



St. James

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*Land Deeded by James D. Leray de Chaumont, 1818
First Church Dedicated and Incorporated, 1821
Present Church Dedicated 1866*



St. Mary's

NYS Rt. 12, Copenhagen

*Land Deeded 1901, Incorporated 1890
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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

9:30SJ - *Communion Service*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00pmSJ (ant.) - Intentions of Mike Stofka by Rosemary & David Wilder

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

8:00amSM - For the People of St. Mary's and St. James

10:00amSJ - For the Unborn

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Michael Lee by Tim & Marilyn O'Connor

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - *Communion Service*

10:15-7:00amSJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

First SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

7:00amSJ - Communion Service followed by Men of Faith

4:00SJ (ant.) - John Effinger by Joe & Nancy Tolley

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00SM - Claud Lawler by Dianne & family

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

NOTE - No Confessions on Saturday Jan. 4

Calendar of Events:

Jan. 2 - KofC fellowship and meeting, 6&7pm(CR)

Jan. 4 - Men of Faith, after 7:00am Communion Service

Jan. 4&5 - Pennies Collections

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

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

Jan. 18 - Mens 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.

**Weekly Offerings
December 15, 2024**

| St. James | | St. Mary's | |
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| Envelopes | \$4,246.00 | Envelopes | \$1,200.00 |
| Plate | \$741.15 | Plate | \$139.50 |
| TOTAL | \$4,987.15 | TOTAL | \$1,339.50 |
| Weekly Need to Meet Budget | \$9,938.07 | Weekly Need to Meet Budget | \$1,754.80 |
| Last Year | \$6,287.33 | Last Year | \$894.57 |

THANK YOU!

Dad, I want to be a Priest

Imagine that you ask your son (or grandson) what he wants to be when he grows up, and he answers, "I want to be a priest!" What would your reaction be? Would you be worried, or elated—or somewhere in between?

The truth is that God has a plan for every child; he wants them to be happy even more than you do! And their true happiness is found in discovering God's plan for their lives and following it wholeheartedly.

So if you're truly concerned about a child's well-being, it makes sense to help him discern God's call. A person's occupation—professor, salesman, pilot, writer—can change many times over a lifetime, but a vocation is a deep part of a person's identity.

Most people, of course, are called to the vocation of marriage. But if your child feels called to a life of service in the Church, don't be afraid; priests and religious live very happy and fulfilling lives! While they experience sorrow and hardship like every other person, they also experience great joy serving God and others

So if you are a parent or grandparent, what can you do to help your children discern their calling in life? The primary thing is to foster openness to God's will; let them know that God has a plan for them. The next time the topic comes up, consider asking the question: "What do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?"

Because everyone's first vocation is to be holy, the most important thing parents can do is to create a home environment where Christian virtue can flourish. Here are a few specific ideas for helping children discern their particular vocations:

- Invite priests and religious to dinner at your home.
- Show your children a good example of holy marriage.
- Pray daily for more priestly and religious vocations – maybe along with your regular dinner or night prayers.
- Read and discuss the Bible stories of Mary's response to God (Luke 1:26-39), and Jesus calling the Apostles (Mt 4:18-22).
- Speak openly about vocations to marriage, priesthood, and religious life.

If your child does express interest in priesthood or religious life, be supportive. If you're excited, don't push too hard. If you're apprehensive, trust in God's plan. The best thing you can say is, "Whatever God wants for you, I want for you, too."

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be on **First Friday, January 3** after the 9:30am **Communion Service**. You are invited to come and spend an hour in prayer. Nocturnal Adoration is 6pm until 7am, Saturday.

Kids Bulletins - are available in back of church for children to use during Mass. Please ask an usher for one.

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

St. Mary's News - December 29, 2024

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.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Christmas gifting for the Lewis County Hospital Residential Nursing facility.

Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!

KofC News: Upcoming dates:

- Dec28&29 - Feast of the Holy Family
- Jan 1 - New Year's Day
- Jan 2 - KofC fellowship and meeting, 6&7pm
- Jan 3 - First Friday
- Jan 4 - Men of Faith after 7am Communion Service
- Jan 4&5 - Pennies collections
- Jan 12 - Pancake Breakfast
- Jan 18 - Men's rosary, 8:30am.

We would like to wish you and your families a blessed New Year!

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

Ave Maria Circle Upcoming Events:

- 1/11 - Mass in body followed by Epiphany dinner- Elks (RSVP by 1/3)
- 1/12 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC
- 2/4 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 CR

Heidi Marshall, President

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

As we prepare for a new year, take some time to list any new practices you have adapted this past year in your daily routines in your effort to be a better steward of God's creation. What new one(s) are you willing to commit to in the new year?



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?

Name of Sick/Homebound: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Put in collection basket or give to Father

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.

Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Everyday Stewardship

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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