

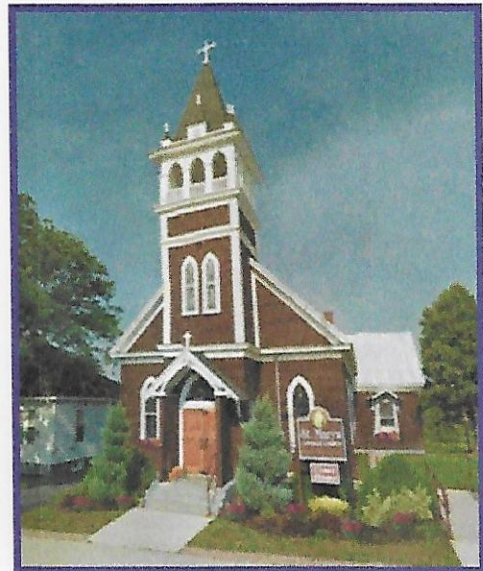
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**Sunday Mass Schedule**      **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**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:**

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**April 6, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

4:00SJ(ant.) - Jasmine Solomon by Barb & Don Kohler

## SUNDAY, APRIL 6

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

10:00SJ - Jeffery Davis by Mom, Dad, Derek & Chris

## MONDAY, APRIL 7

9:00SJ - *Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena*

9:30SJ - Patrick Britton by David, Lisa & Kamide Brothers

## TUESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Herman Stevens by Garry & Rosey Stevens

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

9:00SM - Ron Pate by Ruth Brady & family

2:40-3:00SJ - *Rosary*

3:00-6:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

## THURSDAY, APRIL 10

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - *Communion Service*

10:00-11:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

11:00 - *Chrism Mass in Ogdensburg*

## FRIDAY, APRIL 11

5:00SJ - *Stations of the Cross*

5:30SJ - Jeffery Davis by Mom, Dad, Derek & Chris

## SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:00SM - Ronald Burns by the Rice family

10:00SJ - Dennis Faulkham by Deacon Richard & Peg Staab

## **Calendar of Events:**

Apr. 5-6 - Pennies from Heaven collections, after Masses

Apr. 8 - Ave's White Elephant Auction, 6:00pm (CR)

Apr. 13 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am

Apr. 14 - Lenten Retreat, St. James, 7:00pm (CR)

Apr. 19 - Men's Rosary, 8:30am (SJ)

**Baptism Classes** - To be offered by Deacon Staab, in Community Room, after 10am Masses, on 1st & 3rd Sundays. 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.

## **Bulletin Info Submission for the Easter Season**

Weekend bulletin for Apr. 20 - info due to SJ by Apr. 10

## **Weekly Offerings**

**March 30, 2025**

<b>St. James</b>		<b>St. Mary's</b>	
Envelopes	\$4,661.80	Envelopes	\$895.00
Plate	\$574.00	Plate	\$148.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,235.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,043.50</b>
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$4,226.31	Last Year	\$1,086.60

THANK YOU!

**SAVE THE DATE - Annual Rosary Crusade-Friday, May 16th** - we will begin with Mass at 5:15pm and pray the rosary until 1:00am Saturday, May 17th.

This is a grace filled opportunity with the Blessed Sacrament exposed through out the evening.

Anyone praying for three hours or more, will, receive a copy of a painting generously donated by Nichol Mangan.

If you are interested in committing to lead a time slot, or contributing a snack, please call or text Kathi at 315 783 2230.

Refreshments available through out the evening.

God will never be out done in generosity. Please join us!

Thank you for generously supporting last weekend's combined **Peter's Pence** and **Catholic Relief Services Collections**. Your contributions help the poor and marginalized around the world and enable the charitable works of Pope Francis. You can still support the collection by dropping your gift in the collection basket any time. Visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief) and [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence) to learn more.

## **Diocesan Vocations Coordinator and Episcopal Delegate for Religious**

We are pleased to announce that Bishop LaValley has appointed Garry Stevens as the Diocesan Vocations Coordinator and Episcopal Delegate for Religious. In this vital role, Garry will work to raise awareness of all vocations and actively promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life within our Diocese. As Episcopal Delegate, he will also serve as the Bishop's liaison, extending pastoral care and offering resources to members of religious institutes. Please join us in praying for Garry as he begins this important ministry.

## **Catholic Action Network (CAN)**

Join the Catholic Action Network (CAN) today! As part of the New York State Catholic Conference, CAN connects you with tens of thousands of Catholics across the state, providing important updates on key legislative issues. You'll also receive tools to easily contact your elected officials and advocate for the values we share. Stay informed, act with purpose, and help us make a difference in New York. Sign up at:

[www.nyscatholic.org/action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/action-center) or text 'CAN' to 50457.

**Garden Club** - Someone is needed to take over the organization of the St. James Gardens. If anyone grows annuals or perennials that they would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact St. James Rectory 315-493-3224

**IN MEMORIAM-** For the month of.....**April 2025 (SJ&SM)**

## **Sanctuary Lamp**

SJ - In Memory of Carol Lee Bartell Ashcroft by Jim

SJ - In Memory of Carol Wojcikowski by Kenny Paragon & Joanne & Mike Sligar

SM - In Memory of Sid & Ida Aubin by Leslie & Girls

## **Mass Candles**

SJ - In Memory of the Souls in Purgatory by friends

SM - In Memory of Mary Aubin by Biff, Debbie & family

## **Votive Lights on Our Lady's Shrine**

SJ - In Memory of Sister Mary Louise Williams, O.S.F. by Kathy/Don Latremore & Bonnie Walters

## **Votive Lights on St. Joseph's Shrine**

SJ - In Memory of Stanley & Norma Campany by family

## **Altar Breads**

SJ - In Memory of the Souls in Purgatory by friends

SJ - In Memory of Anne Fausser by Joanne & Todd Norrgard

SM -In Memory of the Souls in Purgatory



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April 2025

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Catherine of Siena

Born in 1347, St. Catherine began having divine visions as a young girl, and after much resistance from her family, she became a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic. She lived a life of solitude, prayer, poverty, mortification, and acts of charity. Her reputation for holiness spread and people began seeking her advice, especially to resolve political feuds peacefully. She is a Doctor of the Church for her works of doctrine and spiritual inspiration.

### "Silent Saturday"

On Holy Saturday, also called "Silent Saturday," we recall Mary's silent waiting for Jesus' Resurrection. Waiting is part of God's plan, and He uses that time to heal and prepare our hearts for the next stage. Thank God for the seasons of waiting, as you prepare your heart and home to celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday.

### Celebrate Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday, established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000, fulfills Jesus' request to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, calling the world to trust in His infinite mercy. It is celebrated on April 27 this year.

*"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3).*

## Anointed for a Mission

*Living as Priest, Prophet, and King*

In ancient Israel, priests and kings were anointed with oil as a sign that they were set apart for a sacred mission. In baptism, we too were anointed, marking us as belonging to Christ and sharing in His threefold office as priest, prophet, and king. As we approach our new life at Easter, we can take our proper place in His kingdom:

### Priest

A priest serves as a bridge between God and humanity, offering sacrifices and interceding for others. We embrace our baptismal priesthood when we pray for others, make sacrifices on their behalf, and fully participate in the Mass with devotion and joy.

### Prophet

A prophet is God's messenger, speaking the truth and calling people to conversion. A prophet's words have power because they flow from a holy life. We share in Christ's prophetic mission by living out our faith, teaching

others about God's love, and spreading the Gospel.

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).*

### King

A true king protects, leads, and serves as a model of virtue. We fulfill our royal calling when we guide and educate others in the faith, resist sin, and strive to lead others to Christ. We are servant leaders when we build up the Church, defend what is right, and help others on their path to salvation.

By fully living our faith, actively participating in the Church, and embracing the Sacraments, we do more than follow Christ—we become His hands and voice in the world. This is our calling and our mission.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics venerate the Cross on Good Friday?

Veneration of the Cross is a devotion, traditionally observed during the Good Friday liturgy. The Church invites the faithful to bow, kneel, or in some other way venerate the image of the crucified Christ.

While physically kissing a statue may seem unusual, the act is not about the

object itself but about honoring the One it represents. Much like observing a moment of silence before a war memorial, we pause to remember and revere the greatest act of love. In this gesture, we express sorrow for sin, love for Christ, and gratitude for His saving victory.

# Keep watch with Jesus

## A Holy Thursday invitation

On Holy Thursday night, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray. In His anguish, He turned to His disciples and asked, *"And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not watch with me one hour?'"* (Matthew 26:40). Yet, they slept.

That same night, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, ensuring His presence would remain with us always. This Holy Thursday, set aside an hour to stay with Him.

**Enter the Garden:** Meditate on Matthew 26:36-46 or Luke 22:39-46. Listen to Jesus' prayer of surrender: *"Thy will be*

*done"* (Matthew 26:42). Make it your own, trusting that God will bring all things to fulfillment in His perfect way.

**Make a spiritual Communion:** St. Thomas Aquinas described this as a prayer of longing for the Eucharist when receiving it physically isn't possible. Though it cannot replace the Mass, it is deeply pleasing to God and nourishes the soul.

**Simply be present:** Prayer is not about many words or devotions but about being with Him. This Holy Thursday, offer Jesus your silent presence—attentive, open, and watchful—for He is always present to you.

### from Scripture

#### John 20:19-31, "Doubting" Thomas believes

The two Resurrection appearances of Jesus to His disciples in this passage highlight God's merciful love. The first appearance was on Easter Sunday. He could have abandoned them, just as they had abandoned Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, but He didn't. Instead, Jesus appeared to them and gave them His peace, His Spirit, and the power to forgive sins in His name.

The second visit was for St. "Doubting" Thomas, who wasn't there the first time. He refused to believe that Jesus was really risen, despite the evidence of several eyewitnesses.

He demanded physical proof. Jesus appeared in the Upper Room and invited him to touch Him. St. Thomas, moved to faith, cried out, *"My Lord and my God!"* (John 20:28).

This passage reminds us we can always bring our doubts, fears, and need for forgiveness to God, especially on this Sunday — Divine Mercy Sunday. To the disciples who abandoned Him, Jesus extended His peace and forgiveness. For St. Thomas who had been struggling with doubt, Jesus came in person to strengthen his faith. "Jesus, I trust in You!"

### Q & A

#### How can I be sure that I am discerning God's will in prayer?

God calls all of us to greater holiness, deeper intimacy with Him and greater charity for others. If you feel God is calling you, consider the "roots and fruits" more carefully before responding.

While the Holy Spirit often works through our "holy imagination," not everything that pops into our heads is from Him. God will never tell us to sin or contradict Church teachings, and His voice is always gentle (if firm) and brings a deep peace that remains, even when our emotions and situations change.

Assuming the "roots" are good, you can take the first steps in answering the call. Examples of "good fruits" would be an increase in virtue, greater attraction to the Sacraments, a concrete change in how we treat others, and even a change of heart in others.

It's always good to find a good spiritual director when discerning "big" decisions, e.g., a vocation. Be at peace: if you are seeking God's will in good faith, He will direct you where you need to be.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 13 – Palm Sunday.** On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering, *"Hosanna to the Son of David!"* (Matthew 21:9). This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

**April 16 – St. Joseph Benedict Labré (1783).** Nicknamed "the poor man of the Forty Hours (Eucharistic) devotion," St. Benedict lived most of his life as a poor pilgrim. When he wasn't in church, he lived on the streets, in poverty and absorbed in prayer.

**April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist**

(First Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel based on St. Peter's perspective and accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey in Cyprus. He is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

**April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday.** Jesus promised St. Faustina that those who receive the Sacrament of Confession and the Eucharist on this day will receive complete forgiveness of sins and punishment—a grace akin to baptism. This extraordinary gift highlights God's desire to wipe away our past and renew us in His love.

**April 28 – St. Louis de Montfort (1716).** A French priest with a passion for preaching the Gospel, St. Louis had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and his True Devotion to Mary is widely popular today.

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# Pancake Breakfast

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#### **KofC News: - Upcoming dates:**

Apr 5&6 - Pennies collections  
Apr 13 - Pancake breakfast with Ave Maria  
Apr 19 - Men's Rosary, 8:30am.  
Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5pm during Lent.  
Serving Families in Charity, Unity and Fraternity,  
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#### **Ave Maria Circle - Upcoming Events:**

Apr 8 - White Elephant Auction & Free Dinner 6pm  
**Apr 11 - Ave's Stations of the Cross 5pm**  
Apr 13 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC  
May 4 - First Communion Reception following 10am Mass  
May 6 - Ave Meeting 6:30pm CR  
May 9 - Bake Sale at Carthage Savings & Loan  
May 10 & 11 - Bake Sale at Church  
May 11 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC

#### **WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION TUESDAY 4/8/25 6PM.**

Do you have some new or gently used items that you don't have a use for? We are **Still** accepting items to auction! Please contact Heidi for pickup: 315-414-1810. Proceeds to benefit the Garden Club and the Ave Maria Circle.

Welcome to our New Member Janet Zehr!

Heidi Marshall, President

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#### **Restoring A Eucharistic and Devotional Catholicism**

How do we restore what has been lost in many US parishes? Simply, we need to reclaim the devotions that have been important to Catholics for so many generations.

These devotions are themselves part of the Eucharistic faith of the Church rather than separate from it. As we have seen throughout this book, everything that is authentically human can find a place in the Mass. When we pray the Rosary with our families, we are engaging in a moment of remembering the mysteries of Christ's life that we bring into the Eucharistic liturgy. A woman who lights a candle before a statue in a quiet church is engaging in a Eucharistic act of intercession. Her faith and hope in a God who listens to the cries of the poor is made present in the sanctuary.

Love has come to dwell among us, even if we do not recognize it.

Eucharistic devotions are pivotal to reconnecting the chain of devotional practice in our parishes. The 40 Hour Eucharistic devotions, involving the entire parish, allow the Eucharist to permeate all space and time. Holy Hours transform our hearts to love the Eucharist more.

Further, these Eucharistic devotions also allow for more affective dimensions of piety than we sometimes experience at Mass. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with hymns that allow us to raise our hearts and souls to Christ, only increases our capacity to pray at Mass.

Taken from *Becoming Eucharistic People* by Timothy P. O'Malley



Abby Johnson

Pro-Life Advocate, CEO: ProLove Ministries and Then There Were None, Author, Therapist, Wife and Mother

#### **Monday, April 14, 2025, 6pm at Jefferson Community College Auditorium**

Abby Johnson went to work for Planned Parenthood, believing she would help women. After working her way up from volunteer to director of one of their facilities and even winning Planned Parenthood's Employee of the Year award, Abby had a surprising change of heart after witnessing a Live ultrasound-guided abortion procedure. It became clear at that moment that abortion did not provide the freedom she had promised so many women in those counseling rooms. Abortion only causes harm, destruction, and devastation. Upon that realization, Abby left her job in the abortion industry and has been sharing her experiences ever since.

Her story was chronicled in a best-selling book titled *Unplanned*, which was later turned into a major motion picture with the same name. She has written several other books, including *The Walls Are Talking* and *Fierce Mercy*.

She is the CEO of two successful pro-life non-profits, *And Then There Were None* and *LoveLine*. She also hosts her own podcast, *Politely Rude*. One of Abby's ministries, *LoveLine*, helps thousands of women each year via a national support line for women who are pregnant and families in need of raising infants. Abby's greatest blessing is her vocation as a wife and mother. She lives in Texas with her husband and 8 beautiful children.

There is no cost to attend this event. Abby will be asking for donations for her *LoveLine* Ministry.

This event is hosted by Liferight of Watertown

**A BIG THANK YOU** - to the Good Samaritan Group for funding, preparing, and setting up the Lenten Lunch at the Church of the Nazarene. The middle school students did an excellent job acting as greeters and servers. 66 people were fed and a total of \$133 was collected in support of the VEM food pantry. A great lunch was enjoyed by all.

Also, this past Sunday a meal was prepared by Joan Todd and Joanne Sligar to feed the Mystery Players. The Good Samaritans also provided the funding for the dinner.

Thank You to all. - The Liturgy Committee

#### **2025 VEM Lenten Services - Noon Service**

April 9 - Grace and Truth Community Church  
April 16 - Church of the Nazarene

#### **Attention Youth of St. James and St. Mary's**

Young members of the parishes will be hosting Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 18, 2025). We would like to invite as many young parishioners and their families to attend as possible.

The older youth (ages 12-18) have been asked to play an active role in the presentation and we would like the younger youth (ages 4-12) to help with handing out placards and booklets to the attending parishioners.

There will be pizza and snacks in the community room for the families after Stations. If your youth can help, please contact Tom or Michelle Wojcikowski at 315-484-3170 (call or text).

**Save the Date** - This year the **St. James Fair** will be June 26, 27, 28. Beginning in June, we will be collecting jewelry, jewelry boxes and plants. Please call Joanne Sligar - 315-493-0169 or 315-778-9554.

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