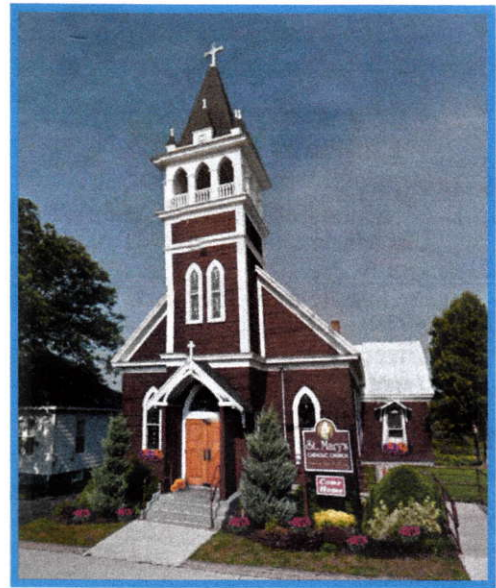


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Augustinian Academy: Mrs. Mary Ann Margrey, Principal

Sunday Mass Schedule **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 5:00 pm St. James (ant.) **Saturday: 3:30 pm – 4:30 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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January 5, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

January 5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00SJ(ant.) - For Living & Deceased Members of Ave Maria Circle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00SM - For the People of the Parishes
9:00SJ - *Divine Office /Rosary*
10:00SJ - Jim Powers by Mark & Linda Keddy

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena
5:30SJ - Saxten Berggren by Mary Byers

TUESDAY, January 7

12:00SJ - Francis Ricco by Greg & Margaret Woods

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00SM - Ron Martel by Ron & Dawn Burns

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

12:00SJ - Mary Szalach by Janel O'Connor
2:00CC - Frank & June Cassoni by Jim & Betty Wilton

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00SJ(ant.) - David Dawes by Patrick Brady

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00SM - Nancy McCarthy by Bernard & Ruth Brady
9:00SJ - *Divine Office /Rosary*
10:00SJ - For the People of the Parishes

NOTE: There will be a 2pm CC (Carthage Center for Rehab & Nursing) Mass on Friday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 4/5 - Youth Group Bake Sale, After Masses (SJ)
- Jan. 5 - Little Flowers Girls Club, 11am-12:30pm (CR)
- Jan. 11 - Men of Faith, 8:30-10am (SJ Church)
- Jan. 12 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am-noon (CR)
- Jan. 13 - Good Samaritan Meeting, 6pm (SJ Rectory)
- Jan. 13 - K of C Open House, 6:30pm, followed by regular monthly K of C Meeting, 7pm(CR)
- Jan. 16 - Stone Soup Supper, 5:00-7:00pm (CR)
- Jan. 18 - Parish Youth Council, 11am (Rectory Dining Room)
- Jan. 19 - St. Mary's Appreciation Breakfast, after 8am Mass
- Jan. 21 - Church Cleaning, 9am (SJ)

SURVIVING DIVORCE: 12 Sessions - 6 weeks

Description: The Surviving Divorce Program is being offered at 6:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown, starting January 21st. Separated and divorced adults - come find support and healing. For more information, contact Steve Tartaglia at startaglia@rcdony.org or (315) 393-2920.

Weekly Offerings December 22, 2019

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Envelopes	\$5,512.00	Envelopes	\$753.00
Plate	\$942.10	Plate	\$290.00
TOTAL	\$6,454.10	TOTAL	\$1,043.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	1,754.80
Last Year	\$5,818.35	Last Year	\$988.00

THANK YOU!

Augustinian Academy School News

January 5, 2020

We are so proud of our students in grades K -2 for participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar. Each day during Advent, they added a non-perishable food item to their food baskets, and by the end of Advent, they had collected enough food to feed a family for Christmas. In fact, the classes had collected enough food for 5 or 6 families. They delivered their food to the Good Samaritans! What a wonderful way to prepare for the birth of Jesus!

Our 7th & 8th graders have been learning about applying for jobs, creating resumes, gathering letters of reference, and being interviewed for positions in food service. As a culminating project, they will work their jobs in a one-day opening of a restaurant. The students will have a western-themed breakfast restaurant opened on Friday, January 10th from 4 - 6 in the Augustinian Academy cafeteria. Their business is opened to everyone!

Congratulations to our modified basketball teams who have completed their games. The students have been participating in a league through Victory Athletics and their games have been played at IHC. **Modified girls:** Staci Benedict, Monica Bockus, Holli Campeau, Kira Covey, Tabitha Durgin, Sofia Goodfallow, Mackenzie Major, Bethanee Motes, and Kenley Sloan. **Modified Boys:** Elijah Bush, Logan Covey, Eben James, Thomas James, Shane Motes, Dominick Petro, and Parker Richards. We are grateful to our dedicated coaches: Shannon Margrey, Kim Schexnayder, Jessica Worthington, and Jason McAvoy! They have volunteered to coach our students for many years! It is now time for our students in grades 4 - 6 to practice and play.

Congratulations to the students who attended their graduation from the Lund Martial Arts Program: Branson & Adalin Batsford, Clairra Coltart, Abe & Joshua Cleland, Scarlett Brooks, Colton Motes, Grant Campeau, Shane & Bethanee Motes! Mr. Ryan Cole provided an excellent program for all the students who participated!

CAA School Restaurant - The 7th & 8th graders of Augustinian Academy have been planning and preparing for our third annual health class school restaurant, Barrel Kracker, a western themed, all breakfast diner. It will be held in the Augustinian Academy cafeteria on January 10, 2020 from 4pm to 6pm. All proceeds will benefit the CAA Booster Club.

2020 Lector Workbooks - Are ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. Please sign your name when you take yours.

Good Samaritan Society - will meet on January 13, 2020, 6pm in the Rectory. This will be our annual Thank You meeting. New members are always welcome.

Parish Youth Council - We need your passion, faith and leadership! Please attend the next council meeting on Sunday, **January 18, 2020 after Mass (11am)** in the Rectory Dining Room.

Contact Michelle @ 315-484-3170 for more information.

Youth in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend from St. Mary's and St. James' parishes.

January 4/5, 2020 - Youth Group Bake Sale. Please support youth group activities within the parishes and donate a baked good (or previously gifted Christmas Cookies) to a youth of the parish. Bake Sale will be after Mass on January 4th and 5th.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Thomas Aquinas

Against his family's wishes, St. Thomas Aquinas joined the newly founded



Dominican Order of Preachers. A brilliant, humble scholar, he taught theology at universities in Paris, Cologne, and Rome, and advised popes, kings, and students. His greatest achievement was his *Summa Theologica*, a thorough, logical, concise treatise on the faith. Exhausted by constant work and travel, St. Thomas collapsed en route to a Church council and died at Fossanova. He is the patron of students and schools.

Well-placed faith

Our world is filled with pain, sorrow, and suffering. Putting our faith in worldly powers guarantees disappointment. Putting faith in God guarantees that we will never be disappointed.

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).



Shed bad habits in the New Year

Bad habits are sinful inclinations acquired through repetition. Unless we overcome them, they come between us and God and can destroy our peace. Working to overcome our bad habits puts us on the path to true holiness.

Identify the root. It sounds simple, but recognizing what causes us to sin repeatedly is the first step to

overcoming the behavior. That doesn't mean it's easy to do. It can be uncomfortable to look at our failings, but change won't come without courage. Ask for help if you need it.

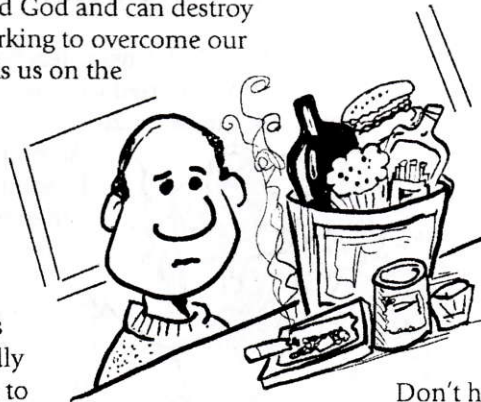
Replace a bad habit with a good one. Once we understand what is behind our bad habits, we can replace

them with new and healthy ways to deal with the underlying issue. If we overeat or drink too much when stressed, for example, we can adopt exercise or meditation to cope instead.

Eliminate triggers. Make it easier to cure bad habits by avoiding the conditions that nurture them. Do you want to avoid eating junk food?

Don't have it around you at home or at work. Want to change a gossip habit? Avoid the people with whom you gossip. Change your environment to change your behavior.

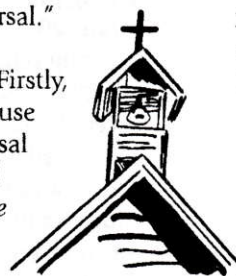
Find good influences. It may not be necessary to lose your old friends, but consider finding new ones who already live the way you want to live.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why are Catholics called "catholic"?

"Catholic" means "universal." In the Greek, it also means "wholeness" or "fullness." Firstly, the Church is catholic because her members have a universal mission. Jesus commanded his Apostles to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them" (Matthew



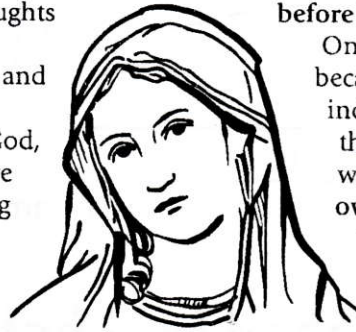
28:19). Secondly, the Church is catholic because, being founded by Christ and united to him, her members have the "correct and complete confession of faith, full sacramental life, and ordained ministry in apostolic succession" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) #830).

The keys to Mary's success

Jesus loved his mother dearly, and his last thoughts on Earth were of her. We know she is Queen of Heaven, but what did she do to receive His love and great reward?

When Mary agreed to become the mother of God, she could have expected an easy life but Scripture tells us that all Mary expected was the joy of doing God's will. **She put God's will before her own.**

Mary didn't have to go with Joseph to Bethlehem for the census. She chose to go with Joseph as his wife. **She put Joseph's needs**



before her own.

Once there, the couple lodged with animals because there was no room at the inn. Instead of indulging in self-pity, Mary graciously received the shepherds and the Magi, who came to worship her baby. **She put their joy before her own discomfort.**

Throughout her life, Mary said "yes" to God, put his will first, and thought of others before herself. If we follow her example, we'll receive our reward in Heaven, too.

from Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23, The common call

This Gospel passage recounts the call of the first disciples. They may not have known Jesus personally at first, but they knew about him through John the Baptist (John 1:35-42). When invited to know Jesus better and follow him closely, the men dropped what they were doing "at once" and left everything behind.

Under Christ's leadership, the disciples went on to do amazing things. They worked miracles, brought the Gospel to distant lands, converted countless souls for heaven, and suffered hardships, even martyrdom. The secret of their success was their relationship with Christ as



their God, Savior, Teacher, and Friend who promised to be with them always (Matthew 28:20).

All of us are called to be saints - intimate friends of God. Jesus invites each of us to know him personally and follow him closely. While few of us are called to leave everything,

we can still offer everything we have to God's service. We can still imitate the first disciples who dropped everything "at once" to accept God's invitation. Knowing Jesus personally and closely makes for a great adventure.

Q & A Why are we required to respect Jesus' name?

As the Son of God, Jesus' name is "above every name" (Philippians 2:9) and commands respect.

It is the name God gave himself when he became man (Luke 1:31). In Jesus' day, there was no internet, no media, no network to use to find out if someone was reputable or reliable.



All people had was their good name and the way others used it with respect. He knew he would need a recognizable name.

Jesus' name tells us of his mission. The angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to name the child "Jesus," "for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). And he did.

There is great power in Jesus' name. Jesus promised his disciples that whatever they asked in his name, he would do (John 14:14). In his name, the Apostles cast out demons (Luke 10:17), cured the sick and even raised the dead (Acts 3:16; 4:10). "There is no other name under heaven...by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. On this holy day of obligation, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary and attend Mass.

Jan. 6 - St. André Bessette (1937). Born near Montreal, Canada, André joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross at twenty-five and was the doorkeeper for their school. During an epidemic, everyone in his care was miraculously healed. He helped build a beautiful chapel to St. Joseph.

Jan. 12 - The Baptism of the Lord

(1st century). Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was free of sin, but he allowed himself to be baptized in order to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By his baptism, Jesus declared his willingness to fulfill God's saving plan.

Jan. 20 - St. Fabian (250). During his long reign as pope, Fabian organized Rome into seven districts, countered a heresy in Africa, and founded churches in France. He was martyred during the Decian persecutions.



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From the Pastor:

Today is the wonderful Feast of the Epiphany.

The Magi were searching for the Christ Child. When they found him they worshiped him and offered him important gifts. Many, many people have followed in the footsteps of the Magi and come to Christ. We count ourselves among those fortunate ones. Let us open our hearts and minds today to encounter Christ in our Eucharistic celebration. The Christmas Season continues for one more week.....let us not forget to celebrate!

I want to extend a special thanks to all who helped make our Christmas celebration a beautiful liturgical experience for both parishes. I thank all those who in any way helped to plan, prepare, or minister at any of our Christmas Masses. I thank the following groups of people: Deacon Richard Staab; Sister Mary Ellen, SSJ and Sister Annunciata, SSJ for all their assistance; the Worship/Liturgy Committee representing both parishes; our organist and choir director, Michael Perfetto; the choir and music ministry; ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers; our custodian, Dan Leary, and his helpers who set up all of the trees, etc.; Debbie Kepler who coordinated the decorating of St. James and all those who helped decorate the churches from both parishes; the Altar Rosary Society ladies from St. Mary's; the Ave Maria Circle who baked all those delicious cookies for Sister Annunciata and I to take to the homebound parishioners (We only snitched a few of them); the Knights of Columbus; Thomas Bankard who set up the beautiful St. James Christmas Creche; Joe Margrey and Nick Olley who acted as Master of Ceremonies and prepared the altar servers; **OUR ENTIRE PASTORAL STAFF AND ANYONE I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN WHO HELPED IN ANYWAY.....THANKS TO ALL!**

Sister Mary Ellen and I have been cleaning, baking and cooking getting ready for the annual St. Mary's Appreciation Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, January 19 after the 8am Mass. Please mark your new church calendar!

As announced last weekend, today we will inaugurate our monthly 2nd collection at St. James for Buildings and Grounds. Even though the actual date is not printed on the envelope, it will always be taken up the 1st Sunday of the month. Please be as generous as you can; we would like to continue the momentum that was generated with our Capital Campaign of 3 years ago.

YOUTH BUSES FOR LIFE: Registration Now Open!

Online registration is now open for the Youth Buses for Life pilgrimage to Washington, DC, for high school students and Virtus-trained adult chaperones to participate in the March for Life. Buses depart the North Country on Thursday, January 23 and return Sunday, January 26, 2020. \$200 includes transportation, 3 hotel stays, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 lunches, t-shirt, slingbag and an awesome experience! Western bus departs from IHC in Watertown. Northern bus departs from Massena with stops in Canton and Gouverneur. March for Life in our nation's capital and participate in the Life is Very Good Rally and Mass and the National Pro-life Summit! Registration and more information at www.rcdony.org/prolife

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

Name of Sick/Homebound: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Put in collection basket or give to Father

St. Mary's News ...January 5th

Thank you to Gary & Deb Alberry for our Christmas Tree.

Second Collection today for St. Mary's Repair Fund

Jan. 5th - No coffee & Donuts

Jan. 7th - Pastoral Council - 7pm Members include Lucille Shettleton, Joseph Godlewski,, Ruth Brady, Nicole Mangan, Peg Nevills & Brian Thompson.

Jan. 8th Altar & Rosary Meeting - 7pm

Jan 19th - Appreciation Breakfast

K of C News - Upcoming dates:

Jan 11, Men of Faith, 8:30am

Jan 12, Pancake Breakfast

Jan 13, Open House, St. James Community Room, 6:30pm FOLLOWED BY regular monthly meeting. The Open House will be informative and Brother Knights and men of the Parishes are welcome!

Respectfully, James T (Jim) Gratch, Grand Knight

Christmas Collection - Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 75% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.

PLANNED GIVING: Bequests - Through Wills this enables you to make contributions that might not be possible during your lifetime. When you make a bequest, your taxable estate is required by 100% deduction for the amount of a cash gift or by fair market value of appreciated assets. For more information, contact Scott Lalone, Executive Director, Development Office 315-393-2920, slalone@rcdony.org.



After the Three Wise Men left, the Three Wiser Women arrived.

Parish Update

Please return to the Rectory or drop in collection basket.

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- New registration
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