parables may delight or frustrate. The result lies mainly in the heart of the one who hears them. The humble soul, like the despised tax collector in the story, will find justification and a reason to rejoice. The self-righteous listener will more likely face a challenge that may prove unacceptable—and will leave it on the table. Jesus knew his audience. That he kept telling these stories implies they operated just as he meant them to do.

Adapted from a previously published Exploring the word.

Alice Camille

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including *This Transforming Word* and other titles found at alicecamille.com.

Calendar of Events Week of October 26, 2025

Sunday, October 26, 2025

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

Monday, October 27, 2025

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Thursday, October 30, 2025

5:30pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 31, 2025

8:30am-4:00pm(SA) Adoration

Saturday, November 1, 2025– All Saint's Day

Sunday, November 2, 2025– All Soul's Day

10:00am(SH) Faith Formation

The "**Pack the Pantry**" item for the week of

October 25/26-**Cans Of Vegetables**

November 1/2-**Bottles or Cans Of Juice**

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

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!



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 10/19/25

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4786.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3177.00

St. Ann's Church

Regular Collection \$2049.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The 2026 Book for Mass Intentions and

Tabernacle Candles is open. The Office hours are

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday

8:00am-11:00am. Please call 315-252-7271 or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you.

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH will begin Renovations and Painting beginning the week of November 10th

through November 24th. During this time, **WE WILL NOT HAVE DAILY MASS** at St. Alphonsus but we will still have our regular weekend Mass schedule for November 15/16 & November 22/23.

Prayer of Praise

Dear God,

As we look to the week ahead,
help us to remember that

You will accompany us at every moment —
You who greet us with mercy anew every morning,
and grace in abundance each night.
Amen.

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Snowbirds – before you head south for the

winter-please fill out and return to the Parish Office by mail or in the collection basket OR call the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 and give us this information.

Name _____

Address _____

Parish: Sacred Heart ____ St. Alphonsus ____

Saint Ann's ____

Date Leaving _____

Date Returning _____

The Thanksgiving Holiday is fast approaching, and we are again in need of your help. MANY HANDS make LIGHT WORK, so we are asking for many hands to help us during this time. We will fill five hundred baskets! This is a perfect time for families to work together to help others. We will need help in the following areas:

Fill a bag found at the entrances to the church and/or a \$20.00 gift card from Wegmans to pay for the turkeys. (We have been informed that the price of turkeys is going up.) You may drop off your bag any day between 9:00am & 11:30am at the food pantry at the Fingerlakes Mall or after any Mass on the weekend.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL BAGS BY SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

Help prepare and distribute baskets:

Saturday, November 22nd, 7:30am-10:00am or
10:00am -1:00pm

Sunday, November 23rd, 9:00am-12:00pm.

Monday, November 24th, 8:00am -12:00pm

Deliveries

Sunday, November 23rd 11:00am-12:00pm

If this sounds like something, you would like to do, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of church or call Sue at 315-515-8936 or 315-252-0710 and leave your name and phone number.

We Will Call You Back!

Thank you for all you do for those less fortunate in our community.

God Bless 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, November 3, 2025. 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 November 7th 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.

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!



Do you like to sing? Our choir has started another year and all are invited to join. We practice on Thursday evenings at Sacred

Heart at 5:30pm. Anyone from any parish is invited to join and all are welcome. We would love to have you. For information call Tom Techman at 315-252-7271 Ext. 208

Catholic Ministries Appeal We ask that you please prayerfully consider contributing to this years Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Continuing the Mission Does Not End with October. As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged—through prayer, storytelling, and generous action. The first World Mission Sunday was celebrated nearly a century ago in 1926. The need today remains urgent: missionaries still serve in remote villages, conflict zones, refugee camps, and urban slums. They bring more than aid—they bring Jesus Christ. As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: "The Church exists in order to evangelize" (14). We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. Subscribe to Mission Magazine, join us in praying the World Mission Rosary year-round, and stay connected to the Pope's missions through www.pontificalmissions.org. Hope does not disappoint—and the world still needs hope

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

Saturday, October 25, 2025

4:00pm(Sacred Heart)

+Jason Forish *by Louise Kirwin*
+Clara Walsh *by Family*
+Patty Galloway *by Jim Bergan*

4:30 pm (St. Alphonsus)

+The Fromel Family *by Betty Fromel Festa*
+John D. Boedicker & Deceased Family Members *by Chris & Bob Boedicker*

Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+John Howland *by Cheri*

9:00 am (St. Ann)

+Dorothy DeOrio *by Family*
+Joseph Dec *by Family*

10:30 am (St. Alphonsus)

+Margaret (Peggy) Osborne & Cindy Bellnier Freeman
by Family

11:00 am (Sacred Heart)

+Josephine Druczak *by Bereavement Ministry*
+David Mizro Sr. *by Family*

5:00pm(St. Alphonsus)

+For Our Parishioners
+For Healing Prayers for Ann Bryla
by Peter & Jeff Sikora

Monday, October 27, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Irene B. Dec *by The Dec & DeRouin Families*
+Jean Augustine *by Son Thomas*

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Lorraine Kimak *by Kim Wojnowicz*

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

8:30am(Sacred Heart)

+Julia Kalet *by Family*

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Edna Cruz *by Rosalie Fagle*

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

12:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Ted Tomandl *by Family*

Thursday, October 30, 2025

5:15pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Martin & Mary Ann Riester *by Nancy*
+MM. Henry Lavey *by Family*

Friday, October 31, 2025

7:30am(St. Alphonsus)

+Edward & Jane Carr *by Family*

8:30am(Sacred Heart)

+William & Helen Foster *by Family*
+Sue Carter *by Jeannine Larose*

Saturday, November 1, 2025

4:00pm(Sacred Heart)

+Jean Salva *by Family*
+Daniel Kerstetter *by Paul & Kristine Hickey*
+Gary Leader *by Family*

4:30 pm (St. Alphonsus)

+Maureen Burns ~
+Shirley Marquart *by Jim & Mary Ann LaMay*

Sunday, November 2, 2025

8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

+Ron Wild *by children*
+Leighanne Boni *by Judi & Nick Valvo*

9:00 am (St. Ann)

+Bill Beckwith *by Kristine & Paul Hickey*

10:30 am (St. Alphonsus)

+Lorraine Kimak *by Virginia Nanwa*
+Poor Souls in Purgatory
+Peggy Powers *by Sylvia & Susanne*

11:00 am (Sacred Heart)

+Frank Moran *by Family*

5:00pm(St. Alphonsus)

+Edna & Joseph McConnell *by Theresa Powers*

**Memorial Candles
Week of
October 26, 2025
Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle**

Irene B. Dec
by
The Dec & DeRouin Family

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

October 26, 2025

After the Resurrection, Jesus Christ visited the disciples. Jesus gave the disciples two special gifts. He gave them peace to live happily together. He also gave them the authority to forgive sins. The priests who hear our confessions share these gifts. Through them, Jesus gives us peace and forgives our sins in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Jesus forgives my sins.

People have been tempted to disobey God ever since Adam and Eve. After Baptism takes away Original Sin, we can still reject God by disobeying him and being self-centered. We call this personal sin.

There are two kinds of personal sin. When we totally reject God, we commit a mortal sin. Sins that are less serious are venial sins. God asks us not to form a habit of commitment sins, even venial sins. But when we do sin, the Holy Spirit helps us to be sorry. Then we can confess our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, do penance, and be at peace with God and ourselves.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we tell God that we are truly sorry for our sins. He forgives us, and we feel peaceful and loved. When others hurt our feelings and then tell us they are sorry, we offer them forgiveness so that they can have peace as well.

CHOOSE PEACE: for each situation below, choose what you would do to bring peace to another person.

You and your brother start to argue about who will hold the remote control as you watch TV. He yells at you, and then says he is sorry for yelling. You feel angry at him. You:

Yell back at your brother.

Run from the room with the remote.

Take a deep breath and say, "It's OK, I'm sorry too. We'll take turns using the remote."

Your best friend borrowed your favorite book and lost it. You really miss the book and wish you had never loaned it to her. She tells you that she is really sorry. You:

Tell her that you will never loan her anything again.

Tell her you forgive her and discuss the book together.

Ask her to replace the book.

Your mom says she will take you to a movie tonight. Then she remembers that she has already made plans.

She tells you that she is sorry but will take you tomorrow instead. You:

Ask her to change her plans.

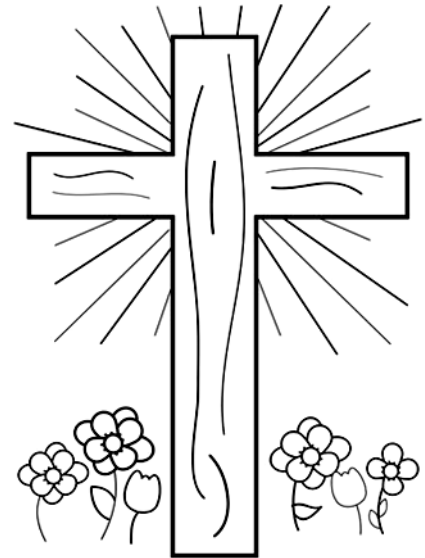
Tell her you're angry and that you don't want to go.

Tell her that you know she would take you if she could and that you're happy to go tomorrow.

PRAYER: Jesus, my friend, thank you for the gift of forgiveness. Help me to forgive others as you forgive me.

RESOURCES: **Finding God, Our Response to God's Gifts** by Loyola Press

In His Service,
Ana Haff
Director of Faith Formation
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Surviving the Holidays, a 90-minute seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death, will be offered on Monday, November 10 in Schrader Hall at St. Mary's Church in Auburn at 1:30 pm. The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with tips to assist you in being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, how to handle holiday parties and invitations, and how to survive potentially awkward moments with other people. The cost is \$7.00 for the book. To register, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

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, October 26. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

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.*

Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

October

For collaboration between
different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious
traditions might work together to defend and promote
peace, justice, and human fraternity.



Young Patriots Performance
Our Tribute to the Vietnam Veterans

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2025
3:00 PM

FREE EVENT
DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

WILLARD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
17 NELSON STREET | AUBURN, NY

FEATURING MUSICIAN SUSAN MAY
& HER MUSIC STUDENTS

Knights of Columbus Fr. Guy Council 12223 are hosting the annual Election Day ziti dinner on Tuesday, November 4th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at St. Joseph's Church in Weedsport. Adults are \$12, children 6-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free. Meals include pasta and meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert. Takeout is also available. Dessert donations and volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated.

Catholic Classic Book Selection 2025: The Imitation of Christ Starting October 22, 2025, Fr. Mike Schmitz makes his debut as host of the Catholic Classics podcast! In just 30 days, he'll read through The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas à Kempis and provide explanations and reflections about what is read each day. You can only listen to the podcast this year through the free Ascension App. Also, Ascension Press is again offering a new translation of the book to accompany Fr. Schmitz's podcast. Check out Ascension Press for full details. Deacon Dennis will have 20 copies of the book, from an earlier translation, available for anyone interested in participating in a weekly discussion group in conjunction with the podcast. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to text or voicemail Deacon Dennis at 315 406 1538 about the upcoming delve into seminal spiritual writing!

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Remember our Sick:

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"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."
