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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
85 North St.

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

What it means to be human

Can we create artificial humans? Well, not yet, and not likely, says Pope Leo XIV in his encyclical Magnifica Humanitas: “At the heart of the Christian understanding of the human person lies the great biblical affirmation that men and women are created in the image and likeness of God.”

Leo goes on to say, “So-called artificial intelligences do not undergo experiences, do not possess a body, do not feel joy or pain, do not mature through relationships and do not know from within what love, work, friendship or responsibility mean.”

Perhaps this is why Jesus rebukes Peter in Matthew’s gospel for recoiling at the thought that Jesus must suffer and die. Jesus knew that his human journey would entail risk and suffering, yet he was propelled by love. He knew that, as Leo puts it, “humanity flourishes not despite limitations, but often through them.”

“To eliminate suffering entirely would mean, in the end, extinguishing love and desire as well,” says Leo. “Those who love and desire cannot avoid passing through trial and suffering.”

“Indeed,” continues Leo “precisely because we experience limits—vulnerability, suffering and failure—we can recognize the inviolable dignity of every person, both our own and that of others.”

That recognition of human dignity—born of joys and sorrows—is what makes us truly human and most like God.

Patrice J. Tuohy co-founder of TrueQuest Communications and publisher of PREPARE THE WORD, is an award-winning writer, editor, designer, and author of a number of articles on Catholic life.



Financial Stewardship For August 23, 2026

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$5207.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$4335.00

St. Ann Church

Regular Collection \$1575.00

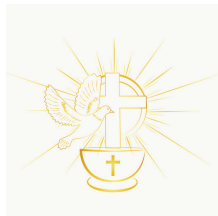
*Thank you for your continued generosity.
Your gifts help sustain our ministries
and bless our community.*

Welcome to our Newly Baptized Members in our Faith Community

With great joy, our parish community welcomes those who received the Sacrament of Baptism this month. We congratulate their parents and godparents, and we promise to support these young families as they raise these little ones in our Catholic faith.

Baptized in the Name of the Father, & of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit. May the grace of this Sacrament bear abundant fruit in their lives, leading them and their families to profess the Catholic faith and participate fully in the life and mission of the Church.

*Charles Maxwell Padula,
Cecilia Capri Locastro,
Jaykob Alexander Kelly,
Clover Mae Shaw,
Connor Michael Shaw,
Noah Jack Shaw and
Skylar Grace Shaw.*



Calendar of Events Week of August 30, 2026

Monday, August 31, 2026

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Friday, September 4, 2026

6:00pm(SH) Christus Vivit

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Blessing of Backpacks at all Masses

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Blessing of Backpacks at all Masses

The “**Pack the Pantry**” item for the week of

August 29/30-Jars of Peanut Butter

September 5/6-Jars of Jelly/Jam/Preserves

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.

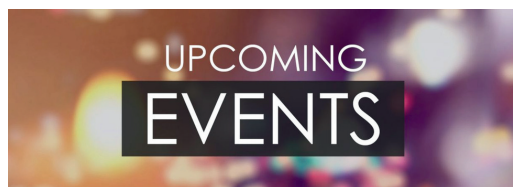
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Thank you for your continued generosity.

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!

Parish Registration It is especially important to be registered in a parish. We need to keep our parish census as up to date as possible, but we can do that only when you formally register. This is helpful for religious education, Catholic school attendance and for times when you need letters from the parish confirming parish registration. For example, you may be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation and need a letter stating you are registered and a participating member of this parish and suitable to assume the role of being a sponsor. Please make sure you are registered. You can always check by calling your Parish Office.

August 30, 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.

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!

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Bring your school backpacks to all Masses the weekend of September 5–6!

During each Mass, we will have a special "Blessing of the Backpacks" to pray for God's guidance, safety, and joy in the classroom this year. As a new school year begins, we want to surround our students, teachers, catechists, and school staff with prayer and support.

All students and educators are invited to participate.

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.

We would like to thank
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Our Weekly Bulletin

August 30, 2026 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly...

Matthew 16: 21a



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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 30, 2026

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

Monday, August 31 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Huguette Evangelista* by Bereavement Ministry
12:15 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Deceased Members of the Ford & Festa Families*
by Family

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*For the People of our Parishes*
12:15 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Patricia Silliman* by Deacon John & Carole

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Peggy Lewis* by Family

Thursday, September 3, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Dad* by Gloria

Friday, September 4, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Paul A. & Dorothy M. Riester & Deceased Members of Riester & Donovan Families*

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Carmella Ruscio* by Family
+*Bert & Mary Clark* by Family

11:30am Sacred Heart

+*Father Jim Enright* by The Nicpon Family

Saturday, September 5, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Nancy Tokarz* by Tom
+*Angela Almerto* by Carol
+*D. Walsh* by Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Richard Boedicker* by Judy

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Helen Oyer* by Family
+*Ed Galka* by Theresa Leonardi

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Robert Brown* by Ron & Sara Podolak
+*Sharon Romano* by Bereavement Ministry

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*James Campbell* Tim & Maria Chiavara

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Brian Vitale* by Grandma & Grandpa
+*Bobby Lawler* by Mark Driscoll

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Samantha Whitaker* by Eileen & Chuck Bianchini
+*James E. Bennink* by Family

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of August 30, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church

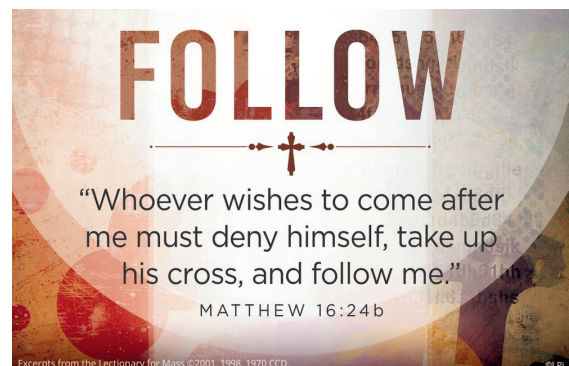
Tabernacle Candle
Nancy Tokarz
by Tom

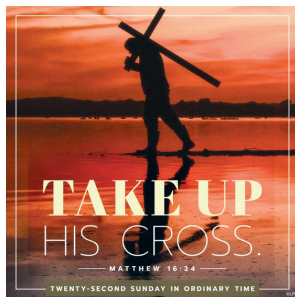
St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle
Alfred, Shirley & Maria Napoli
by Bill & Cathy Barlow

St. Joseph Candle

Dad
by Gloria





INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK —

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other

it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,

Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You. Amen.

Take Five for Faith

Tuesday, Sep 01, 2026 When you know, you know The so-called demons of the gospels seem to have an edge. They claim to know who Jesus is while the disciples do not. It is true: The disciples, like the rest of us, struggle to understand who Jesus is and what his radical message of love means for us. Saint Augustine helps answer our questions: “What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see the misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.” Now it is up to us to be Christ for others. 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37 (432). “I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

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 30, 2026

To Carry the Cross

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this “Christian” thing wrong? “Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,” Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. “But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities. When Peter says, “God forbid!” at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is. When I say, “God forbid!” at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: “This way. Follow me.”

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No sin, failure, humiliation or exclusion can diminish the profound value of a human life that God has willed and called into being.

—Pope Leo XIV

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, 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 Komanecky, 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."