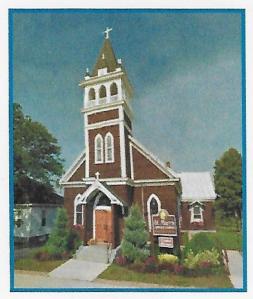


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Pastoral Associate: Sr. Annunciata Collins, SSJ

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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January 5, 2025 Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

No Confessions Today

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

Monday, January 6

9:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

9:30SJ - Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Wayne Rusho by Michael & Jane Astafan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00SM - Vera C. Eisel-Young by Marion Eisel & family

2:40-3:00SJ - Rosary

3:00-6:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Reese Thompson by Annie & Rose

10:00-11:00SJ - Eucharistic Adoration

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 - SCHOOL MASS

9:00SJ - Rosary

9:30SJ - Patrick Britton by Joe & Mary Ann Margrey

2:00CC - David Simser by Janelle Countryman

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 - Ave Maria Circle Epiphany Mass

4:00SJ(ant.) - Living & Deceased members of Ave Maria Circle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00SM - Diane Potvin by Fr. Todd Thibault

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

Calendar of Events:

Jan. 4&5 - Pennies Collections

Jan. 11 - Ave Maria Circle Epiphany Mass & dinner, 4pm Mass followed by dinner @ Elks Club

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

Jan. 18 - Mens Rosary, 8:30am(SJ)

<u>Baptism Classes</u> - 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.

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December 22, 2024					
St. James		St. Mary's			
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NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE EVENTS: Canandaigua, NY

"The Journey From Reformation to Transformation: The 12-Steps and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola," January 10-12, with Fr. Gerry McKeon, S.J.

"A Walk to the Well – Your well will be replenished, and your spirit rekindled and re-connected" - Women's Retreat March 22 With Marie Mozzi

CORE Retreat Weekends - " Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope"

Men's Weekends: January 17-19 and January 31-February 2

Couple's Weekend: February28-March 2

Women's Weekends: May 2-4 and May 16-18

"Fill Your Soul Days"

January 14 – "Reading God: the Practice of Lectio Divina" with Fr. Edison Tayag

February 11 – " A Seat at the Table" - with The Catholic Black Coalition

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https://notredameretreat.org/events

<u>Christmas Collection</u> - Thank you for your generous gift to 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.

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One Minute Meditations

St. André Bessette

Born in Montreal, Canada, St. Alfred Bessette was orphaned at the age of twelve. He was mentored by Fr. André Provençal, who inspired him to join religious life. He joined

the Congregation of the
Holy Cross at twenty-five,
becoming "Brother André,"
and was the doorkeeper
for their school. During
an epidemic, everyone in
his care was miraculously
healed with oil from a lamp
lit before St. Joseph. With
help and donations, he built
an oratory to St. Joseph.

Holy simplicity

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Holy simplicity, or "spiritual childhood," starts with being who you are and not trying to be who you're not — even in prayer. When we're open-hearted with God, His grace can change our hearts. We grow in humility, trust, and love — the roots of "tough" virtues like courage, perseverance, and faithfulness.

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven"

(Matthew 5:44-45).

7 resolutions to transform your New Year

The New Year is a chance to come closer to becoming the person you are meant to be. As you embrace the new beginning, consider these seven resolutions to allow God's love to transform your life.

- 1. Trust Him: Trust in God is the foundation of a peaceful soul. Start each day praying, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I surrender myself to You; Take care of everything," and He will.
- 2. Embrace authentic humility: A humble heart chooses others first. Ask, "How can I best love this person?" and let your actions reflect that answer.
- 3. Partner with your guardian angel: Your guardian angel is always with you, offering guidance and protection (Matthew 18:10). Call

upon your angel daily for heavenly help.

- 4. Practice self-discipline: Small sacrifices can lead to profound transformation. Skip cream in your coffee, offer someone full attention, cut back on screen time.
- 5. Seek out silence: God often speaks in silence. Find silence in your day to rest in God's presence, and let Him renew your spirit.
- 6. Deepen your knowledge of our Faith: Faith blossoms with understanding. Look through the Catechism until something interests you, and dive deeper.
- 7. Offer God your free time: If you have an hour to yourself, spend five minutes in prayer. No time spent with Love, Himself, is ever wasted.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why do Catholics have two versions of the Creed?

The Apostles' Creed is the summary of the beliefs of the early Church. The Nicene Creed is an expanded form of the Apostles' Creed and comes from two great Church councils (Nicaea, 325 and Constantinople, 381). Intended to combat Arianism, the Nicene

Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity and divine Sonship (*Catechism* of the Catholic Church, #465). As a communal profession of faith, the Nicene Creed affirms the core beliefs of the Church and unites the congregation in a shared declaration of truth.

A proven way to grow in friendship with God

Do you long to feel God's love more deeply but find something holding you back? St. Ignatius of Loyola shared this struggle, inspiring him to create a transformative daily practice. This practice can help you live with greater joy in your journey with Christ:

- 1. Give thanks: Reflect on the blessings of your day. Pause to savor them and offer heartfelt gratitude.
- 2. Seek clarity: Ask God for the grace to recognize your sins and remove them from your heart.
 - 3. Examine your day: Review your actions from

waking until now. Reflect on how sin crept in, the virtues you may need to cultivate, and areas of your life that need God's healing touch.

- 4. Ask for mercy: Come to God in repentance. His mercy welcomes you back, and Scripture assures us that Heaven rejoices over every contrite heart (Luke 15:7).
- 5. Resolve to grow: Commit to loving God and others more fully tomorrow. Plan how to resist temptation, make an effort to amend relationships, or prepare for Confession if needed.

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Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Not the Messiah they expected ...

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah, who would "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He confirmed that He was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked: they expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenterturned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this Messiah-king to defeat the

oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the even greater enemies of sin and death by His Death and Resurrection.

Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out His plans: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the Son of God, came to Earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and service. The Good News is that God's love is stronger than sin and death. If He rose to glory, those who follow Him faithfully will, too.

Feasts & Celebrations

January 3 – The Holy Name of Jesus. In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "... At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

January 7 – St. Raymond of Peñafort (1275). St. Raymond studied canon (Church) law before joining the Dominican Order. He worked for Pope Gregory IX, then was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, Spain. Afterwards, he was elected head of the Dominicans. He retired two years

later.

January 23 - St. Vincent of Saragossa (304). Born in Saragossa, Spain, St. Vincent trained as a deacon under Bishop Valerius. During the Diocletian persecutions, St. Vincent and the bishop were captured. St. Vincent was tortured but refused to deny Christ.

a – Saints Timothy and Titus (1st century). St. Timothy was converted by St. Paul and became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work, especially at Corinth. St. Titus served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.

Q Does fervent prayer change God's mind?

Prayer doesn't change God's mind, as if He had to be persuaded to love us. God is a good Father, and He is our Father who knows how to give good gifts (Matthew 7:9-11). Yet, prayer is still powerful and worthwhile for other reasons:

Prayer changes us: God rewards persistent, faith-filled prayer: "Lord, I entrust this to you. Thy Will be done." When we persevere in prayer, grace goes to work in our souls: our desires are purified, ordered, and sometimes even deepened. Our hearts are gradually brought into line with God's, and we begin to see, choose, and love like He does.

Prayer is relationship: A read through Scripture shows God seems to enjoy involving many "co-conspirators" in His plans, even today. He doesn't need us yet desires our (active) involvement in His plans. He has the final say, but wants to hear our thoughts, questions, and concerns. God didn't make us to be robots but His children and heirs (Galatians 4:6-7). Prayer isn't magic. It's way more powerful.

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St. Mary's News - January 5, 2025

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.

KofC News: Upcoming dates:

Jan 4&5 - Pennies collections

Jan 12 - Pancake Breakfast

Jan 18 - Men's rosary, 8:30am.

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Tom Wojcikowski, Grand Knight

Ave Maria Circle Upcoming Events:

1/11 - Mass in body followed by Epiphany dinner- Elks RSVP by 1/3 to Joanne Sligar 315-493-0169. Members and guests are invited

1/12 - Pancake Breakfast with KofC

2/4 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 CR

Heidi Marshall, President

NEW YORK STATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Young Men Ages 18+

The New York State Vocation Directors are sponsoring a Discernment Retreat, January 9-11, 2025, at the Good News Center, Utica, for young men ages 18+. This retreat is an opportunity to gather with other young men from across New York State who are considering the call to priesthood. The NYS Vocation Directors and seminarians will share their stories of faith and suggest ways of discernment. There will be time for personal prayer and social gatherings. If you are interested, please register by e-mailing vocations@syrdio.org by Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Contact for More Information: Sr. Mary Eamon

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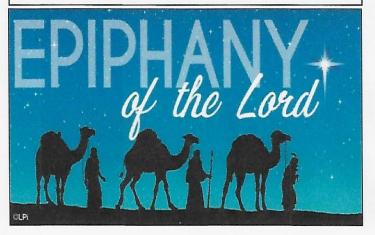
PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT: updated schedule Discernment is a call, listen with others. It is a journey of faith, traveling with companions. Are you a single Catholic man, of high school age or older, who is hearing the Lord's call to the Priesthood? You are invited to join fellow discerners and Father Howard Venette for the following gatherings from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

To attend a session with Father Venette, please register online. https://www.rcdony.org/priesthooddiscernment

St. Mary's Church, Canton - January 25, 2025

March 22, 2025 May 3, 2025.

For more information contact: Father Howard Venette hvenette@rcdony.org



Hey, Crafters! Save the Date!

The Ave Maria Circle is super excited to bring back the Academy Craft Fair on October 25, 2025!

Are you a creative soul? Reserve your space now to showcase your fabulous crafts! Or, if you're feeling generous, you can donate a unique homemade item to the Ave Maria craft table—we'd truly appreciate it.

For more info and to lock in your spot, call Rosey Stevens at 315-874-4277.

Get ready for a day filled with creativity and fun!



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windows and doors and lowering the thermostat slightly, especially at night, can help conserve thermal energy. Sleeping with another blanket or quilt on the bed can produce just as much warmth as having the bedroom a few degrees higher.

PLANNED GIVING: Creating a Legacy of Love

The following are steps to make sure your life is in order before God calls you:

1. Draft a Will.

2. Leave enough liquid cash in an obvious location to sustain your survivors to pay your expenses of your estate.

3. Plan your own funeral.

4. Leave no financial debt.

5. Write your own obituary.

6. Organize your records.

7. Choose a time to openly discuss these plans with loved ones.

For more information, contact: Scott Lalone, Executive Director, Development Office 393-2920, slalone@rcdony.org.

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

Epiphany

Ouestion:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPi



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