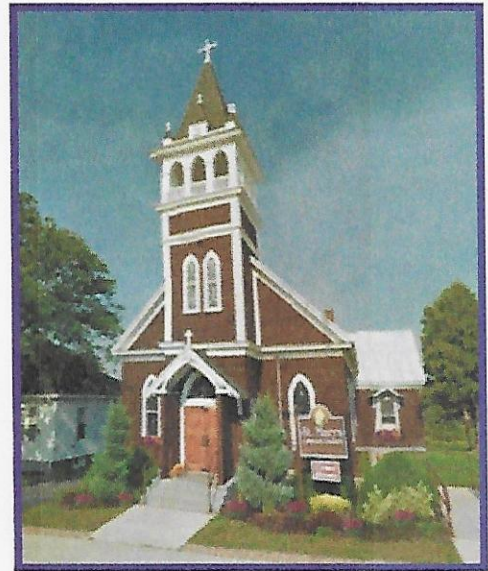


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Present Church Dedicated 1866*



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Present Church Dedicated 1902*

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. Todd E. Thibault

Pastoral Associate: Deacon Richard J. Staab

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Annunciata Collins, SSJ

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**

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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December 22, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00SM - Betty Ann Woodard by Mary Jane & Terry Fleming

10:00SJ - Jack Skvorak by Yolanda & Frank Skvorak

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - *Communion Service*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pmSJ (ant.) - For Vocations

6:00pmSM(ant.)- For the People of St. Mary's & St. James

10:00pmSJ - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00amSJ - For the Benefactors of St. James, St. Mary's & Augustinian Academy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO Mass or Communion Service Today

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Christopher Gamble by Grams & Gramps

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:00SJ(ant.) - Patrick Britton by Surace & Augustine families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00SM - Ron Burns by Dawn, Jen & Jes

10:00SJ - For the People of St. James & St. Mary's

Calendar of Events:

Dec. 22 - St. Mary's Church Decorating, after Mass

Dec. 23 - St. James Church Decorating, 10am

Jan. 11 - Epiphany Mass & dinner to follow, 4pm

Jan. 12 - Pancake breakfast with KofC, 8:30-noon

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.

Early Bulletin Submission Due Dates

Weekend bulletin for Jan. 5 - info due to SJ by Dec. 26

**Weekly Offerings
December 1, 2024**

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Envelopes	\$3,757.00	Envelopes	\$100.00
Plate	\$205.00	Plate	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$3,962.00	TOTAL	\$100.00
	(SNOW)		(SNOW/NO MASS)
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$7,283.75	Last Year	\$1,133.50

THANK YOU!

Reminder for Mass Intentions Scheduling

We are blessed to have a large and faithful community here at St. James with over 860 families and with about 200 Masses available to be celebrated per year. We are unable to fulfill every Mass request. Canon Law states that Mass requests must be satisfied within a year's time.

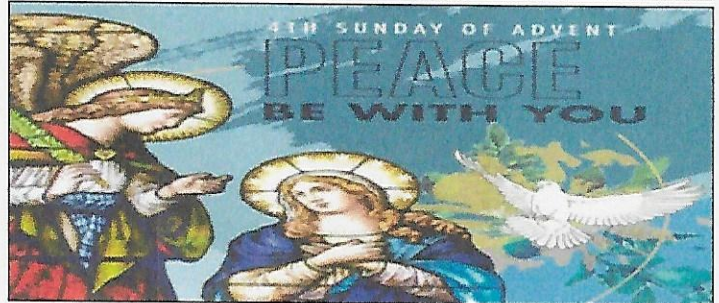
In scheduling Masses, sometimes the same dates are special for more than one family, and we apologize if the date you wish is unavailable. To keep things equitable and to accommodate as many people as possible, you may reserve no more than TWO weekend Masses per year. Weekday Mass requests will be accommodated to the best of our ability.

When one deceased person gets FOUR or more Mass requests, the Mass will not be scheduled right away. The Mass request might get scheduled at a later date, as days are available.

Each month you are also given the opportunity to reserve a Monthly Memorial, that is, a sanctuary lamp candle, Mass candles, Our Lady Votive candle, St. Joseph Votive candle, and Altar Breads in memory of your loved one. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin at the beginning of each month.

Another option is to give a donation to the parish to honor your loved one on an important occasion or in memory of a deceased friend or family member. This allows special items to be purchased or projects accomplished in a loved one's name.

When there are an abundance of Mass requests, some Masses and their donations will be sent to the Propagation of the Faith or our retired priests, so that the Masses can be celebrated in a timely fashion.



Rite of Acolyte - We are pleased to announce that Garry Stevens will receive the Rite of Acolyte from Bishop LaValley on January 3 at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg. The role of an acolyte is to assist the priest and deacon during liturgical celebrations, particularly in the preparation of the altar and the distribution of Holy Communion. This important step brings Garry closer to his ordination to the diaconate, as the Rite of Acolyte is a significant milestone in his journey towards becoming a deacon. Please join us in praying for Garry as he continues his path of service to the Church

**Weekly Offerings
December 8, 2024**

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Envelopes	\$6,229.00	Envelopes	\$1,163.00
Plate	\$920.00	Plate	\$135.00
TOTAL	\$7,149.00	TOTAL	\$1,298.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$6,229.00	Last Year	\$1,132.00

THANK YOU!



Christmas Concert 2024

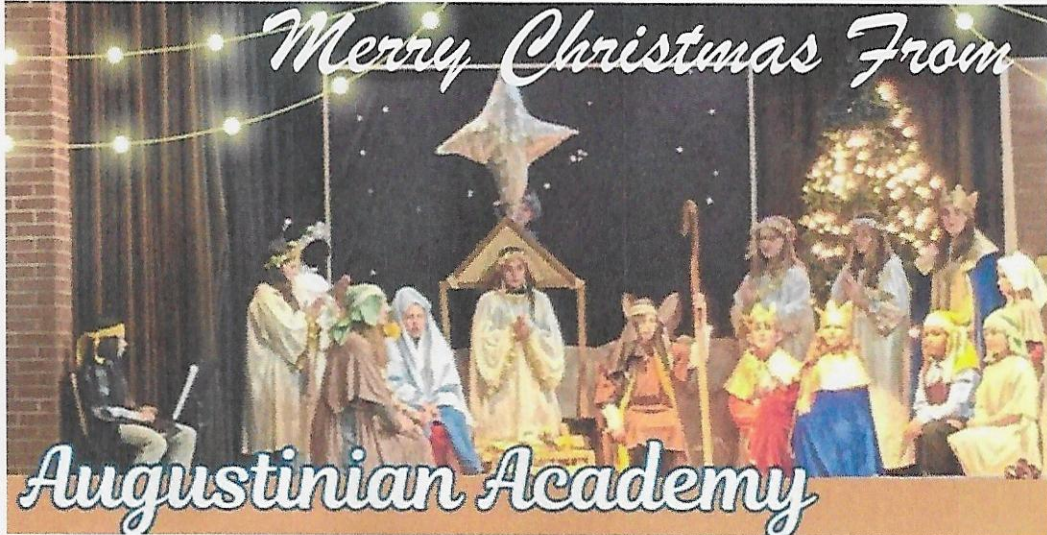


Bishop LaValley's Visit! He is helping a student pick the perfect gift from Santa's Secret Shop! Thank you Mrs. Joanne Sligar and your helper elves for your tireless work in making this possible!



Christmas Greetings from Augustinian Academy! Christmas vacation has started and in only a few short days, our Savior will be born! Happy Hearts and grateful spirits will hopefully fill your families with joy!

These pictures offer a glimpse of our December events which are supported by so many of you —our Christmas Angels! The Knights of Columbus, the Ave's, the Good Sams and the many people dropping off supplies for the cafeteria or school and sending in donations have made



many of these events possible. So many of you have volunteered your time and your talents to share with our students. And many more of you keep us in your prayers. All are welcomed and appreciated more than I can say here. Please know that you are in our Christmas prayers! God bless you and may the Newborn Savior bring you peace and joy—Sister Suanne



Cookies with Santa! Thank you, Aves for the fun Christmas Crafts! Talking to Santa and making the Snowmen were the best!



🎵 Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light 🎵

We are sad to bid farewell to Sister Annunciata. She will



be greatly missed! **Her new address is: Sister Annunciata Collins; Samaritan Keep; 133 Pratt Street; 7th floor; Watertown, NY 13601**



The Ultimate Gift

Once Mary, a virgin, heard words she first dread
"You'll give birth to a son". How she troubled, not
wed "I've not been with a man; how can this be?"

"With Him, the Most High and the Spirit with
thee" with this, Mary answered "let His will be done"

Mary, the mother of God's only Son
with strength from Elizabeth and, soon to be, John

Mary, encouraged, went faithfully on
When she came back to Joseph, he found her with
child he'd quietly divorce her, his marriage
defiled

Then an angel appeared; "Joseph, take heart
this work is of God and the Spirit. Your part
is to give Mary's son His name -Jesus
call Him Immanuel; which means God with us

So Mary and Joseph readied to go
to Bethlehem, census required it so
Once there, the labor was soon to begin
but no place to rest, no room at an inn
So lowly, so humble, yet Lord above all
a carpenter's son, born in a stall
And many would come from near and from far
to witness the Savior, led by a star
the Ultimate Gift, forgiving our sin
to conquer the darkness, let His light begin.

James T. Gratch---to God be the Glory

St. Mary's News - December 22, 2024

Winners of St. Mary's Turkey Raffle Fundraiser

- \$500 Cash - Sasha Stephenson
- Birdhouse - Gloria Company
- Fire Pit - Robin Spaulding
- Quilt - Neil Freeman
- Gas Card - Rudy Eisel
- Grill Set - Lindsey Akin
- Blue Afghan - Jim Garth
- Pink Afghan - Taylor Family
- Gift Card Tree - Kelly Manuel
- Cornhole Set - Juli Stephenson
- Furniture Set - Roberta Aubin
- Breakfast Basket - Kathy Doolittle'
- Christmas Basket - Joe Godlewski
- Welcome Sign - Brandon Fowler
- Maple Syrup Gallon - Heather Burgdoff

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FUNDRAISER.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Reminder to Altar & Rosary Members:

No meeting for Jan, Feb or March. If you have an issue, please let MJ Fleming know. We will be using our membership calling list to circulate information.

RADA Cutlery - Thank you to everyone who purchased RADA Cutlery. Your support helped us earn a profit of \$577.00 for St. Mary's Church.

KofC News: Upcoming dates:

Dec. 25 - Christmas

Dec. 28 & 29 - Feast of the Holy Family

Congratulations to our Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners: Weston Campeau, Adrienne Campeau and Evangeline Mietzner and Rose Ball, our raffle winner.

We would also like to thank everyone who participated in our Keep Christ in Christmas program. With your help, we have continued to remind everyone to keep Christ in Christmas on Rt. 3 and 81!

Serving families in Charity, Unity and Fraternity.
Tom Wojcikowski, Grand Knight

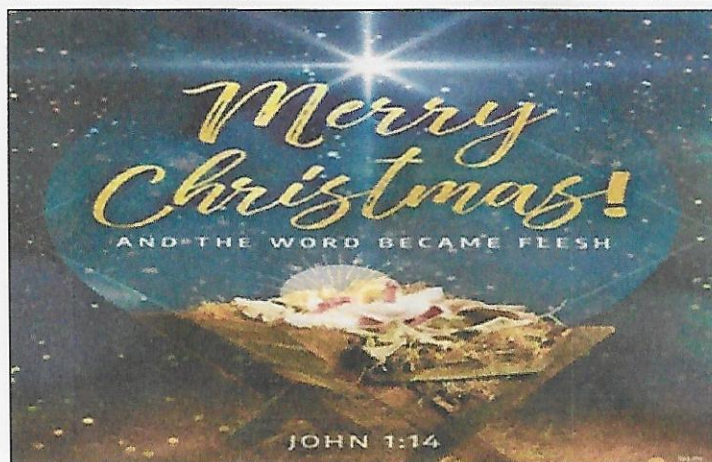
Ave Maria Circle Upcoming Events:

1/11 - Mass in body & Epiphany dinner

1/12 - Pancake breakfast with KofC

Many thanks to our faithful members who work so hard through the holiday season in support of our church, school & community.

Heidi Marshall, President



Christmas 2024

"When the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared...He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might... become heirs in hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:4-7)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

At our Mass at dawn on Christmas Day, we will hear St. Paul speak to Titus about the gift of God's boundless mercy bringing us the hope of eternal life through Jesus. By virtue of our rebirth in Baptism, we have become "heirs in hope of eternal life."

Pope Francis has declared 2025 the *Jubilee Year of Hope*. What better way to prepare for the Holy Year than by making this Sacred Season a prime time to being especially attentive to all the hints of hope that are on display for you and me to embrace as we meet the challenges of the day. The Holy Father reminds us that, as followers of Jesus and members of His Body, the Church, we are called to be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace. How much our world this Christmas needs the truth of the Gospel and the witness of hope-filled disciples.

No celebration throughout the year has so many songs dedicated to it as Christmas. Yes, this is a time for singing because ours is the God of all hopefulness. As St. John of the Cross would tell us, where there was little love, God put love. That is, through the birth of Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate has redeemed the world with His merciful love. Is there a greater cause for hope and celebration?

The person who has hope lives differently. Let's make a determined effort to see the signs of hope of eternal life all around us. Hope-filled, let's be a source of encouragement and blessed hope for those carrying heavy burdens at this time of the year. Christ-led and Christ-fed, we are hope-filled!

May the Christ Child bring you and your family the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and hope-filled New Year!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Retirement Plan for Priests - Christmas Collection

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by a percentage of contributions from the annual parish Christmas collection. This year, 75% of the Christmas collection will be allocated to support the Plan, with the parish keeping the balance. Currently, 36 retired priests, and 12 active priests aged 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of approximately one million dollars in the 2024-25 fiscal year. In addition, 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests, estimated at \$250,000 this fiscal year, will be paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say *thank you* to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

Knights of Columbus book stand for Catholic Books and CD's, located in the outer sacristy. Please check out the selections for your Christmas shopping

Confession Times for area churches

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