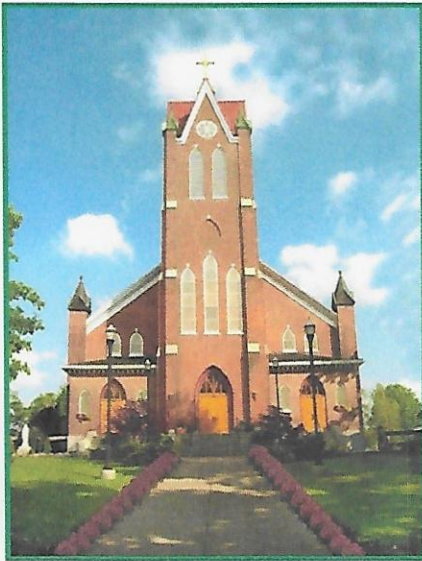
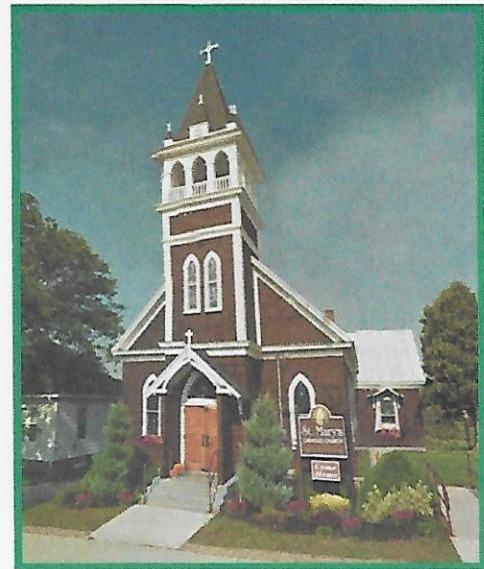




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We are two diverse communities of faith who are united in bringing the Gospel into the daily lives of all who worship with us. We stand together with all people, especially the poor and the alienated, as a sign of God's universal love for all people. We extend a warm welcome to all and hope that you will find the parishes of St. James and St. Mary's places where faith can be nourished.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jaya Kumar Francis, MSC

Pastoral Associates: Deacon Garry H. Stevens

Deacon Richard J. Staab

Augustinian Academy: Sister Suanne Johnson, Principal

Sunday Mass Schedule **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4:00 pm St. James (ant.) **Saturday: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm St. James**
Or by appointment

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Mary's **Sunday: 7:30 am St. Mary's**

10:00 am St. James **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

September 13, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:00SJ(ant.) - Margaret & Neil Segovis by their Daughters

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

10:00SJ - Ellie Cassoni by Ave Maria Circle

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

9:30SJ - Communion Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Kurt Lyons by Woods family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00SM - Cathleen Freeman by Green family

2:40-3:00SJ - Rosary

3:00-6:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Terry Roche by Woods family

FRIDAY, - SEPTEMBER 18

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Deceased & Living Sisters of St. Joseph by Sr. Suanne

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00SM - Cindy Lyndaker by St. Mary's Altar & Rosary

10:00SJ - Ed Brown by Connie & family

Calendar of Events:

Sep. 22 - CCD Classes begin, K-8, 3:30pm (CAA)

Sep. 24 - Worship/Liturgy Meeting, 3:00pm(CR)(New Date)

Oct. 3 - VEM Crop Walk, 9:45am (Church of Nazarene)

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

Baptism Classes - If you have a first child that needs to be Baptized, this class is for you. Please call the rectory to register, 315-493-3224.

St. James & St. Mary's are in need of Masses to be said. Please call the St. James Rectory 315-493-3224. Also, **Monthly Memorials** are needed for October & November.

St. James Altar Linen Cleaning - Schedule for September
Sept. 13 - Gail Sept. 27 - Joanne

OCIA - Is It Time?

If you have thought about becoming Catholic, but didn't know where to start, perhaps it is time you investigate the OCIA. Contact the rectory at 315-493-3212 or email Joe Brosk at nnybrosk@gmail.com

St. James is soliciting donations to cover the cost of the following items:

1. Cushions for patio furniture
2. Refurbishing of Chalices & Patens

If anyone would like to donate toward any of these items, please call the Rectory 315-493-3224

Faith Formation for students in public schools K-8 will **begin on September 22nd at 3:30pm at Augustinian Academy School. Carthage CSD has agreed to bus students over to the Academy for these classes.** Second grade is a Sacramental year as students will be making their First Communion. **Confirmation will be next year for 7/8th graders but they need to be enrolled this year to complete the full program.**

How to Register:

- Through the front office at Augustinian Academy or pick up a registration form in the back of the church and drop off at the Academy office.

If you have any questions, please call the school: 315-493-1301 and ask for Sister Suanne.

Augustinian Academy/St. James. 200 Club - Drawings for the 200 Club begin September 13th! Ticket sales will continue after Masses for the month of September. There will be twenty weekly drawings of \$25 until the complimentary dinner for all ticket holders on January 23rd. Tickets will also be on sale at the St. James Rectory, Augustinian Academy office, and by calling Mary Ann Margrey at 315-493-1430!

CROP WALK 2026

We need You! It's once again time to join me at the Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, October 3 at 9:45am with your sneakers on. Crop Walk serves Church World Services and our local VEM Food Pantry. We are so blessed that we have 2 Food Pantries. But remember, patrons can only shop once a month. We need you to donate as you always do, so generously, but I need walkers. We need the visibility.

I have envelopes and you can walk just a few blocks, half a mile or a mile. No steps are too little. Please call me or just join me on October 3.

Thank you for all you do for the community. God Bless.

Joanne Sligar - 315-778-9554

Diocesan Blue Mass: Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the annual **Blue Mass** on **Sunday, September 27, at 2:30 p.m.** at St. Paul's Church, 210 LeRay Street, Black River, NY 13612

The Blue Mass is the Church's way to offer thanksgiving to God for the dedication and sacrifices made by the men and women of Fire, EMS, Corrections, Law Enforcement and Communications. First Responders, their families and all the faithful are invited to attend this Sunday celebration. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. Questions can be addressed to Father Chris Carrara, Blue Mass Committee Chair at info@rcdony.org or by phone at 315-393-2920.

CALLED BY NAME

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.*
- Isaiah 43:1

NOMINATE SOMEONE WHO MAY BE CALLED TO SERVE GOD AS A PRIEST, DEACON OR CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS

NOMINATION CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN YOUR CHURCH OCTOBER 11 & 12 AND OCTOBER 18 & 19

NOMINATED PERSONS WILL BE INVITED TO A SPECIAL DISCERNMENT MEETING IN NOVEMBER



An initiative of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg

This fall, the Diocese of Ogdensburg is launching **Called by Name**, a new vocation initiative inviting parishioners to prayerfully consider who among us— young or not-so-young—might be called to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious. During the weekends of October 11–12 and October 18–19, parishes will hold in-pew nomination opportunities. Those nominated will be invited to special discernment events in November—gatherings designed to help them reflect on God's call in a supportive and prayerful setting. Your encouragement could be the first step in someone's vocation journey. Let's listen together for the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit.



September 8, 2026

Dear Parents / Guardians—

Bountiful Baskets is our first school fundraiser of the year and is a time-honored tradition at Augustinian Academy. School families, classrooms, staff members, parishioners, and parish groups all play an important role in making the basket raffle a success.

Here is how it works-

- Baskets are assembled and donated, displayed, and raffled through ticket sales.
- Then, the community is invited to a fun dinner where the lucky basket winners are announced.

It is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and support a great cause - our school!

How to Participate: We are asking for TWO contributions

1. Family Gift Basket

We are asking every family to donate a gift basket on a theme of your choice. What you will need to do:

- Decide on a theme for gift ideas or go eclectic and make it a mix of family favorites! (Google search has wonderful suggestions for unique baskets!) Then pick a container of some type to put items in. Containers can be anything from a regular basket to some other useful storage container. For example—a laundry basket would make a good “basket” for a “wash-day basket” containing laundry soap, and other items.
- Put your basket together and make a list of everything you put in it. The school will need this list for our order sheet.
- If you'd like, wrap your basket in the clear cellophane wrap and top it with a bow. If your artistic abilities don't go that far, we'd be happy to do that for you!
- Drop off at the main office.

We will include **this donation as one hour of your service** time when you turn in the basket.

AND

2. A Contribution to a Classroom Gift Basket

- Each classroom will create a gift basket. We ask that you contribute one item towards that basket and send it in with your child to turn in to their teacher. Your child's teacher will communicate with families what the classroom basket theme is and what they will need from you in order to build their classroom basket.



Baskets are Due Oct. 1, 2026
Goal: 60 Baskets!
Drop off at Main Front Office
Thank you!



FAQ's

1. What should the value of the baskets be?
 - a. Baskets average about \$50.00, but it is not written in stone. Ask yourself, would you want to win your basket? If yes, then your basket is perfect!
2. Can we go in with another family to create a bigger basket?
 - a. YES! If you have an idea but the expense is more than you planned, you may go in with another family. Just be sure to put both names on the basket.
3. Where can we see the baskets?
 - a. We will have the baskets set up in the Meeting room on the main level hallway. Doors will be open for viewing on weekends after each Mass, at school events and at the Craft Fair.
4. What if I know someone that is unable to come in to see the baskets in person?
 - a. We will have order forms with basket pictures available again this year. You can pick up an order form from the school office, request that we mail you one or pick up in the back of the church. Write down the number of tickets you want to go into each basket. Turn in the form and your money and we take care of the rest!
5. How Can I buy / sell tickets to the basket raffle?
 - a. If you prefer to put your own tickets in for the baskets, you will need to come in at a time baskets are on display. (See #3 above) We will also have the baskets open for viewing/ ticket sales about two hours before the dinner on Nov. 21. Doors open at 4:30.
6. When will the drawing for baskets take place?
 - a. Baskets will be raffled on November 21 at a dinner after the 4:00pm Mass. Mel Bussler will MC for us again this year. More details on dinner TBA. Doors open at 4:30pm. You can still take chances on the baskets until 6:30pm.
7. Do I have to be at the dinner to win?
 - a. No—all winners will be contacted by phone the next day. Baskets will be able to be picked up at the Main office.

St. Mary's News - September 13, 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 before or after 8:00 Mass or at PO Box 103, Copenhagen 13626; 315-688-4464. Tickets may also be returned to Marcia Mundy, PO Box 303, Copenhagen 13626. 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.

Monthly Memorials: Parishioners are invited to reserve a memorial to honor loved ones, living or deceased. For a donation of \$10.00, you can designate one of the following as your memorial for a month: the Sanctuary Lamp, Mass Candles, or Altar Breads. Intentions are printed in the bulletin monthly. See Debbie Green for payment and scheduling.

September Church Cleaner: Barb Crane

September Linens: Ruth Brady

The next Altar and Rosary meeting is 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. The next Coffee hour is October 4th sponsored by the Green and Sullivan families.

KofC News: Upcoming Dates:

Sep 13 - Pancake Breakfast

Sep 19 - Mens Rosary, 8:30am

Serving families in Charity, Unity and Fraternity,
Ray Bodle, Grand Knight

Ave Maria Circle - Upcoming Events:

9/13 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC

Heidi Marshall, President
Ave Maria Circle

Communion - Question:

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer: Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith. ©LPi

Return of the Precious Blood at Communion — St. James

We are blessed to announce that the Precious Blood will once again be offered at Communion at St. James, beginning the weekend of **September 5-6.**

As we restore the Cup to our celebration of the Eucharist, we invite everyone to approach this sacred gift with reverence and gratitude.

Eucharistic Ministers: Updated procedures and instructions will be sent via Flocknote. Please watch for that message so you are prepared for the upcoming weekend.

Thank you for your faithful service and for helping our parish return to the fullness of our liturgical tradition.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUPS: Coming Soon!

Description: Men's Discernment Groups Begin This September

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is pleased to announce the launch of Men's Discernment Groups beginning this September. These gatherings are an opportunity for men who are feeling called to explore the possibility of priesthood, deepen their prayer life, and walk with others who are discerning God's will.

Groups will meet monthly in three regional locations:

- Plattsburgh — led by Father Doug Schirmer
- Canton — led by Father Scott Belina
- Watertown — led by Father Carter Pierce

Whether you are actively discerning a vocation to the priesthood or simply seeking clarity in your spiritual life, you are warmly invited to participate.

More information, including meeting dates and registration details, will follow soon.

Contact for More Information: Deacon Garry Stevens

Email: gstevens@rcdony.org and or

Phone Number: 315-854-6158

URGE GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO OPT-IN:

The Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit Program (FEFTC) will:

1. Permit each tax payer to donate up to \$1700 of income tax liability to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). This means that, instead of going to the federal government, that money can go to a fund for educational purposes. The Diocese of Ogdensburg has designated the Children's Scholarship Fund as its SGO.
2. In turn, parents can apply to the SGO for financial assistance for educational purposes.
3. Any taxpayer can donate. Any parent can seek financial assistance as long as their income is less than three times the median income of the area in which they live. This will greatly benefit Catholic school families as well as others whose children are in other schools and programs.
4. So that the families can participate in this program, the governor of each state must approve the program for his/her state.
5. Kathy Hochul has not yet approved the program for residents of New York State.

So, please consider doing the following:

- As families prepare their children to return to school, it's the perfect time to urge Governor Hochul to Opt-in ASAP, by going to:

<https://www.votervoice.net/NYSCATHOLIC/campaigns/133190/respond>;

Do you know of someone who is sick or homebound who would like to have a pastoral visit or receive the Eucharist, or have a bulletin mailed to them?

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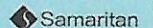


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