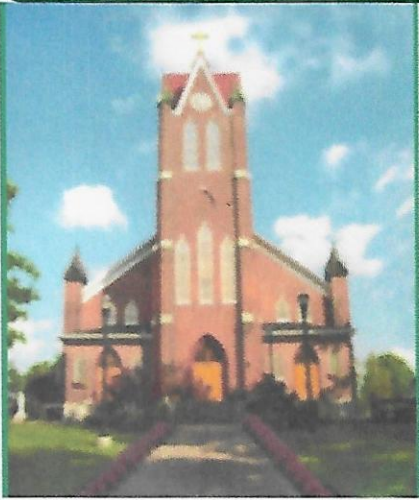


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OCTOBER 4, 2026 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

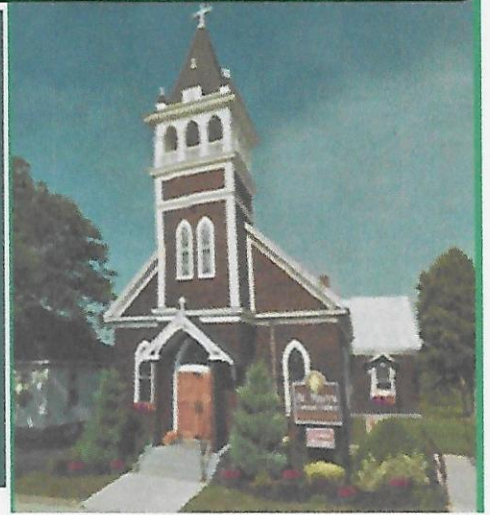


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Inspiration of the Week

Some build their lives on a foundation of wealth, some on a foundation of power. What do we choose for our cornerstone? What supports the weight of our souls? For the Christian life, there is only one foundation strong enough to hold. Choose wisely.



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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

October 4, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 3

4:00SJ(ant.) - Robert & Sarah Brown by their loving daughters

Sunday, October 4

8:00SM - For the People of St. Mary's & St. James

10:00SJ - Suzanne Maxfield by Jeanie Sanders

Monday, October 5

9:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

9:30SJ - Communion Service

Tuesday, October 6

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Pete Kempney-1 yr. anniversary by Laureano family

Wednesday, October 7

9:00SM - Shirley St. Louis by Barb Crane & family

2:40-3:00SJ - Rosary

3:00-6:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, October 8

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Special Intention by Anonymous

Friday, October 9

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Fr. James Spenard, O.S.A. - 5th Anniversary by Shambo family

Saturday, October 10

4:00SJ(ant.) - Patrick Britton by Joanne Britton

Sunday, October 11

8:00SM - For the People of St. Mary's & St. James

10:00SJ - Sonja Higman by Busch & Sligar families

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 3-4 - Pennies from Heaven collection, after Masses

Oct. 5 - Good Samaritan Meeting, 4:00pm (CR)

Oct. 6 - Ave Maria Circle Meeting, 6:30pm (CR)

Oct. 7 - SM Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm

Oct. 11 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:00-noon (CR)

Oct. 16 - SJ & SM Worship/Liturgy Mtg., 5:00pm (CR)

Oct. 17 - Mens Rosary, 8:30am (SJ)

Oct. 24 - Augustinian Craft Fair, 10:00am-3:00pm (Gym)

St. Paul's Church in Black River will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary on November 8th, with Bishop LaValley celebrating Mass with the parishioners at 11:30am.

We are encouraging all of our former parishioners and friends to attend and be a part of our celebration. In order to have an accurate count for the caterer, please call or text Esther Reape at 315-783-4438 prior to October 8. The luncheon will be held immediately after Mass in the Parish Center.

ST. JAMES ALTAR LINEN CLEANING

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

OCT. 11 - JOANNE, OCT. 25 - SHEREE

✦ St. James & St. Mary's Has a New Facebook Page! ✦

We're excited to announce that St. James and St. Mary's Parish now has an official Facebook page! This will be a lively new space where our parish family can stay connected, informed, and inspired throughout the week.

Follow us to:

- Get quick updates on Mass times, events, and parish news
- See photos from parish activities, celebrations, and community gatherings
- Receive reminders about holy days, special services, and volunteer opportunities
- Stay connected if you're traveling, homebound, or just want to keep parish life close at heart
- Share posts easily with friends and family who may want to join us

It's a simple way to stay engaged and help our parish community grow. We'd love for you to "like" and follow the page—and don't forget to share it so others can join our online parish family.

Let's spread the light of Christ together, both in person and online!

Congratulations to the first winners of the 200 Club:

(1) Heidi Marshall

(2) Rose Ball and

(3) Fr. Jai!

Drawings will continue for the next 17 weeks ending with 2 bonus drawings at the dinner on January 23rd. We have about 50 tickets left if anyone else would like to get in on the drawings.

Call Mary Ann Margrey at 315-493-1430 or stop by Augustinian Academy. Good luck and thank you to everyone who has supported this activity. All proceeds will be used to fund student activities, especially class field trips.

Weekly Offerings September 27, 2026

<u>St. James</u>			<u>St. Mary's</u>
Envelopes	\$4,534.00	Envelopes	\$1,013.00
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Total	\$5,057.25	Total	\$1,146.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$5,379.16	Last Year	\$946.00



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One Minute Meditations

St. John Henry Newman

St. John's path to Roman Catholicism began when he read the Church Fathers while tutoring at Oxford University. After much prayer, study, and the guidance of a Passionist priest, he converted in 1845. He was ordained a priest in 1847 and founded an Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham. In 1879, he was nominated cardinal. His famous works include *A Grammar of Assent* and his *Apologia*. He spent his office writing and offering spiritual advice.

God is closer than you think

It's easy to take God's presence for granted because we already know He is everywhere. Yet His presence is personal and relational. He is with us because He wants to be with us. We see this throughout salvation history: in the Incarnation, His earthly ministry, the Cross, the Resurrection, and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

God seeks us, draws near to us, and remains with us. So whether your "today" feels like Good Friday, Easter Sunday, or an ordinary Tuesday, God is with you. And in the Eucharist, He invites you to draw near and be with Him.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

5 Ways St. Francis can help deepen your love for God

People often associate St. Francis with nature, peace, and simplicity. Yet his entire life was centered on God, His mysteries, and His love. His example offers five ways to encounter God's love more deeply:

Christ-centered life: St. Francis was a man deeply in love with God. He put honoring God first. He embraced radical poverty yet gladly accepted the finest vestments, altar linens, and vessels for the Mass. In imitation, we can ask ourselves often: "Does this honor God? Is it aligned with the Gospel?"

Seeing the person: Captivated by the Incarnation, St. Francis sought to treat each person as "another Christ," regardless of health, wealth, or status. We follow his example when we learn to see every person as a beloved child of God.

Delight in God's creation: St. Francis famously delighted in and cared for creation, praising it as God's handiwork. Even a sunset, flower, or beautiful landscape can become an invitation to

praise God and grow closer to Him.

Simplicity of life: Most of us aren't called to literally "leave everything" to follow Jesus. But we can declutter our homes, make room for silence, or limit digital distractions, freeing more of our attention for God and neighbor.

Humility of heart: St. Francis' humility flowed from his desire to love

"At all times and seasons, in every country and place, every day and all day, we must have a true and humble faith." –St. Francis of Assisi

the person before him. He wanted people to walk away knowing, "God loves me!" When we're with others, do we make the conversation about elevating ourselves, or about loving them?

St. Francis experienced God's love deeply and wanted everyone else to experience that same Love. His radical life points us back to the extravagant love of God and the life we're called to live in response.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to praise God for His works and gifts and dedicate them to His service. While sacramentals take different forms, they involve the Church's prayer and often a blessing of a person, place, event, or object according to an approved rite. For example, wedding

Why do Catholics have items blessed?

rings are sacramentals; marriage is the Sacrament. The rings don't make the marriage sacramental but remind and encourage spouses to live their vocation faithfully. Sacramentals deepen our devotion, support us on the path to salvation, and prepare our hearts to receive God's grace.

Climb the mountain. Bring Jesus along.

Time in prayer is not a luxury or secondary to service, mission, or productivity. Nothing we do all day is more important than spending time with Jesus. Prayer gives life to our mission, and mission draws us back to prayer. We need both.

Climb the mountain: People may rightly say, "My work is my prayer." Yet spouses would struggle to stay close if they only met to divide the chores. In the same way, we need time with God apart from our work. Following Christ requires knowing Him. We sit at His feet and let Him teach us. In His presence, we learn to see as He sees, value what He values,

and love as He loves.

Return to the plains: We aren't meant to stay on the mountain. Jesus sends us back into ordinary life carrying what we received in prayer: a peaceful presence, a new insight, a kind word at the right moment. Some even begin the day by asking God to place in their path the people He wants them to encounter.

The Christian life moves between the mountain and the plain: drawing close to Jesus in prayer, then carrying His presence into the world. And in both places, He remains at our side.

from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, The Two Greatest Commandments

The Pharisees sought to test Jesus with a difficult and much-debated question. Jewish tradition identified 613 commandments in the Torah, and a lawyer asked Jesus to name the greatest. Of all the commandments governing Jewish life, which mattered most?

Jesus answered by going to the heart of them all: love God with your whole being, and love your neighbor as yourself. Everything begins and ends with love. And loving God means learning to love what, and whom, He loves. Jesus taught that these two

commandments are the foundation of the entire Law.

Loving God may seem easier than loving our neighbor. Loving others means welcoming people we might naturally exclude, dismiss, or avoid. Jesus drew near to sinners, outcasts, the sick, and even those who opposed Him. Our love of neighbor is tested especially in how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, the difficult, and even our enemies. This is how God loves, and He calls us to love the same way.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel in charge of protecting us and watching over us: *"For I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 18:10). Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

October 15 – St. Teresa of Ávila (1582). Teresa joined the Carmelites, against her father's wishes. In 1563, she was inspired to reform her order. Despite serious opposition, she founded more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites

and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

October 16 – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1690). Margaret joined the Sisters of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial when she was twenty-four. In 1674, she began having visions of Jesus Christ, in which He asked for a feast dedicated to His Sacred Heart to acknowledge His love for us and to encourage reparation for sins.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (First century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

October 19 – Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions (1649). Six Jesuits and two laymen became missionaries to Native American tribes in North America. After spending more than 20 years in a difficult ministry, St. John de Brebeuf won the Iroquois' respect by his valor in death. St. Isaac Jogues escaped only to return to his ministry but was also murdered.

Q & A

What is the Franciscan Crown?

The Franciscan Crown is a devotion that meditates on seven joys in Mary's life: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Birth of Jesus, the Adoration of the Magi, the Finding of Jesus in the Temple, the Resurrection, and Mary's Assumption and Coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth. The devotion is prayed using seven decades of Hail Marys and is also known as the Franciscan or Seraphic Rosary.

According to Franciscan tradition, the devotion began with a young man named James, who regularly wove crowns of roses to honor the Blessed Mother. After joining the Franciscans, he could no longer continue the practice and became so discouraged that he considered leaving the Order. Tradition holds that Mary appeared to James and gave him a new way to honor her: the Franciscan Crown.

Like the traditional Rosary, the Franciscan Crown is addressed to Mary but centered entirely on Jesus. By meditating on Mary's seven joys, we contemplate the joyful and miraculous events of Christ's life through the eyes of His mother. Rooted in the Gospel and marked by Franciscan simplicity, the Crown offers a distinctly Franciscan way to draw closer to Christ through Mary.

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St. Mary's News - October 4, 2026

Tickets for the Fall Raffle are now available. To request additional tickets or to return sold tickets and payments, please contact Mary Jane Fleming or Marcia Mundy. **All sold tickets and collected funds must be returned prior to the 8:00 Mass on Sunday, November 1st.** The drawing will take place at the coffee hour after this Mass. Tickets are also available at St. James Rectory.

Rosary before Mass: Please join members of the Altar and Rosary Society as we pray the Rosary before Mass in October. Rosary leaders are Oct. 4: Dawn Oct. 11: Margaret
Oct. 18: Mary Jane Oct. 25: Debbie

October Church Cleaner: Debbie Green

October Linens: Mary Jane Fleming

The next Altar and Rosary meeting is this week

Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm. Remember to bring your donation for the Gift Tree we are sponsoring for the Fall Raffle.

Coffee Hour. Please join us for coffee hour after Mass today, sponsored by the Green and Sullivan families.

KofC News: Upcoming dates:

Oct 3&4 - Pennies collections

Oct 11 - Pancake Breakfast with Ave Maria Circle

Oct 17 - Men's Rosary, 8:30am

Are you a Catholic gentleman with questions about the Knights of Columbus? We welcome you to ask about joining us.

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Ray Bodle, Grand Knight

Ave Maria Circle upcoming events:

10/6 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm in the CR

10/11 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC

10/24 - Fall Bake Sale at Craft Fair

11/3 - Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm in the CR

We are taking up a collection of non-perishable breakfast food items to donate to Augustinian Academy.

Please bring your donation to our next meeting on Tuesday 10/6 or give to a member that will be in attendance. Thank you! If you haven't already, please sign up for our Fall bake sale which will be held at the Craft Fair in CAA gymnasium on 10/24. Contact Joan Todd to donate a baked good item.

Heidi Marshall

President, Ave Maria Circle

Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 10, 2026 at Noon

St. James Church Steps

America Needs Fatima will have 24,000 groups of Public Displays of praying the Rosary all over the US at the same time!

Join us for a procession of Our Lady of Fatima and the Rosary. Please bring a chair if it's nice weather outside, otherwise, we will be inside the Church. All are welcome!

**Congratulations to Kassandra Augustine & Nathan Terry
who were married at St. James on Saturday,
October 3, 2026**

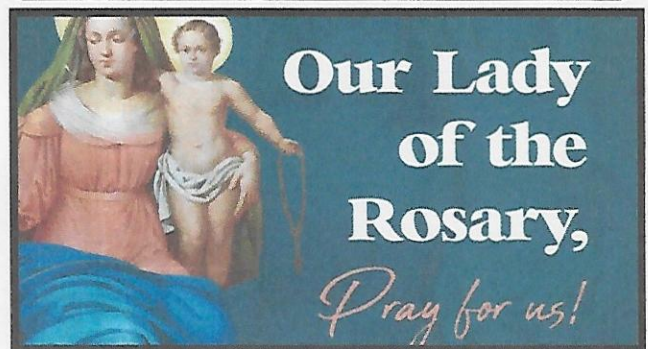
The Vocations Committee for the Catholic Churches of Ogdensburg (St. Mary's Cathedral and Notre Dame), Heuvelton (St. Raphael's) and Lisbon (Ss. Philip and James) is planning a Trivia Night for Friday, January 8, 2027, at the Martin Fieldhouse, 721 Hasbrouck, Street, Ogdensburg. All funds raised will be donated to the Diocese of Ogdensburg to help offset the miscellaneous college costs for the seminarians. Join us for a night of fun and friendly competition in a contest of general knowledge across a variety of topics! Teams of up to 6 will compete for the bragging rights and the Grand Prize. All players are eligible for door prizes! Entry fee will be \$20.00 per person. Doors open at 6:00pm. Mulligans will be sold at the door. Arrive by 6:45pm as Trivia starts at 7:00pm. More rules and registration at www.ogdensburgcatholics.net/trivia or email vocationsarenotrivial@redony.org

Devotions, Explained! God is Good, All the Time

Perhaps you have been a member of a congregation to whom the pastor says, expectantly, "God is good!" The congregation responds, faithfully, "All the time." In turn, the speaker repeats: "All the time." And the congregation affirms: "God is good!"

A collective affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, this refrain communicates a theme presented again and again in Scripture: Come what may, God will be with us.

There is no official consensus on the origins of this saying, though it is often associated with African Christianity. Whatever this saying's roots, its message is truth: "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations," says Psalm 100:5. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever," echoes 1 Chronicles 16:34. Jesus confirms this in Matthew 28:20: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." ©LPi



LOVE HEALS: Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat 2026

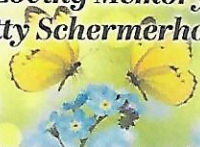
This year's Annual OLR Healing Retreat will take place at Wadham's Hall, 6566 State Highway 37 from October 8-11. The Presenter will be Sonja Corbitt.

Do not waste another day. Stop the pain. Love heals. John Paul the Great said, "Suffering unleashes love," because we only ever find Jesus and His love in our wounds. Sonja Corbitt has been teaching people how to acknowledge and open their woundedness to God's love for over 17 years as a leader in the Catholic Church and Scripture teaching space. You may know her as the Catholic Evangelista through her speaking, writing, and podcasting. Space is limited and Register today:

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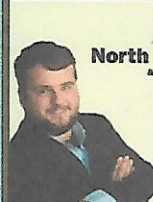


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