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

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85 E. Genesee St.
St. Ann Church
4890 Twelve Corners Rd.
Holy Family Church
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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
October 11, 2026
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir
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Financial Stewardship for October 4, 2026
Sacred Heart Church
Regular Collection $6460.00
St. Alphonsus Church
Regular Collection $3607.00
St. Ann Church
Regular Collection $2135.31

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

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2026-2027 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).
The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 45years. We are responsible for continuing the church's mission through good times and lean times. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. We are called to meet these needs.
Hopefully, you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme for this year's campaign is ALL THINGS NEW: Embracing Our Mission In Christ. The CMA is a vehicle to help us share the hope of the Gospel message throughout the Diocese of Rochester. It supports each of us in our faith life and enables us to live out our purpose as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese.
Your gift to the CMA enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission.

The 2026-2027 goals for each parish are as follows:
Sacred Heart Church: *$50,000.00*
St. Alphonsus Church: *$36,000.00*
St. Ann Church: *$11,000.00*

Please be as generous as your means allow in your response. Please pray for the success of our efforts.

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!

The **"Pack the Pantry"** item for the week of
October 10/11-Cans of Frosting
October 17/18-Cans of Ravioli/Spaghettios
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.

To the Sacred Heart Church Parishioners present at the 4:00 PM Mass on August 15th,
Words seem completely insufficient to express our thanks to you for coming together and working to aid one of Sacred Heart's worshipers. As you know, parishioners began immediate lifesaving measures followed by the emergency crew, both of whom brought the victim back to life as he knew it. As efforts continued to save his life, Fr. Stephen administered the anointing and continued the Mass; your prayers made it a deeply healing experience for everyone, allowing us all to feel God's love.
With all our thanks and love,
Mike, Joan, Elizabeth, Chris and Kevin

Eucharistic Adoration and Devotion takes place every Friday at Sacred Heart Church immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass and continues throughout the day. At 4:30 PM, we conclude with Vespers (Evening Prayer), with prayer books provided, followed by Benediction at 5:00 PM. We pray that these hours of Adoration and Evening Prayer bring peace to your spiritual life and draw you closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

Parish Life will be hosting a Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 1st right after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart. Join us for light refreshments, a little conversation, and a chance to connect with one another before heading into the new week.

Join us for our next meeting on November 2nd at 6:00pm. We'd love to meet you and share how you can get involved. The Parish Life Committee plans and hosts social events such as potlucks, picnics, and other activities that bring parishioners together.

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, November 6, 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!

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

The Justice and Peace Committee holds its meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church (90 Melrose Road, Auburn). For inquiries, you can reach out to Charlie Greene at cgreene@greenemeadow.com.
The upcoming meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM

What's in your heart? "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!" God provides. When have you been fed and comforted by God? What do you bring in your heart to the Eucharist, God's feast? Love and gratitude? Or something else? What do you take away from Mass? When have you looked to the Lord? How do you respond to the salvation God offers you?

Calendar of Events
Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday, October 11 2026
Monday, October 12, 2026
All Parish Offices Closed for Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
10:00am Mass at The Home
11:40(SA) Rosary
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
5:00pm(SH) Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm (SH) OCIA
Thursday, October 15, 2026
4:40pm(SA) Rosary
Friday, October 16, 2026
9:00am(SH) Adoration
4:30pm(SH) Vespers
5:00pm(SH) Benediction
Saturday, October 17, 2026
3:40pm(SA) Rosary
Sunday, October 18 2026
10:00am(SH) Faith Formation
11:00am(SH) Confirmation Y1
1:00pm(SH) Confirmation Y2

The Mass Intention Book for 2027 opens on Tuesday, October 27th at 9:00 AM. To request a Mass Intention or a Tabernacle Candle, please visit the parish office or call us at 315-252-7271. As you plan your dates, please note our updated scheduling guidelines:

- Weekend Masses: A maximum of three intentions are allowed per specific Mass time.
- Weekday Masses: A maximum of two intentions are allowed per specific Mass time.
- Tabernacle Candles: We may now request multiple intentions for the candle.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to accommodate everyone in our parish family!

We would like to thank
Balloons Steakhouse
315-252-9761
For Sponsoring an Ad In
Our Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 11, 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Saturday, October 10, 2026
4:00 pm Sacred Heart
+*Jama Kessler* by Barbara Hartnett & Family
+*Woody Wood* by Jean Carter
+*John Nadge* by Ann Marie

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Maureen E. Burns & John J. Burns Sr. & Ann V. Morrissey Burns* by Tim & Marsha
+*Samantha Whitaker* by Her Sister Liza

Sunday, October 11, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Mary Piccirillo* by Sons Gary & Tom
+*Barbara Wallace* by Family
+*Ed Galka* by Jean Shutter & Paul Vitale
9:00 am St. Ann
+*For the People of Our Parishes*
10:30 am St. Alphonsus
+*Jim Salva* by Family
+*Mary Grudzien* by Family
11:00 am Sacred Heart
+*Richard Leonard Jr.* by The Kiernan Family
+*Jim & Donna Lawler* by Family
+*Father Jim Enright* by The Nicpon Family
5:00 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Don Lukins* by Family
+*Joseph Klonowski* by Mary

Monday, October 12, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
No Mass
12:15pm St. Alphonsus
No Mass

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Charlie Warter* by Family
+*Thomas Eisenschmidt* by Jeanne Eisenschmidt
12:15 pm St. Alphonsus
+*For the Poor Souls in Purgatory* by Dr. Phillip & Cath Gioia

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
12:15 pm St. Alphonsus
+*John & Margaret Barron Haney, William F. Haney, Paul Earl Haney & John G. Curran* by Estate

Thursday, October 15, 2026
5:15 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Anniversary of M/M Joseph J. Janusz* by Lorraine & Donald Arliss
+*Mary Diego* by Family

Friday, October 16, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Josephine Christiantelli* by Bereavement Ministry
+*Ginny Chalanick* by Friends from Manhattan

Saturday, October 17, 2026
4:00 pm Sacred Heart
+*Edward & Bernadine Orlick* by Family
+*Mark Brown* by Family
+*Walter & Irene Dec* by The Dec & DeRouin Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Denise Chamberlin* by Patty
+*Samantha Whitaker* by Her Sister Liza
+*Dick Burns* by Marsha Burns

Sunday, October 18, 2026
8:30 am Sacred Heart
+*Helen Oyer* by Family
+*Marlene White* by Louise Kirwin
9:00 am St. Ann
+*Joseph Dec* by Family
10:30 am St. Alphonsus
+*James Campbell* by Patty & Elaine Giacolone
+*John Arpino* by Mom, Stephen & Joe
+*Stephen Paxhia* by Fran & Susan
+*Charles Cole* by Francis & Mavin Hamlin
11:00 am Sacred Heart
+*Huguette Evangelista* by The Breakfast Club
+*Dawn Noble* by Richard White
5:00 pm St. Alphonsus
+*Joyce Sullivan* by Deacon John & Carole

The Memorial Candles
The Week of October 11, 2026

Sacred Heart Church
Tabernacle Candle
Patrick Penafeather
by Family
St. Alphonsus Church
Tabernacle Candle
Jim Campbell
by Ed & Joanne Nash

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

Catholic Charities Annual Empty Bowls is Thursday, Oct. 29 at Sacred Heart Church from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. $25 adults/$10 children under 10. Tickets & Info: Contact Rhonda Zettlemoyer at 315-789-2235, ext. 104 or email rhonda.zettlemoyer@dor.org, or visit catholiccharitiesfl.org.
Help raise awareness and funds to fight local hunger and food insecurity! Admission includes soup, bread, beverage, dessert, and a commemorative, handmade ceramic bowl crafted by local artists. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes. Please help us help others!

Our Lady of the Angels SFO Fraternity is sponsoring a Day of Reflection with a presentation by Sister Margaret Carney OSF. The topic will be "Clare: The First Franciscan Woman." It will be on Saturday, October 24 in Nacca Hall at St. Francis of Assisi Church from 9:30 to 2:00. There will be a light breakfast and lunch provided. The cost is $35. Please make reservations by contacting 315-246-3440 by October 16.

St. Hyacinth's Pierogi and Kapusta Sale
Orders are placed on Thursday, from 8:00am-11:00am by calling St. Hyacinth's kitchen at 315-252-9547. Pick-up is on Friday from 10:00am-1:00pm. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary's Monthly Drive-Thru Pasta Dinner is Tuesday, October 13th starting at 4:00pm until sold out. Dinners are $15.00. Side of 4 meatballs is $5.00. All are invited!!

Pope Leo's Prayer
Intentions for October
Mental Health Ministry
Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

Loss of a Spouse is a 90-minute program for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held on Wednesday, October 21 in St. Mary's Church Parish Hall at 1:30 pm. If you come into the parking lot from State Street behind Savannah Bank, the entrance is between the rectory (white house) and the church. The seminar offers helpful insights into what to expect in the days to come; how to deal with loneliness; what to do with your spouse's belongings; why it won't always hurt this much; and other practical help for dealing with the challenges of widowhood. Everyone who attends will receive a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. The fee is $12.00 for the book. To register, contact Bernie Tomasso at 315-246-3440 or berniet8@gmail.com.

Join St. Albert the Great Academy and Project Outdoor Nativity Scene (PONS) to help share the true meaning of Christmas! St. Albert the Great Academy is selling all-weather wooden silhouette displays of the nativity for $120. The order window is from September 26 - October 14. Kit distribution will begin at the end of November at St. Albert the Great Academy—Washington Street Campus. If you are interested in viewing the kits available and making a purchase, please go to www.stalbertthegreatacademy.com/store

***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: Marie Coultas, Christine M., Kelly Pines, David & Mary Foster, Lonnie & Barbie Kiesenger, Sandra Ward, Sara Fitzpatrick, Julie Boyd, Heidi, 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, 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."