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Saturday 3:30pm
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Ministry of the Sick:
Please Call Parish Office

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85 E. Genesee St.
St. Ann Church
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**PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

August 23, 2026

Only Peter Has the Answer
"What do you think of the Pope?"

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority that stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don't know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, "What do you think of him?" I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn't really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: "What do you think of him, and why?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn't try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest. He asks a very simple question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

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Financial Stewardship For August 16, 2026

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4988.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$3202.30

St. Ann Church

Regular Collection \$1162.00

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

A Prayer for Our First Responders

Heavenly Father, thank You for the brave men and women who run toward danger so others can find safety. Please protect our police officers, firefighters, and EMTs. Grant them wisdom in sudden crises, and bring them safely home to their families every day.

Lord, we ask that You grant them calm minds for fast, life-saving choices. Ease their heavy hearts after difficult calls, and bring quiet rest to their souls. We also ask that You bless and shield the loved ones who wait at home for their safe return. Amen.

Men's Club resumes the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. All men of the parish are warmly invited to join the Sacred Heart Men's Club as we kickoff our new season on Tuesday, September 8th. Going forward, meetings will regularly take place on the first Tuesday of each month (unless there is a conflict). Come enjoy a delicious potluck dinner, fellowship, and conversation with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Club President Doug Mason at 315-253-2028. We look forward to seeing you there!



Do you like to sing?

Our choir will resume in September 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

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of

August 22/23-Bottles of Salad Dressing

August 29/30-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

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

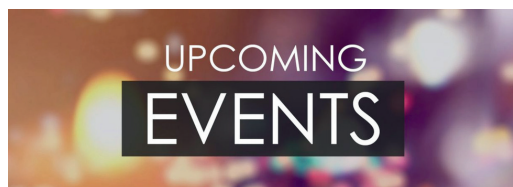
Thank you for your continued generosity.



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!

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.*

Join the Parish Life Committee!

The Parish Life Committee is looking for new members! Our primary role is to foster community and fellowship within the parish by organizing casual social events like potlucks, picnics, and such. We aim to create a strong sense of belonging and strengthen our parish family.

Meetings are typically held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at Sacred Heart Parish Hall (90 Melrose Road, Auburn). Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th at 6:00 PM (Delayed one week due to Labor Day) and is open to all—everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans."

~Proverbs 16:3



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.

For more information and instructions on the Prayer Shawl Ministry visit:
<https://www.shawlministry.com/index.htm>

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.



Christus Vivit Youth Ministry

What: Youth Kickball Game

When: Saturday, August 29th
@ 11:00AM -2:00PM

Where: Tyburn Academy Fields

Who: All Youth, Grades 6-12

Come join Christus Vivit and
be a part of the fun!

***Lunch Included**

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Any questions please contact Matthew Faiola at mfaiola217@gmail.com
or Peter Sikora at Peter.Sikora@stbernards.edu

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Our Weekly Bulletin

August 23, 2026

August 23, 2026 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 16: 18-19a



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"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton
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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

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 Stechuchak* 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*

Monday, August 24 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Robert Brown* by Kevin & Paige Jessie

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*John Michael Tomandl* by Family

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Charlie Warter* by Mary
+*Chris McEvoy* by Bereavement Ministry

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*For the People of Our Parish*

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*The Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Thursday, August 27, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Dan Taber*
+*Renee Parker*
+*Rick Graveling*

Friday, August 28, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Stacy Carberry & Marlene Eberlin* by Nancy

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Amy Pine* by Tom & Jean Lewis

Saturday, August 29, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Stanley Kott* by Family
+*James Lawler* by Family
+*Ed Galka* by Pat Messina

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Samantha Whitaker*
 by Tom & Melissa Geherin
+*Adele Giacalone* by Josephine Graceffo

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Virginia "Ginny" Chalanick*
 by Bereavement Ministry
+*Marlene White* by Sue & Tom Giltner

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Fr. Jim Enright* by Ron & Sara Podolak
+*William Stinson* by Bereavement Ministry

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Joe & Julie Keough &*
 Steve & Sophie Kehoskie by Family

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Charlotte Moran* by Family
+*Nina Maltese* by Paul Vitale Family

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli*
 by Billy & Cathy Barlow

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of August 23, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church

Tabernacle Candle
 Marlene White
by Sue & Tom Giltner

St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle
 The Pelc Family

For those who Have Recently Died
 James Campbell
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.



INSPIRATION FOR WEEK—

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we?

In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

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.

Monthly Pasta Drive-Thru Dinner at St. Mary’s Church is Tuesday, September 8th at 4:00 pm until sold out. Cost is \$12. All are invited!



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.

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.

August 23, 2026

Holiness Runs in the Family

St. Monica Feast Day August 28th

St. Augustine Feast Day August 29th

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn’t Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones. St. Monica is the patron saint of mothers, wives, difficult marriages and disappointing or wayward children. St. Augustine is the patron saint of brewers, theologians, printers and converts.

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The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Feast Day: August 29

St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage that he wasn’t fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day. This was the reasoning that led to his death, but he continued. We can learn a lot from his life. We too, can embrace the ways of God and speak out of the immorality of our day, and with the help of St. John the Baptist, we can prepare the way for Jesus to those around us.

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."