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Reconciliation
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
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2026

PRACTICING CATHOLIC
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Chess, Not Checkers

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers. It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter. He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of
August 15/16-Jars of Mayonnaise
August 22/23-Bottles of Salad Dressing
 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: Tuna Fish, 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.

Financial Stewardship For August 9, 2026

Sacred Heart Church
Regular Collection \$5830.55
 St. Alphonsus Church
Regular Collection \$3918.00
 St. Ann Church
Regular Collection \$1552.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.
 Your gifts help sustain our ministries
 and bless our community.



Grades K-7 & Confirmation Year 1
 and Year 2 Faith Formation Begins
 in September: A New Year of
 Growing in Christ!

We are excited for the opportunity
 to meet and serve the families of
 our parish cluster and beyond for
 the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year!

No matter if you are a returning family, have been
 away from the parish/faith formation program for a
 while, or are brand new to our parish cluster, we are
 so happy that you have made the choice to entrust
 your children to us and form a partnership where we
 can spread the love and joy of the Gospel together.
 May this new season of faith formation draw every
 child and teen closer to Jesus, deepen prayer,
 strengthen participation in the sacraments, and
 strengthen our parish community in love.

For questions, class times, volunteer opportunities,
 or registration, please contact Ana Haff, Director of
 Faith Formation via email (ana.haff@dor.org). We
 look forward to growing in faith together this year!

Low-Gluten Hosts Available

Please check in with the Sacristan before Mass if you
 require a low-gluten host. A dedicated pyx will be
 placed on the Altar for consecration. Thank you for
 helping us prepare properly for Holy Communion.

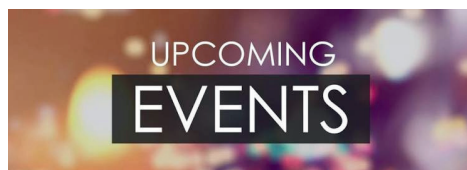
Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday at
 St. Alphonsus Church beginning with the 7:30am
 daily Mass and concluding with Eucharistic
 Benediction at 8:00pm. Stay for one minute or for an
 hour. Feel His love and His peace!
 "Be still and know that I am God." — Psalm 46
 All are welcome to spend quiet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



Father Wahl's Brick Garden
 “Plant” a brick in memory of or
 in honor of your loved one in Fr.
 Wahl's beautiful Brick Garden at
 Sacred Heart Church. Please call
 Nancy in the Parish Office at
 315-252-7271 for details or to get
 a form. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 16, 2026
Monday, August 17, 2026
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
Thursday, August 20, 2026
Friday, August 21, 2026
Saturday, August 22, 2026
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, August 23, 2026



Join us for our next First Friday Mass in the Hall at Sacred Heart Church on *September 4, 2026 at 11:30 AM*. A light luncheon will follow. If you've never attended a First Friday Mass before, this is the perfect time to come see what the fun, faith, and fellowship are all about!

The Parish Picnic will be held on **September 13th** at Yawger Brook again this year from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Join us and enjoy delicious food, games, and fellowship. RSVP to Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271.

Parish Life Meetings are 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 14th due to September 7th being Labor Day. All are welcome.

RADA Catalogs for our Parish Life Fundraising are 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.

Hope is the lifeline that connects us
to God's mercy and grace.
~Saint Faustina

Virtues, Explained! Wisdom

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom ~ and remember to be ready when it comes.

Help Warm Hearts:

Donate to the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry needs your hands and hearts! We are running low on handmade shawls and need volunteers to create and donate more. These shawls act as a tangible "hug from God" for parishioners, friends, and neighbors facing severe illnesses, grief, job losses, or emotional challenges.

By donating a shawl, you provide deep comfort and a reminder that they are wrapped in our community's prayers.

Bring completed shawls to the parish office at 90 Melrose Rd. If you cannot craft but want to help, we gratefully accept donations of new, soft skeins of washable yarn. Please call Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271 or email nancy.kavanagh@dor.org.



We would like to thank
Dr. Thomas A. Hogan, D.D.S.
Dr. Jeffrey J. Graceffo, D.M.D.
315-252-7281

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Our Weekly Bulletin

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF August 16, 2026

Saturday, August 15, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Ken Kanya* by Wife Linda
+*Walsh & Covich Families* by Family
+*Mary Mohan* by Glenn & Sandy Jorgensen

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Ronald Faulk* by Mom & the Kids
+*Samantha Whitaker* by Mary Farrell

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Helen Oyer* by Family
+*Barbara Wallace* by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Michael & Jane Renski* by Paul & Alice Herrling

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Jack Speno* by Bereavement Ministry

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*MaryEllen Nolan* by Bill & Linda Prosser
+*Gino Alberici* by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Lottie Jurczak* by Maureen Dykoschak
+*Joseph Klonowski* by Mary

Monday, August 17 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Jean Flanigan* by Family
+*Ted Fennessy* by Family

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*For the Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Patricia Bialaszewski* by Bereavement Ministry

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Thomas Fennessy* by Bereavement Ministry

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Anthony Moran* by Lnda Moran

Thursday, August 20, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Joseph & John Carberry* by Family
+*Emily Barton* by Family

Friday, August 21, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*William V. DeTomaso* by Estate

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Mary Ann Darrow* by The Nicpon Family

Saturday, August 22, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Edward & Bernadine Orlick* by Family
+*William Jacobs* by Family
+*Andrew Walsh* by Cheryl & George Gabak

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Jimmy Newert* by His Sisters
+*Stanley Walawender Family & John Stechuck*
by Clara

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Dale Gamba* by Carol
+*Ed Galka* by Anne
+*Marlene White* by Bereavement Ministry

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Paul E. & Ann Herrling* by Paul & Alice Herrling

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Samantha Whitaker* by Elaine Graceffo

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Jerry Oliver* by Family
+*Gerald Crowley* by Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of Our Parish*

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of August 16, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church

Tabernacle Candle
Helen Oyer
by Family

St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle
Anthony J. Daloia
by Betty J. Festa

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

William Cowmey
by Classmate

St. Joseph Candle

Robert Graney
by
Family

For those who Have Recently Died

Anna Flanigan

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Sunday, August 16, 2026 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.?"

Matthew 15: 27-28



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"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton
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August 16, 2026



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK — This weekend at Mass, we heard about the Canaanite woman who did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but rather as an invitation to engage with God, to show

him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

St. Albert the Great Academy and Tyburn Academy are currently accepting students for the 2026-27 School Year! St. Alberts offers Grades Pre-K - 6 and Tyburn Academy offers grades 7-12. Call our offices to learn more about our excellent Catholic Schools!

St. Albert the Great: 315-283-0555

Tyburn Academy: 315-252-2937.

St. Albert the Great Academy is hiring for a part-time P.E. Teacher. Interested applicants should call 315-283-0555 for more information.

The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

(For World and Community Peace)

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

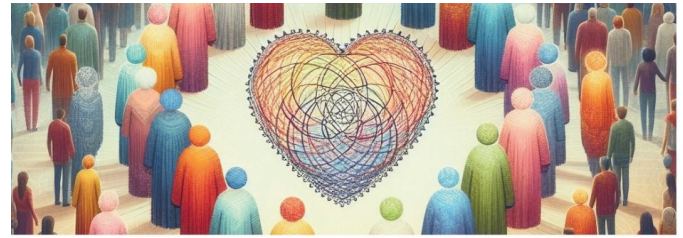
Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Pope Leo's Intention for August For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



"Holy and Beloved"

**AUGUST
21ST - 23RD
2026**



Couples Retreat

www.notredameretreat.org
585-394-5700



Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) happily shares the news of our upcoming profession to which all are invited. Michael Ineich will make a permanent commitment to the Gospel Life as he professes into the Secular Franciscan Order. This Rite of Profession will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Sunday, August 23 at a mass at 2:15 pm. A reception follows in the parish hall immediately following mass. Jerome Brabant will be admitted to the Rite of Candidacy during the same mass.

Profession in the Order is the culmination of over three years of initial formation. At their profession, the candidates promise to follow the Rule of Life of the Secular Franciscan Order, pledging themselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this Rule. St. Francis himself wrote the first "Rule of Life" for members of the SFO. Since Vatican II that Rule has been updated but remains true to the vision of St. Francis of Assisi. This Rule calls on Secular Franciscans to live out their calling to the Franciscan life in a particular way in their homes and families, at work, in their parishes, and in the world.

Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order began meeting in Geneva NY in 1961 at the Capuchin Monastery and now meets at St. Mary's Church in Auburn. For more information on the SFO please contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

Thank you for visiting our church this Sunday! We hope you felt at home and that the message encouraged your heart. It was a joy to have you with us, and we look forward to seeing you again. If you have any questions or want to know more about our church, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

If you would like to register, contact Nancy in the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 or email nancy.kavanagh@dor.org or stop in the parish office.

Remember our Sick: David & Mary Foster, Kelly Pines, Lonnie & Barbie Kiesenger, Sandra Ward, Sara Fitzpatrick, Julie Boyd, Richard Burns, Bobby Boucher, Pat Allen, Heidi, 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 Komaneky, 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."