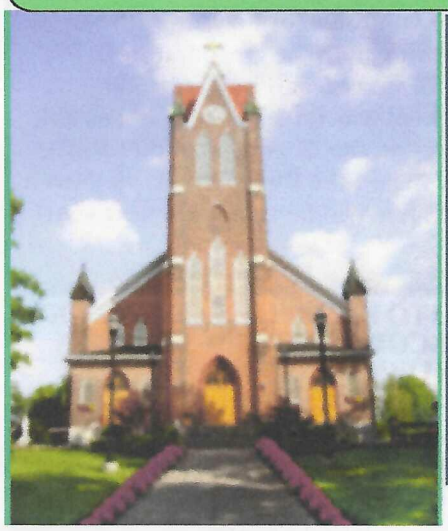
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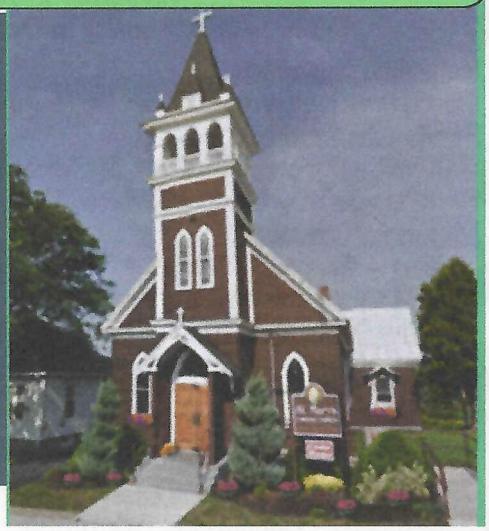
NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Present Church Dedicated, 1866

Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The Christian life is a life of waiting, for the Bridegroom is long delayed. We can grow too comfortable in the waiting that we forget what it's all for. So let us look to our lamps and always remember — the waiting will not last forever.



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Jennifer Richards
SM - Janet Aubin
Joseph Lawler

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:00pm(ant.) St. James
Sunday: 8:00am St. Mary's
10:00am St. James

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 2:30pm - 3:30pm St. James
Or by appointment
Sunday: 7:30am St. Mary's

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact Pastor
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Rectory
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Rectory anytime

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Mass Intentions

November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 7
4:00SJ(ant.) - Kenneth Ryan by Maureen & family
Sunday, November 8
8:00SM - For the People of St. Mary's & St. James
10:00SJ - Jeffery Davis by Mom, Dad, Derek & Chris
Monday, November 9
9:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena
9:30SJ - Communion Service
Tuesday, November 10
9:00SJ - Rosary
9:30SJ - Cathleen Freeman by Mary, Peggy, & Jackie
Wednesday, November 11
9:00SM - Deceased Members of McLane & Brady families
2:40-3:00SJ - Rosary
3:00-6:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, November 12
9:00SJ - Rosary
9:30SJ - Intentions of Wojcikowski & Aylesworth grandparents by Tom & Michelle
Friday, November 13
9:00SJ - Rosary
9:30SJ - Clifford Gates by Mike & Joanne Sligar
Saturday, November 14
4:00SJ(ant.) - Albert Amin Abbass by family
Sunday, November 15
8:00SM - Michael Fazio by family
10:00SJ - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 7&8, 14&15, 21&22- Advent Wreath Sales, before/after Mass
Nov. 8 Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am till noon (CR)
Nov. 19 - Stone Soup Supper, (Take out) 4:00pm
Nov. 21 - Men's Rosary, 8:30am
Dec. 1 - Ave Maria Circle Meeting, 6:30pm (CR)
Dec. 2 - St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm

Bishop's Fund - Totals Remaining as of October 30

St. James Parish Goal - $21,129.30
$23,993.00 - Has been pledged
- $ 2,863.70 - Goal has been reached

St. Mary's Parish Goal $3,972.10
$3,312.00 - Has been pledged
$660.10 - Amount remaining

Congratulations to the first winners of the 200 Club: Heidi Marshall, Rose Ball, Fr. Jai, Lorraine Davis, Maureen Steria, Cathy Ripley! Our most recent winners are Debbie Kepler and Toni Burke over the last two weeks. Weekly drawings continue culminating with a dinner on January 23, 2027. Thank you for your continued support of Augustinian Academy!

CRAFT FAIR THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time to work at or attend the Craft Fair. It was a huge success. A special thank you to the Margrey, Lazore, and Hasting families for their donation to the lunch café and to the O'Meara family for their help with setup, directing, and assisting crafters. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for helping with the takedown. A huge thank you to the custodial staff. We had 50 crafters, sold 70 spaces, and had over 300 people attend. The school was full! The school was able to get a huge jumpstart on the Bountiful Basket Raffle and had an extra day to run the Book Fair. With such a huge success, the craft fair will be returning next year! So start planning!

A BIG THANK YOU TO RITA LABARGE & BECKY HEAGLE FOR DECORATING OUR ST. JAMES ALTARS WITH RITA'S BEAUTIFUL GARDEN FLOWERS THIS SUMMER

ST. JAMES ALTAR LINEN CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 8 - GAIL, NOVEMBER 22 JOANNE

Blessing for Veterans

O God,
Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country.
Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support.
Amen. ©LPi

Early bulletin Submission Due Dates

Weekend bulletin for Nov. 22 - info due to SJ by Nov. 12
Weekend bulletin for Nov. 29 - indo due to SJ by Nov.18

Weekly Offerings November 1, 2026

St. James			St. Mary's
Envelopes	$6,751.00	Envelopes	$1,320.00
Plate	$ 809.25	Plate	$ 220.00
Total	**$7,560.25**	**Total**	**$1,540.00**
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	$1,754.80
Last Year	$8,012.00	Last Year	$1,526.25

TECHNOLOGY IS NEVER NEUTRAL

Artificial Intelligence (**AI**) is no longer a distant concept reserved for laboratories and tech companies. It is shaping daily life in ways that most people never see but constantly experience. **AI** influences what we read, how we work, how we communicate, and even how we understand ourselves.

Pope Leo XIV has offered a timely message in this regard in his first Encyclical, ***Magnifica Humanitas***. It is a message that speaks not only to Catholics, but to anyone who wonders how humanity can remain whole in a world increasingly shaped by algorithms, usernames, passwords and codes.

The Encyclical begins with a simple truth that carries enormous weight. **Technology is never neutral**. Every system reflects the values of the people who design it and the institutions that employ it. This insight matters because many people assume that **AI** is an unstoppable force that will simply reshape society on its own. The Pope's Encyclical challenges that assumption. It insists that the choices we make today will determine whether artificial intelligence becomes a tool for human flourishing or a mechanism that deepens inequality and isolation.

One of the most compelling contributions of *Magnifica Humanitas* is its recognition that the digital revolution has created new forms of vulnerability. These vulnerabilities are not limited to traditional categories of poverty. They include workers who lose jobs to automation, women and men who struggle with the pressures of a hidden and often traumatic work of learning artificial intelligence systems. They include families who feel overwhelmed by the pace of technological change and communities that see their social fabric stretched thin by digital distraction.

By naming these realities, the Encyclical invites readers to see **AI** not only as a technical challenge but as a human one. Pope Leo XIV asks society to consider who benefits from technological progress and who bears its costs. He asks whether innovation is strengthening relationships or weakening them. The Holy Father asks whether efficiency has become more important than empathy and concern for the common good.

The Encyclical does not ask people to reject artificial intelligence. It asks us to engage it with courage and prudential judgment. It asks you and me to remember that human dignity is not negotiable. The digital future can and must be shaped by compassion, solidarity and morality.

The age of **AI** is here. The question is whether humanity will remain at the center of it. *Magnifica Humanitas* offers a vision that is both hopeful and demanding. It reminds us that ***the future is not something we enter. It is something we build.*** And if we choose to build it together, with the dignity of the human person as our guide, then technology can become a force that strengthens rather than diminishes our shared life.

In the document's Forward, Bishop Robert Barron writes that "the master motif of this Papal Document is the irreducible magnificence of the human person." The Holy Father urgently reminds us of our responsibility of *Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*. Pope Leo XIV insists that we human beings are magnificent because we have been made in the image and likeness of God and even more wonderfully elevated through the Incarnation to a share in divinity. As the early Church Fathers taught: God became a human person so that the human person could share in the divine.

It is imperative that a proper consideration of contemporary technology takes place within a fundamentally moral context. God must not be relegated to the sidelines of our lives. No, God must be front and center, even—especially—in the area of technology.

In our world today, there is the tendency to highlight profit, efficiency, control, and practical results over the dignity of the individual and the development of real communion. Artificial intelligence and its attendant technologies are good in the measure that they function as tools in the hands of responsible persons acting for a moral purpose. **AI** technologies are problematic in the measure that they come to dominate both thought and action, "bending the properly human in the direction of the machine," as the Pope writes. The ease with which **AI** delivers data to us can deceive us into thinking that *acquiring* information is the same as coming to *understand* it. Information does not equal knowledge, much less wisdom.

The Holy Father writes that "the risk of dehumanization—of building a future that excludes God and reduces the other person to a means—is an ancient and ever-new temptation that today takes on a technical guise…" He urges us to make our world a safe place.

What can we do to ensure that pluralism does not dissipate into disorder, bullying and vitriolic language? The Holy Father urges us to *rediscover our responsibility for the common good*. Of course, it all rests on our own firm personal relationship with God. Pope Leo wrote that building for the common good means accepting the limits and weakness of the human person without considering the person an error to be corrected or done away with. This is why the recent New York State law legalizing the killing of the hurting—Dr. Kevorkian style—the so-called *Medical Aid in Dying Law*, (celebrated by our government leaders)—is unconscionable, just plain evil. True fulfillment is not achieved by eliminating weakness, but it is accomplished when freedom and responsibility are intertwined with mutual care and true solidarity, and when progress is measured by the dignity of each person and the good of all people.

The human person possesses far more effective and humane means to combat societal ills than relying solely on **AI**. Foundational is our belief in the God Who saves and loves us unconditionally. The Pope reminds us that when people come to believe that nothing is genuinely true and that principles are hollow words, then the fuse in their hearts is lit for new eruptions of intolerance and aggression. We can, we must do what **AI** cannot. We possess far more effective and capable tools for promoting human life and ending conflicts, such as dialogue, diplomacy and forgiveness—all concepts, dynamics of human relationships, something no technology can offer, only the human heart can.

Artificial Intelligence should never become the center of teaching and learning, whether it's a pre-school, secondary or college education. As some educators remind us: Technology can enhance learning experiences, but it cannot replace prayer, service, faith formation, human relationships, or the witness of Catholic education.

The Holy Father concludes his letter by writing, "No computer system, however sophisticated, can create a heart that gives itself, or a conscience that discerns good from evil. While machines excel in efficiency, a human face that asks to be gazed upon remains the center of our history. Isn't that a good thought to spend time reflecting on in prayer? In our parishes there are faces that ask to be gazed upon, to be noticed and accepted. Thank you for possessing the generous spirit and tender hearts to pay attention and respond to the faces you encounter every day. Let there be nothing artificial about our caring presence to our sisters and brothers. Soon we will promulgate policies that will help guide our ministry in remaining Christ-centered with the prudent application of the technological gifts the world has to offer. Christ-led, Christ-fed, we remain hope-filled. May God be praised…forever may God be praised!

St. Mary's Bulletin News - November 8, 2026

2026 Parish Raffle Winners:

$500 Cash – Kevin Cooper
$250 Cash – Alicia Morales
Gift Card Tree – Brian Fenlon
Bath Time Basket – Joanne Sligar
Yeti Cooler – Nicole Grandjean
4-person Picnic Table – Lucas Castor
Outdoor Fire Pit – Josh Fleming
Birdhouse – Louis Alexander
Breakfast Gift Basket – Carl Doolittle
NY Lottery Ticket Board – Ron Hebert
Quilt – Marah Sullivan
$50 Town Talk Gift Card – Amelia Fazio
$250 Stewarts Gift Card – Olivia Carroll
Blackstone Grill – Donna Wood
Jewelry Armoire – Kate Fazio

Proceeds for the Fall Raffle totaled $7500.00

Many thanks to all who donated raffle gifts and who bought and sold tickets!

November Church Cleaner: Janet Aubin
November Linens: Ruth Brady

The next Altar and Rosary meeting is December 2 at 6:30pm

Coffee Hour: The last coffee hour for 2026 is December 6 sponsored by Janet Aubin, Barb Crane, Shirley Nevills, and Sue Mattis.

KofC News: Upcoming Dates:

Nov 8 - Pancake Breakfast with Ave Maria Circle
Nov 19 - Stone Soup Supper
Nov 21 - Men's Rosary, 8:30am
Nov 23 - Keep Christ in Christmas Poster entries and C&B raffle tickets deadline
Nov 26 - Thanksgiving

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Ave Maria Circle upcoming events:

11/7 & 11/8 - Advent Wreath Sales before & after Mass
11/8 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC
11/14 & 11/15 - Advent Wreath Sales before & after Mass
11/21 - Bountiful Basket Dinner - Aves bake pies
11/21 & 11/22 - Advent Wreath Sales before & after Mass
11/26 - Aves make desserts for Free Thanksgiving Dinner (Elks/Lions Club)
12/1 - Monthly meeting

As we approach the Advent season, we will be taking orders for Advent Wreaths before and after weekend Masses starting the weekend of 11/7-11/8. Orders will be limited to the first 20. $10 per wreath and $5 for a candle set. Please pay at the time of order (cash or check).

Heidi Marshall, President
Ave Maria Circle

St. James is soliciting donations to cover the cost of the following item:
Refurbishing of Chalice & Paton from Fr. Jaya's travel kit
If anyone would like to donate toward this item, please call the Rectory 315-493-3224

Lector workbooks for 2027 - have arrived.
Please sign for your book when you pick it up in the Sacristy



Everyday Stewardship

For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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