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Sacred Heart:
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St. Alphonsus:
Saturday 3:30pm
Sacraments
Baptism, Marriage,
Ministry of the Sick:
Please Call Parish Office

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St. Ann Church
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Holy Family Church
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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will you look the part?

– Tracy Earl Welliver
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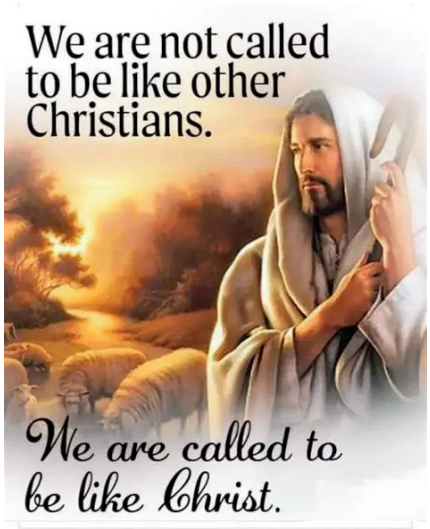

Financial Stewardship for September 6, 2026
Sacred Heart Church
Regular Collection $6498.00
St. Alphonsus Church
Regular Collection $3668.00
St. Ann Church
Regular Collection $2503.00

Financial Stewardship for September 13, 2026
Sacred Heart Church
Regular Collection $4995.60
St. Alphonsus Church
Regular Collection $3639.00
St. Ann Church
Regular Collection $1254.00

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

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Our special collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country. Over the past decade, six organizations in our own Diocese have received major national CCHD grants. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo.

Thank you for your generous support!

Adoration, Benediction & Vespers
Beginning Friday, September 25, 2026, the day after Fulton Sheen's Beatification Mass, Friday Adoration will take place at Sacred Heart Church, beginning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please note that the Friday 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church will be discontinued. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at approximately 5:00 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be prayed at 4:30 p.m. before the Blessed Sacrament, with prayer books provided. We hope these new hours of Adoration and the addition of Vespers bring peace to your spiritual life and draw you closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of
September 19/20-Boxes of Cereal
September 26/27-Boxes/Canisters of Oatmeal
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.

We are proud to share that St. Alphonsus Food Pantry volunteer John Murtari has been selected as a Hunger Hero by the Food Bank of CNY. John will be officially honored at the upcoming Food Bank Conference on September 19, 2026. Having volunteered with us for four years, John has mastered every role within the pantry, always stepping up to ensure operations run smoothly. We are incredibly grateful for his hard work, compassion, and unwavering dedication to our neighbors in need. *Congratulations, John!*

Join Us for the Holy Rosary
Come early to prepare your heart for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We invite you to pray the Holy Rosary 25–30 minutes before the following Masses:
Tuesdays at 11:40 AM
(before the 12:15 PM Mass)
Thursdays at 4:40 PM
(Before the 5:15 PM Mass)
Saturdays at 3:40 PM
(Before the 4:30 PM Mass)
"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers."
~ Pope St. Pius X

Special Needs Dance Come ready to dance and have fun! We are once again hosting a special evening of fun, fellowship, and celebration in Sacred Heart Hall on Friday, September 25th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Enjoy a night featuring:

- Live DJ & Dancing
- Pizza, Soda & Water
- Special Gifts for all our guests!

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!

Celebrate Mass & Fellowship: First Friday at Sacred Heart Come experience the warmth, faith, and community of our First Friday gatherings! Join us for our next First Friday Mass on Friday, October 2nd, 2026, at 11:30 AM in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. A light luncheon will follow immediately after Mass. If you have never attended before, this is the perfect opportunity to see what the fun, faith, and fellowship are all about. All are welcome —bring a friend!

Join the Parish Life Committee!
Do you love bringing people together? The Parish Life Committee is looking for new members to help foster community and friendship within our parish family! We organize casual social events like potlucks and picnics to help everyone feel a true sense of belonging in our faith community.
Come see what we are all about! Our next meeting is Monday, October 5th at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at Sacred Heart Parish Hall
(90 Melrose Road). Everyone is 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

Calendar of Events
Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday, September 20, 2026
Catechetical Sunday
10:00am(SH) Faith Formation K-6th
Monday, September 21, 2026
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
11:40(SA) Rosary
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
6:00pm (SH) OCIA
Thursday, September 24, 2026
4:40pm(SA) Rosary
Friday, September 25, 2026
6:00pm(SH) Dance for People with Special Needs
Saturday, September 26, 2026
3:40pm(SA) Rosary
Sunday, September 27, 2026
10:00am(SH) Faith Formation K-6th
11:00am(SH) Y1 Confirmation
1:00pm(SH) Y2 Confirmation

The Order of Martha at St. Alphonsus is looking for volunteers to assist in caring for our church's sacred spaces. If you have a heart for service and can spare just one hour a week, we would love your help on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in caring for the altar, candles, flowers, and holy water, along with light housekeeping.
We are also looking for volunteers to assist with washing and ironing altar linens. This is done on a rotating schedule just four times a year (for one month at a time) by a dedicated team of four volunteers.
This is a beautiful, quiet way to offer stewardship and support the liturgical life of our parish. For more information, please contact Judy Boedicker at 315-252-7966.

We would like to thank
Smiley's Town and Country
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315-252-7529
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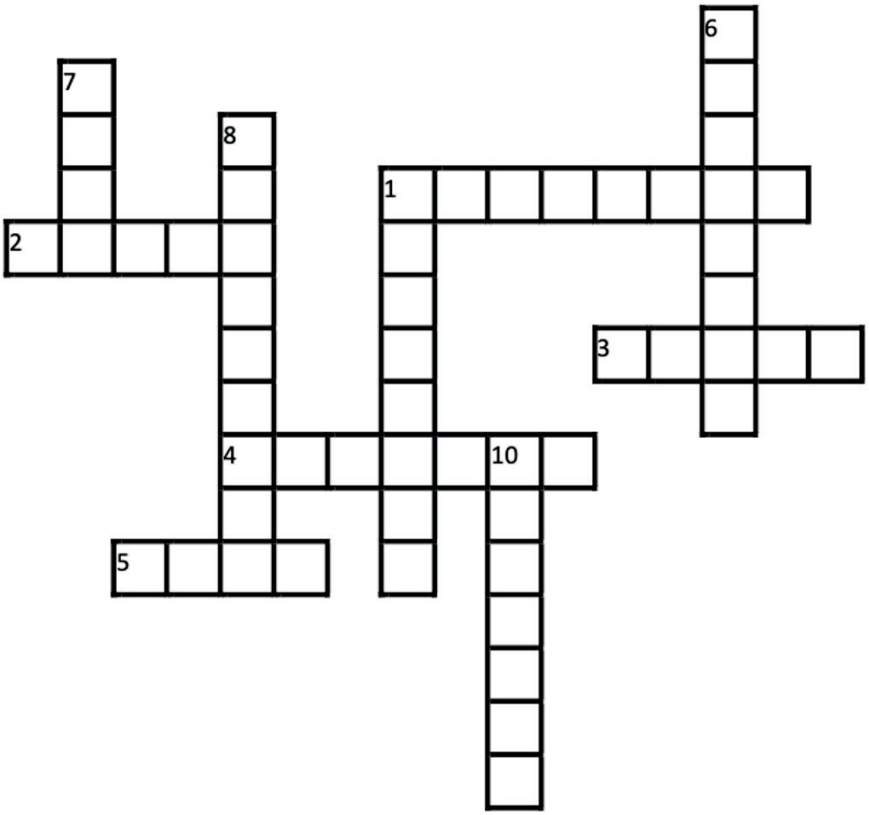
Our Weekly Bulletin

Catholic Community of Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Ann
Ana Haff~Director of Faith Formation ana.haff@dor.org
THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

Sunday, September 20, 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells a parable (a special story that teaches us) about a landowner, a man who hires people throughout the day to work for him. When the day is over and it is time for them to be paid, the man pays everyone the same amount even though some men worked longer than others. The men who started work at the beginning of the day become upset that they didn't make extra money, even though they got paid a fair wage. In this parable, Jesus teaches us many lessons. One lesson is that God is merciful and generous. He desires all of us to be saved, even those who we think don't "deserve" it. Jesus also teaches us that we should never judge. The men got upset because they didn't think the landowner was being fair. But they shouldn't have judged the landowner. Finally, Jesus says that "the last will be first, and the first will be last." Just because people are rich or important in the eyes of the world doesn't mean that they are holy in the eyes of God. We must always seek to be holy and pleasing to God, instead of worrying about what others think of us.

Family Activities:
- Pay attention to your conversations this week. Are you judging others or seeking to be generous towards them, as God is?
- Read the Gospel as a family. Are there any other lessons you can find from today's parable?
- God is generous and forgiving! Take time today to simply thank God for His immense generosity.



Across

1. another word for complain or whine
2. God's Son
3. the opposite of last
4. a person who does physical work
5. the opposite of first

Down

6. a farm where grapes are grown
7. money earned for work done
8. followers of Jesus
1. very giving; unselfish
10. wanting something someone else has

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF September 20, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026
4:00 pm Sacred Heart
+*Jama Kessler* by Barbara Hartnett & Family
+*Paul Castellano* by Family
+*Leonard Kinsella* by Joe & Nancy Kinsella

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Barbara Latanyshyn* by Mary Klonowski
+*Adele Giacolone* by Josephine Graceffo

Sunday, September 20, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Barbara Wallace* by Family
+*Robert Brown* by Dan & Nadine Szozda
9:00 am St. Ann
+*For the People of Our Parishes*
10:30 am St. Alphonsus
+*Joseph & John Carberry* by Family
+*Becky Wisniewski* by Helen DeOrio
11:00 am Sacred Heart
+*Jim Beer* by Family
+*Patrick Penafeather* by Family
5:00 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Tom & Nick Diego* by Family
+*Samantha Whitaker* by Carolyn Halsey

Monday, September 21, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Father Jim Enright*
by Ellen Dello Stritto & Family
+*Peter Hogan*
by The Jack & Jeanne Hogan Family
12:15pm St. Alphonsus
+*Ted Dykoschak* by Family

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Don Quinn* by Family
+*Nancy Westover* by Kathy, Caroline & Molly
12:15 pm St. Alphonsus
John Pelc by Family

Wednesday, September 23, 2026
12:15 pm St. Alphonsus
+*James Campbell* by John & Susan Duerr

Thursday, September 24, 2026
5:15 pm St. Alphonsus
+*George Magats* by Estate

Friday, September 25, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Ken Kanya* by His Wife Linda
+*Jon Rossi* by Family

Saturday, September 26, 2026
4:00 pm Sacred Heart
+*June & Lynn Bevier* by Family
+*Patricia Bialaszewski* by Deacon John & Carole
+*Harland Wood* by Ann Maher & Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Pat Cinotti* by Family
+*Larry Thomas* by Fr. Peter Clifford

Sunday, September 27, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Father Jim Enright* by Bereavement Ministry
+*Marlene White* by Richard White
9:00 am St. Ann
+*Stanley Dec* ***by Family***
10:30 am St. Alphonsus
+*For the People of Our Parishes*
11:00 am Sacred Heart
+*Nancy McMahon* by Family
+*Angelina "Angie" Giancola*
by Adele, Patty & Elaine Giacolone
+*Robert Brown* by Louise Kirwin
5:00 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Becky Wisniewski*
by Richard, Maria, John & Joey White
+*James Campbell* by Tom & Sherry Cuff

The Memorial Candles
The Week of September 20, 2026

Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle
Helen Oyer
by Family

St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle
Charles Norton
by Family

For those who Have Recently Died
Gregory VanScoy
Eternal rest grant
unto them. O Lord;
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

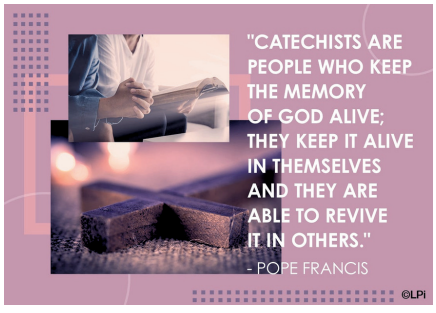
Is God Softly Calling You to be a Deacon?
Have you ever, at any time in your life, had a passing thought of serving God in a more formal way in the Church? Did you ever serve others in the secular world through military, public, human, or community service and feel a deeper calling? These along with many others signs in the path of life may be God nudging you occasional to a committed role in serving the Church. If you are a man between 25 and 55, it may be that God is calling you progressively towards Holy Orders as a permanent Deacon in the coming years. If you have ever had even the slightest inkling or simply wish to hear more about a pathway for discerning God's call; please join a number of deacons for a light supper on October 8th at 6:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 47 Market St. in downtown Auburn. If you are married, please bring your bride, as they are critical to discernment. If you are a wife and think your husband may have a calling invite him out to dinner and surprise him with the setting. The dinner is free and you will hear testimony from a few deacons on how they came to hear and follow God's call. They will also talk about the path of service, prayer and study leading to the sacrament of Holy Orders as a Deacon. While registration is not required, it would be quite helpful in planning for the food. To register you and your spouse for the dinner or if you have any questions please call/text
Dcn. John Tomandl 315.729.4668 or
Dcn. Dennis Donahue 315.406.1538.
Hope to see you there!

Pope Leo's Intention for September
For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Pray for Vocations In a 1967 letter to our diocese, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen reminded us that the ultimate solution to declining vocations is prayer, writing, "We are not face to face with a decline in vocations, but rather with a decrease in prayer." All faithful in the Diocese of Rochester are humbly asked to unite daily in praying one Hail Mary for vocations, adding Bishop Sheen's powerful words: "Lord, infuse young hearts with vocations." Please join us in asking for his intercession to inspire our next generation of priests, deacons, and religious.

Have you ever felt called to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? The Secular Franciscan 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 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, September 27. For more information, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or olasfoauburn@gmail.com.

Fr. Greg Boyle, Jesuit priest and 2024 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, is speaking at the Auburn Public Theater on October 4th. Tickets to hear Fr. Greg Boyle at Auburn Public Theater on October 4th can be purchased at this website:
https://events.seatfun.comf.e/speaker-father-greg-boyle-at-auburn-public-theater



***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: Kelly Pines, David & Mary Foster, , Lonnie & Barbie Kiesenger, Sandra Ward, Sara Fitzpatrick, Julie Boyd, Heidi, Richard Burns, Bobby Boucher, Pat Allen, Frank D., Johnny Coop, Kevin Jessie, Kathryn Lane, Pat, Eleanor Hudo, Anthony Alberici, Evelyn Gagliano, Carl Jr. & Cheryl Moore Festa, Tim Grazsko, Olivia, Jamie Mazza, Jim Podolak, Mary Manuel, Kathleen, Bruce, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, John Salva, Stacy, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Cortney Fedyshyn, Briana Dewitt, Dave, Joyce Blowers, John Clark, Cheryl Bellnier, Colleen Pinckney, Pat Gallagher, Gloria Cuddy, Tim Daly, Sue Daly, Thomas Didio, 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: Ella Callahan 2nd Lt. USMC, 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."