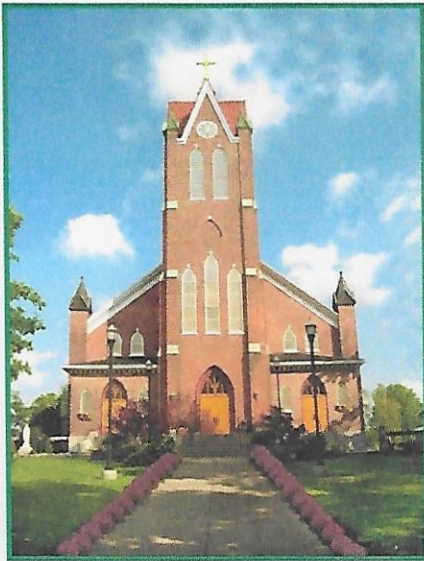




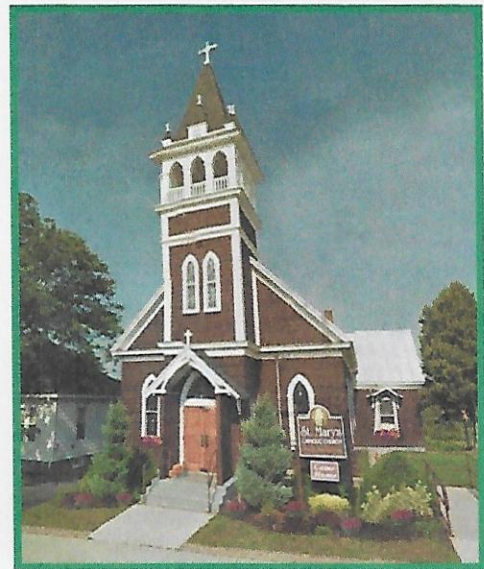
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Saturday: 4:00 pm St. James (ant.)

Saturday: 2:45 pm – 3:45 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:

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August 9, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

4:00SJ(ant.) - Ann Hazard by Annie Rigabar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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

10:00SJ - Leonor Iris Runge by Mary Runge

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

9:30SJ - Communion Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Dorothy Anastasia by Richard Meagher

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00SM - Judy Eisel by Green family

2:40-3:00SJ - Rosary

3:00-6:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Intentions of Coryene Gorri by Rosemary Wilder

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Cathy Meagher by Richard

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00SM - Frank Fazio Sr. by Fazio family

10:00SJ - Ted Hintopoulos by Tom & Michelle Wojcikowski

Calendar of Events:

Aug. 11 - Parish Picnic meeting, 6:00pm (CR)

Aug. 23 - St. James & St. Mary's Parish Picnic

Sep. 2 - SM Altar Rosary meeting, 6:30pm

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

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 Altar Linen Cleaning - Schedule for August

August 16 - Julie, August 30 - Sheree

Fr. Java will be on Retreat - from August 10-14. Please keep him in your prayers as he will be praying for you.

Weekly Offerings

August 2, 2026

St. James		St. Mary's	
Envelopes	\$3,722.00	Envelopes	\$1,070.00
Plate	\$575.34	Plate	\$173.50
TOTAL	\$4,297.34	TOTAL	\$1,243.50
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$6,726.00	Last Year	\$1,089.00

THANK YOU!

Augustinian Academy - Retired and getting a little bored? Like working with children in small groups? Augustinian Academy has the perfect positions for you for the upcoming school year! We are hiring for the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Science / health middle school teacher (full or part time)
- Substitute teachers

Contact Sr. Suanne at principal@augustinianacademy.org or call the school at 315-769-0190 to apply.

Thank you to all who have helped us to recycle plastic! You have been amazing in your efforts and we thank you so much!! Due to the very large quantity we get and the change of incentives at NexTrex, we have decided to stop collecting the plastic here at school. You can still recycle your plastic at Price Chopper. Their recycling box is by the can recycling. If your bag is too large, leave it beside the box. Once again, thank you for all of your help. Together we recycled more than 2,000 pounds of plastic in a little over two years!

With grateful prayer-
Sister Suanne

Augustinian Academy/St. James. 200 Club - Ticket sales after Masses have begun for the new 200 Club for Augustinian Academy/St. James. For a donation of \$20, you will be entered in a weekly drawing of \$25 for 20 weeks beginning September 13th. The final drawing will be held at a complimentary dinner offered to all ticket holders on Jan. 23, 2027. Additional guests will be \$20. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available beginning August 1st. Contact Mary Ann Margrey (315-493-1430) St. James Rectory Office (315-493-3224) or Augustinian Academy office (315-493-1301). Thank you for your continued support!

Terry Roche prayers - For those who remember the Roche family, they have asked for our prayers for Terry. If you would like to send a card or message, please send to

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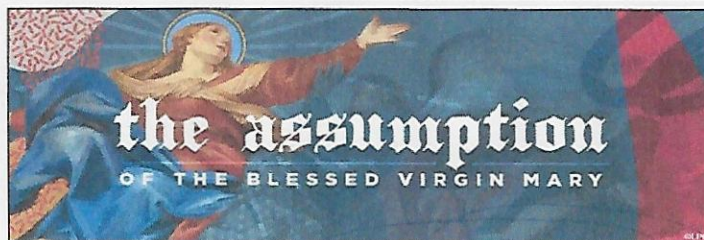
Reduced Rectory Office Hours -

Until further notice the St. James Rectory office hours will be reduced. Hours will be:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday-Friday - 10am-2pm

We apologize for the inconvenience.



Save the date - Carthage VEM Crop Walk

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 9:45am

Church of the Nazarene

Reminder: Walkers are needed

Please call Joanne Sligar for more information

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One Minute Meditations

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Although born into wealth, St. Bernard desired a life of simplicity, holiness, and austerity. Born in 1090 in Fontaines, France, he entered the monastery at Cîteaux in his twenties, followed by most of his family. Recognizing his holiness and noting the overcrowding of the monastery, the abbot sent St. Bernard to establish a new monastery in Clairvaux. St. Bernard went on to found monasteries for nuns, worked for the Holy See, and preached the Second Crusade.

More than the mission

No matter our age, we all need to hear these words: "I love you without measure." At the Transfiguration, the Father declared of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 17:5). He means those words for us as well. Before all else, we are God's beloved children.

Significantly, the Father speaks these words before Jesus goes to the Cross, before His saving mission is complete. We often reverse that order, allowing our identity to depend on our accomplishments or faithfulness. We assume God will love us once we have fulfilled our mission. But the Gospel reveals the opposite. God's love is not earned but freely **given**. Our mission flows from our identity, not the other way around.

"For I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1).

Be Like Christ. Love Like Christ.

What does it mean to "be like Christ" in the context of our everyday lives? The key is to love as He loves. Here are five practical ways to love like Jesus.

Learn His pattern. The Gospels show us how Jesus responded to the sick, the brokenhearted, the marginalized, and even His enemies. Scripture provides the pattern, while prayer and the Sacraments provide the grace to live it. The more we immerse ourselves in Christ's life, the more naturally His way of loving becomes our own.

Cultivate His heart. Jesus describes Himself as "gentle and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). His humility comes from His complete obedience to the Father's will. His gentleness is strength under perfect self-control, expressed in His patience, mercy, and compassion, even toward those who rejected Him. As we imitate His way of love, our own hearts are slowly transformed as His.

Show genuine interest. Jesus often asked open-ended questions, not because He lacked the answers, but to draw people out. "What do you seek?" (John 1:38). "What are you discussing

with each other?" (Luke 24:17) Genuine love begins with genuine interest. Asking thoughtful questions communicates that people are seen, heard, and valued.

Choose the charitable interpretation. St. Theresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart wrote, "If the actions of our neighbors have a hundred sides, we ought always to look at them on the best side." Love resists rushing to judgment and gives others the benefit of the doubt, creating space for understanding rather than

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29).

suspicion.

Always act out of love. St. Paul exhorts us, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Jesus lived every moment in perfect love for His Father and for us. Love was not merely one aspect of His life; it was the motive behind everything He did. Following Christ means allowing love to shape not only our greatest sacrifices but also our smallest daily actions.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray formula prayers?

Formula prayers are not a substitute for personal prayer but a time-tested way of entering into it and deepening it. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He gave them the Our Father (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4), a prayer to be prayed repeatedly. Scripture also contains many communal prayers, especially the Psalms, which

served as Israel's prayer book and remain the Church's today. By praying these inspired words, Catholics join generations of believers in worship. Whether at Mass or beside a hospital bed, formula prayers unite the faithful, expressing not only personal devotion but also the shared faith of the whole Church.

What to do when you don't feel like praying

Not feeling like praying is something even faithful Christians experience. In fact, seasons of dryness can be a normal part of spiritual growth. While they may have different causes, they do not necessarily mean something is wrong. Here are three ways to respond:

Pray about not wanting to pray. Bring your reluctance to God. You don't have to overcome your feelings before coming to Him. Honest prayer is still prayer, and God meets you with love exactly where you are.

Keep it simple. We value brief messages from those we love: "I love you," "Good luck today," or "Thinking of you."

Prayer can be that simple. The goal is relationship, not length. A heartfelt "God, help me," "Jesus, I trust in You," or "Come, Holy Spirit" is enough.

Choose presence over performance. Approach prayer the way you would spending time with a close friend. We don't cancel plans with someone we love simply because we're tired.

In the same way, keep showing up. God delights in your company (Proverbs 8:31). He is not looking for a perfect performance but for a heart that continues to seek Him, even when prayer feels dry or difficult.

from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27, God's ways are not our ways

At first glance, this passage seems like bad news. Jesus predicts His own death, a revelation that must have stunned the disciples. They had just come to recognize Him as the long-awaited Messiah. Instead of leading a triumphant victory over Rome, Jesus spoke of suffering, rejection, and execution. To them, it looked like failure, not triumph.

Peter responded as many of us do when faced with suffering: he resisted the Cross. He wanted Jesus to avoid it and was sharply rebuked. Yet had Jesus turned aside, we would have remained

in our sins, separated from God. Instead, He freely embraced the Cross. He chose us. From the perspective of the Resurrection, what appeared to be defeat was in fact Christ's decisive victory over sin and death.

God desires our happiness, not merely our temporary comfort. He desires our eternal joy. The Christian life is not about avoiding the crosses God permits but embracing them with trust, as Jesus did. And we never carry them alone. Christ walks beside us, bearing the heavier end of every cross.

Q & A

Can the Pope make mistakes if he's infallible?

Yes. The pope is human and, like anyone else, can make mistakes in his personal opinions, decisions, or everyday statements. Papal infallibility does not mean the pope is incapable of error. Rather, it means that, under specific conditions, the Holy Spirit preserves him from definitively teaching error in matters of faith and morals (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891).

Papal infallibility applies only when the pope is:

Defining a doctrine of faith or morals. The teaching must concern divine revelation or truths closely connected to it. It does not apply to scientific claims, political views, interviews, homilies, or personal opinions. For example, in 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly defined the dogma of Mary's Assumption into heaven.

Speaking ex cathedra ("from the chair"). The pope must speak in his official capacity as the successor of St. Peter and clearly intend to proclaim a doctrine that is binding on the entire Church. In *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII explicitly invoked his apostolic authority to "pronounce, declare, and define" the Assumption as a divinely revealed dogma.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 7—St. Cajetan (1547). St. Cajetan was born in Italy to a noble family. He went on to study civil and canon (Church) law at the University of Padua. He worked to reform the Church by founding the Theatines, a religious order modeled on the teachings of the Apostles.

August 9—St. Edith Stein (1942). Formerly Jewish, she was an atheist intellectual in Germany. After studying St. Teresa of Ávila, she converted to Catholicism, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her from the Nazis, she was taken to and executed at Auschwitz.

August 15—The Assumption of Mary. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. This feast highlights the Church's respect for the dignity of the body in view of our future resurrection. Note: This year, it is not a holy day of obligation.

August 24—St. Bartholomew (First Century). One of the Twelve Apostles and the son of Tolomai, Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael, who went with Philip to see Jesus. After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and in Armenia, where he was martyred. He is the patron saint of Armenia and Belgium.

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St. Mary's News - August 9, 2026

Tickets for the Fall Raffle are being distributed this month. The drawing will take place at the November coffee hour.

August Cleaner: Mary Jane Fleming

August Linens: Debbie Green

The next Altar and Rosary meeting is Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm

Coffee Hour. The next coffee hour is September 6 sponsored by Marianne McLane and Elaine Avalone.

KofC News: Upcoming Dates:

August 23 - Parish Picnic

August 29 - Installation of officers after 4pm Mass.

Mark your calendar for our installation dinner on August 29, more details in next week's bulletin!

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

Ave Maria Circle - Upcoming Events:

8/23 Parish Picnic

9/1 Monthly meeting, 6:30pm, CR (potluck)

Thank you so much to those who helped make the Welcome Dinner for Father Jaya such a special occasion. Your hard work is truly appreciated and valued. We hope to see you at our first meeting back after the summer on 9/1 which will be a potluck supper.

Heidi Marshall

President, Ave Maria Circle



CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE:

All married couples and their families

We invite all married couples and their families to join us at the annual Celebration of Love and Marriage Mass on Sunday, September 20, at 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Bishop LaValley will be presiding. Whether you have been married for less than 1 year, over 50 years or anywhere in between, we want to acknowledge your commitment and celebrate with you. Married couples who wish to receive a certificate signed by Bishop LaValley and have their names appear in the program should register no later than September 11 at <https://www.rcdony.org/jubilee>. There will be a gathering with refreshments after the Mass.

Contact for More Information:

Steve Tartaglia Email: startaglia@rcdony.org

Phone Number: 315.939.2920

Annual Parish Picnic – St. James & St. Mary's Parishes -

After the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, August 23, all parishioners from St. James and St. Mary's are warmly invited to our annual parish picnic.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass, helping create a shared table that reflects our parish families' generosity.

This picnic is a simple, joyful chance to enjoy a Sunday afternoon together, good food, easy fellowship, and time to relax with fellow parishioners. We hope you'll join us and help make the day a welcoming celebration of our parish community. Please call the Parish Office with questions: 315-493-3224

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Together with you, I thank Almighty God for this new blessing he bestowed on me this year, of shepherding the Parish of St. James the Minor, Carthage, and St. Mary's Church, Copenhagen.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of our parish especially all those who worked so faithfully and lovingly to organize the installation of the new pastor on July 25th, 2026. Thank you for your time, effort, generosity, and attention to every detail that made this special occasion so meaningful and memorable. Your dedication and teamwork truly reflected the love and unity of our parish family.

I witnessed your generosity and co-ordination during our parish fair, and it gave me such joy to see different people, to step up to take care of things that need to be done.

You did everything well to make the installation celebration such a beautiful and joyful occasion. I feel blessed and deeply grateful to God for you. May God richly bless you for your kindness and commitment. I hope and pray that we can serve God and His people wholeheartedly well as we move forward together in faith and service.

With heartfelt appreciation and gratitude,

Fr. Jaya Kumar Francis MSC

Mission Cooperative Appeal - August 8-9, 2026

This weekend, we welcome **Rev. Tojo Chacko**, a missionary priest from the **Heralds of Good News – Mother Teresa Province, India**, who will speak at all Masses about the missionary work of his community.

The **Heralds of Good News** is a Missionary Society of Apostolic Life founded in the Diocese of Eluru, India, on October 14, 1984, and became an Institute of Pontifical Right on May 5, 1999. The Society is dedicated to promoting priestly vocations, forming seminarians, and providing missionary priests to dioceses in India and throughout the world that face a shortage of clergy.

Today, the Mother Teresa Province has **70 priests** and **40 seminarians** in formation. Its missionaries serve in **nine mission dioceses in India** and in **six countries**: Australia, Canada, Italy, New Zealand, and the United States. Inspired by **St. Teresa of Kolkata**, they strive to proclaim the Gospel with apostolic availability, generosity, and compassionate service to the poor and those most in need.

Following Fr. Tojo's missionary appeal, **a special second collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal will take place this weekend.** Your generous support will help provide priestly formation, missionary outreach, and pastoral care in areas where the Church continues to grow despite limited resources. Please keep Fr. Tojo and all missionaries in your prayers, and thank you for your generous support of the Church's missionary work.

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- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the Rector at 315-493-3212 or email Joe Brosk at nnybrosk@gmail.com.

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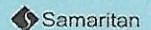


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