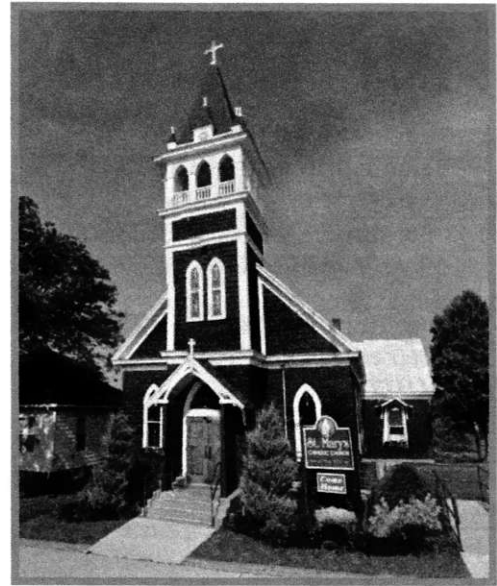


### *St. James*

*State Street, Carthage*

*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.*

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**Pastor:** Rev. Donald A. Robinson

**Pastoral Associate:** Deacon Richard J. Staab

**Pastoral Associates:** Sr. Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Sr. Annunciata Collins, SSJ

**Augustinian Academy:** Mrs. Mary Ann Margrey, Principal

#### Sunday Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 5:00 pm St. James (ant.)**

**Sunday: 8:00 am St. Mary's**

**10:00 am St. James**

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm St. James**

**Sunday: 7:30 am St. Mary's**

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Rectory

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

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**January 6, 2019**

# MASS INTENTIONS

**January 6, 2019**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**

5:00SJ(ant.) - For the living & deceased members of Ave Maria Circle #234

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

8:00SM - Connor Burrus by Sara Rice & family  
 10:00SJ - For the People of the Parishes

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

5:30SJ - Bette Shampine by Roseann & Kathy

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

12:00SJ - Bessie Trembley by Don & Kathy Latremore

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

9:00SM - Kevin Doyle by Biff, Debbie Green & family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

**THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

12:00SJ - Roseanne LeBel Collins by Sisters of St. Joseph  
 2:00CC - Helen Fetterly by Ave Maria Circle

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

5:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of the Parishes

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:00SM - Dick Crane by Phyllis & Ken Gaines  
 10:00SJ - Joseph Brady by Jan LaRock, Trish & Eric Covey & family

**NOTE** - There will be a 2pm CC - (Carthage Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing) Mass on Friday

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Jan. 5 - Ave Maria Epiphany Dinner, 5pm Mass followed by 6:30pm dinner at American Legion
- Jan. 5 - SJ/SM Youth Group, Faith & Football, 6:00 (CR)
- Jan. 6 - Little Flowers Girls Club, 11am-12:30pm (CR)
- Jan. 7 - Formation for Ministry Class, 6:30pm (CR)
- Jan. 8 - Formation for Ministry Meeting, 7pm (CR)
- Jan. 12 - Men of Faith, 8:30-10am (SJ)
- Jan. 13 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am-noon (CR)
- Jan. 14 - Good Samaritan Pizza Party, 6:15pm (CR)
- Jan. 20 - St. Mary's Appreciation Breakfast, after 8am Mass

**2019 Lector Workbooks** - Please remember to sign when you pick up your 2019 lector workbook in the Sacristy.

**SURVIVING DIVORCE** - Surviving Divorce groups to be held for 12 weeks. Schedule: Jan. 22 at St. Anthony's Church, Watertown. Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30. The Surviving Divorce Program offers support and healing for people who are separated or divorced. Contact: Stephen Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org). To register go to: <https://www.rcdony.org/family-life/surviving-divorce-support-group.html>

**Weekly Offerings**  
**December 23, 2018**

	<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>
Envelopes	\$4,920.00	Envelopes	\$746.00
Plate	\$898.35	Plate	\$242.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,818.35</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$988.00</b>
Last Year	\$6,714.39	Last Year	\$751.00

**Thank You!**

**Augustinian Academy School News** **January 6, 2019**

Welcome back! School reopens from Christmas break on January 7<sup>th</sup>!

We are preparing for our winter Gala. The theme is the Roaring Twenties. More information will follow!

Mark your calendars for Family Movie Night on January 18<sup>th</sup>! Everyone is welcome!

**St. James Angel Dusters** - could really use more people to help clean St. James on every third Tuesday of each month. Remember many hands make light work. If interested, please call Carol Workman - 315-493-3230

**Priests' Retirement Fund** - 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.

**Volunteer Drivers Needed**

Dear Community Members-  
 Now more than ever the Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. (VTC) needs your help. Each day we are asked to transport your neighbors, our friends, to medical appointments, Cancer treatment, renal dialysis and food sources. The ability for us to provide this transportation relies on our volunteer drivers.

Becoming a volunteer driver is simple and it takes just a few minutes to complete the application (go to the website below). What you gain is a sense of pride in knowing you helped someone in your local area remain in their own home a little bit longer.

Telephone: (315) 788-0422

Email: [info@volunteertransportation.org](mailto:info@volunteertransportation.org)

**IN MEMORIAM**-For the month of **January, 2019**(SJ&SM)

**Sanctuary Lamp**

SJ - In memory of Stanley Company by family  
 SJ - Intentions of Paul J. Avallone by Josephine  
 SM -

**Mass Candles**

SJ -  
 SM -

**Votive Lights on our Lady's Shrine**

SJ- In memory of Barbara Hogue by Yvonne & family

**Votive Lights on St. Joseph's Shrine**

SJ - In memory of Calvin Terry by Diane & Bruce

**Altar Breads**

SJ -  
 SJ -  
 SM -

**Parish Update**

Please return to the Rectory or drop in collection basket.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

- New registration
- Check for incorrect address or phone number
- Send offertory envelopes
- Moving away from parish

Thank you for helping us keep our records updated!

# Growing in FAITH™

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Francis de Sales

Born to a wealthy family in Savoy, near Switzerland, St. Francis became the Bishop of Geneva and worked to revive Catholicism in Chablais, Switzerland. Controversial for his day, he taught that all Christians in whatever station in life could grow in holiness. He was known for his simple but profound sermons, and kindly spiritual wisdom. His famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life* is still as popular today as it was when he wrote it.

### God stays the same

Although the world changes constantly, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, and strength when we need it. All we have to do is ask him. *"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed"* (Malachi 3:6).

### Pass it on

"Evangelization means to set out with Christ in order to pass on the gift we have received" (Pope Benedict XVI).



## God watches good efforts with loving eyes

We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it's important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.

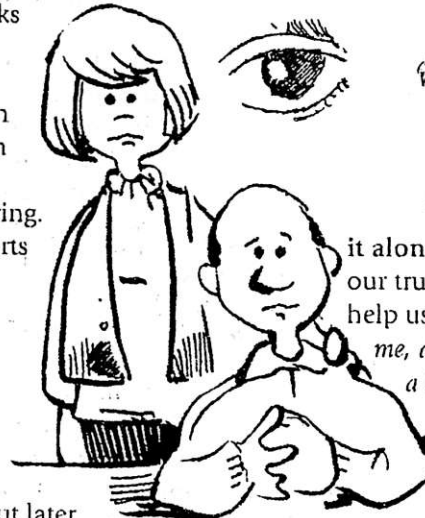
God knows our limits. Our Father understands that we are weak and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised devotion but later denied knowing him (John 13: 37-38). Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his

beloved Church.

Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again. *"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you"* (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan.

We aren't meant to do it alone. Jesus is the source of our true strength and wants to help us get it right. *"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me"*

(John 15:4). *"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power"* (Ephesians 6:10).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics call Mary the Mother of God?

When we refer to Mary as *"Mother of God,"* we are saying that Jesus is God. The Church has always taught that Jesus is both God and sinless man. As the Word of God, he always



existed. He took on flesh and became man in history through Mary (John 1:14). Mary is truly his mother: she gave birth to him and raised him. Since Jesus is God, Mary, his mother, is the Mother of God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #495).

# Forgiveness makes good sense

"My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn't apologized and doesn't act sorry. I refuse to forgive her."

"When my parents died, my brother took more than his share of their estate. I'll never speak to him again."

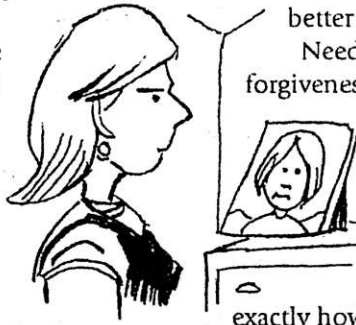
Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves.

But when we forgive, the energy that

sustained the anger and hurt is now available for better purposes. That feels better.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't – how can we obtain it for ourselves?

Instead, pray for those who hurt you and ask God to bless them. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you'll be saying one of God's favorite kinds of prayers. It's exactly how Jesus prayed while on the Cross.



## from Scripture

### Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesus teaches in the synagogue

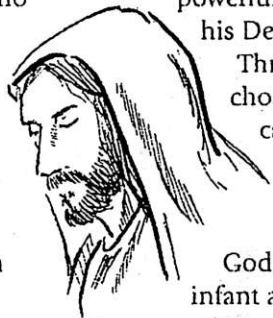
In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the advent of the Messiah, who would come to "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He confirmed that he was the long-awaited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

His hearers must have been shocked. They expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenter-turned-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 powerful enemies of sin and death by his Death and Resurrection.

Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out his plan: 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 will, too.



## Q & A What is a "holy hour?"

A "holy hour" is a devotion during which one sets aside an hour for prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Try these ideas to make a holy hour:

Find a tabernacle with a lit sanctuary lamp. The lamp signifies the presence of Christ. Silence yourself both interiorly and exteriorly. Clear your mind of daily stresses or outside distractions.

Start the conversation. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.

Adore God. Rather than recite prayers, focus on adoration. God is all powerful, all good, more beautiful than we can imagine, and more real than the distractions on which we focus.

Imagine Christ sitting with you. It's not your love for God, but his for you that saves. God delights in the company of his children (Proverbs 8:31). If you can't pray, then just be with him. That itself is a prayer pleasing to God.



## Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389). Born in Cappadocia, Turkey, St. Gregory was awarded the title of "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence. Preferring the quiet life of a monk, he was unwillingly made a bishop of Sasima by his friend, St. Basil the Great. With St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Gregory helped clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

Jan. 3 – Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. We honor Jesus' name, which means, "God saves," and refers to his

mission as Savior (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is "the name above all names," at which "every knee should bend ..." (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 – St. John Neumann (1860). The first American bishop to be canonized was born in the present-day Czech Republic in 1811. St. John traveled to New York as a missionary before becoming bishop of Philadelphia. He built up the Catholic school system and established diocesan schools.

He also built more than 89 churches, several hospitals and orphanages.



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## St. James Christmas Flower Memorials 2018

**In Memory or Intentions Of**

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James Reape	Jane
Price/Kenyon families	Alma Price
John & Mary Hastings Francis & Eileen Margrey Albert Lazore	Joe & Mary Ann Margrey
Loretta Rogers	Carol Coniski
George Storms	Gloria Storms
Ralph Oakes	Oakes family
Joseph H. Brady Clarence H. Keddy	Linda & Mark Keddy
Mike DeCaprio Helen Ormiston	Kathy Countryman
Stanley Campany	family
Calvin Terry Auguste Trepanier Betty & Aldor Lussier	Bruce & Diane
Peggy Thesier	Richard Thesier
Joan & Ward Bushaw Betty & Amos Trombley	Mel & Leanna Trombley
Helen & Sally Archer	Leo M. Archer
Harland Campany Raymond & Marjorie Hall Barbara & Albert Dekin Anita Bouchard	Campany families
Elizabeth (Betty LaBarge)	Mary Astafan
Ablan & Atala families Graves & Thoma families	Yvonne Ablan
Naphan, Duba & Flora Abdoo Abdoo, Jamal & Mike Kamide Dewey, Doris & Richard Hill Marsha Flynn Nina Schloop	Ronald & Judith Hill
Bruce Ashcraft Jr. Madden, Hayden, Ladd Lyle Miller	Tamara Miller
Joseph Shambo Jr.	Dad & Mom
Mr./Mrs. Henry Buckingham Warner Rigabar Terry L. Rigabar Gilbert Buckingham	A. Rigabar
Jim Cassoni Jr.	Eleanor Cassoni
Libbie Astafan John Astafan Sr. Bobby Astafan Patty Church Gwen Brockway	Nancy Fargo

Kenneth & Ella Ryan John & Vilma Geng Steve & Alice Geng Irene & Dale Moeller Margaret Munson	Maureen Steria
Harland Campany	John & Barb Widrick & family
Ward & Lundy families	Sally Lundy
Donna M. Dusharm	Larry Dusharm
Karen Glass Carolyn Glass	Michele O'Brien
Monahan & Haskins families	Bob & Bonnie
Anonymous	Brian J. O'Connor
Neil & Margaret Segovis Alexandra Liberatos	Mike & Kathie Liberatos
Paul Storms George & Marie McBride	Greta Storms
Harold P. Lewis family	Judith New
The Tehonica's - John & Lily, Ted, Michael, Joann, Eli	family
Ron Bailey & family - Gilbert, Grace, Doug, Roger, Bruce, Nancy, Gloria, Shirley	family
Michael Storms	Kelly Bush
Gordon DeLosh	Deanna, Nikki, Jeff
Bob Howe	Joan Howe
Molly Keogh	Patrick & Gay Keogh
Families of Richard & Geneveive Buckingham Thelma & Mike Michalik	Rick & Michele
Arnold & Irene & Bruce Widrick	John & Barb Widrick & boys
The Welcker, The Wilder & The Huff families	Rosemary & David Wilder
June & Christopher Cassoni	Lisa Cook
John Hutchins Jim & Grace Cassoni John & Jim Cassoni	Diana Hutchins
Cassoni & Woods families Ames & Chase families	Greg & Margaret
Wilson & Eirena Eddy	Larry W. Eddy
Patrick O'Meara	Mary Nevills
George Kepler	Patricia Kepler
Bobby LaPlatney	Mom & Dad
Deceased members of Workman & Spencer family	Ron & Carol Workman
Brothers - Sister	Betty

## St. James Christmas Flower Memorials 2018 (Continued)

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Herb, Alice & Carol Ann Burrell	Kathy Smith	Fields, McKenna, & Pignone families	Candace Pignone
Bob Hazard Sr. John Ablan Fr. Maroun Terry Rigabar Bette Champine Almina Erard	Bob & Bonnie Hazard	Mary Ann Langevin	Gilles Langevin
Jerry & Edith Sweeney Glenn Sweeney Alvin & Erma Boliver	Sharon Sweeney	Edward Nabywaniec	Dorothy Nabywaniec
Zane & Anne Buckingham	Mark & Michelle Buckingham	All those who have passed but are still in our hearts	Kelly Thomas
Carl & Kathleen Norton Sarah (Betty) & Robert M. Brown	Bonnie Walters	Vernon & Kate Proulx	Janet Zehr
Joseph & Moneera Solomon Chofe & Chofea Solomon	Thomas Solomon	Beverly Ashcraft Chester & David & Christopher Yarka	JoAnn Yarka
Herman, Stella & Randy Stevens	Garry & Rosey Stevens	Helen & John Paragon Rosalie & Jim Sligar Coniglio family DeCelles/Fleming families Mabel & Don Hirschey Christopher Sligar Paragon/Sligar families	Mike & Joanne Sligar
Marion & Harry Brennan Earl & Elizabeth LaJuet	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Brennan	Bucky & Margie Hall	John & Barb Widrick & boys
Schreck & Holliday family	Mary Holliday	Audus & Virginia Todd Ray Hottinger	Bob & Joan Todd
James Hartzell James Bracy	Darren & Mary Bracy	Deceased members of Anselm Becker family Nelson Malbeuf family	Joyce & Harry
Mike Storms	Sue Storms	Anonymous	Toni & Stefano Magro
Ferris & Bookser families	Robert Bookser	Meagher & Mealus families	Dr. Richard & Cathy Meagher
Roy & Angeline Homan Rita McLean Vern & Brinatta McVoy	Leroy & Marilyn Homan	David & Bessie Turck	Tim & Leah Turck
Gary Monnat	Stan Monnat	In Honor of Gold Star families	The Michel family
Rita & Harold Lackey	Joanne Lackey	Gary Draper Ange & Howard Ward	Joan Draper
Carlton & Candida Pelkey James & Lelia Heagle Jessica Breindel Thisse Bette Champine	Rebecca Heagle	O'Dett & Warnock families	Robert & Melissa
Mackee/Marcinko families	Steph & Milt Mackee	Jack & Alyce Tavernier	Susan
LaDuc/Murphy families	Francis LaDuc	Rita J. Pacella	Art, Kelly & Cole Pacella
Laura R. Cole	Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Watson	Arthur & Grace Bintz	Jackie Bintz
Wilford & Joyce O'Dell Russell & Fran Runkles	Tom & Debbie Runkles	Paul J. Avallone	Josephine
Geo, Francis & Joan Oakes Gloria & Arnie Camidge	family	Joseph H. Brady Marilyn G. Brady	Patrick Brady
William E. Carlisle Thomas & Edna Coughlin	family	Anonymous	Sara Scoville
Clarence & Florence Bruno Leslie & Ruth Bowman	Ralph & Shirley Bowman	John & Helen Liola	The Wetmore family
Jerry W. LaRock	Jan LaRock	Antonio & Tomasina Cocuzzoli	The Wetmore family
John & Anntonette Futia Loyd C. & Mary Lou Barker	Jan LaRock	Anonymous	Joseph & Tracy Myer
Kline & Peebles families	Mary Lou Peebles	Angela Berry	Cynthia Lemire
		Gary Draper	Judy MacCue
		Homer Earl Martha & Paul Dowling	Timothy & Patricia Earl
		John Cerrone Sr.	The Park family
		Nancy Young Michael Young	Margaret Young
		Regina Simmons George Kepler Jr.	Kepler family

## St. Mary's Christmas Flower 2018 Memorials

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Richard Doolittle	Kathy Doolittle & Family	Anonymous	Taylor families
Deceased members of Green family & Doyle family	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Green	Deceased members of St. Louis family	Duane St. Louis
Gorgia & Danny Souva	Jeffrey K. Souva	John Brett	Sr. Mary Ellen
Wayne Woodard & Phil & Helen Carroll	Betty Ann Woodard	Warner St. Louis	Martha St. Louis
AJ & Margaret Fleming & Phil & Helen Carroll Wayne Woodard	Mary Jane & Terry Fleming	Wilson & Elrena Eddy	Larry W. Eddy
Henry & Nettie Eisel	Elizabeth Eisel	Dr. Claud Lawler	Dianne Lawler
Thesier family	Eugene Thesier	Bruce Stephenson	Tamie Muncy
Patrick McNamara Helen & Maurice McNamara Chip & Doris Hitchcock Dick & Trudi McNamara	The McNamara family	Brenda J. Liscum	Mannie Liscum
Keith Hebert	Raymond Hebert	Alcid & Ida Aubin	Jeff & Lori Snyder & family
		David Shettleton Bryan Vary	Lucille Shettleton
		Alden Corbett Burns family	Dawn Burns
		Anonymous	Larry A. Gillespie



## 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: 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, John Szijarto, 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 Oley who acted as Master of Ceremonies and prepared the altar servers; **OUR ENTIRE PASTORAL STAFF AND ANYONE I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY.....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 20 after the 8am Mass. Please mark your new church calendar!

**The Good Samaritan Society** - will meet on January 14th at 6:15 in the community room. This is the annual pizza party. Please call Sandy 315-771-1566, if you plan to attend.

From the CD's in back of church-

### The Bible Made Me Do It

Tim Staples was raised Baptist and served as an Assembly of God Youth Minister. He used his extensive biblical knowledge to attack the Catholic Church but when he was challenged on his beliefs, a two-year search for truth led him right to Catholicism. Now he uses that same incredible gift to defend the Faith and help others to embrace the beauty and richness of Catholicism.

### Parishioner Comments

Humorous, insightful, moving, and motivating! A blockbuster in the making? I want more of this!! Terry - Plainfield, IL  
Very inspiring! This CD makes me want to learn more about my faith and read the bible more often! Amy - Littleton, CO



## St. Mary's News : January 6th

Jan. 6th- No Coffee & Donuts

A Blessed 2019 to all!

## Roaring 20's - 15th Annual Winter Gala

(Formerly Mardi Gras Gala)

Please join us on Saturday, February 9, 2019 - 6pm  
at the Elk's Club - 511 Fulton Street, Carthage

Silent Auction Dinner DJ and Dancing  
Cocktail music by Alumnus, Mr. Michael Perfetto

Choice of dinner will be chicken, fish or beef

Prizes to best dressed flapper and dapper

\$40 per person / \$70 per couple

Call the School for tickets: 315-493-1301

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP** - What brings 'tears to your eyes' when you look around at what is happening to "our Common Home" for which we as humans have been called to 'steward?' (Genesis 2:15) In the book entitled: Ten Commandments For the Environment, based on Pope Benedict XVI's teachings, we hear him say "we must awaken ..and face up to this great challenge and find an ethical capacity to change the situation of the environment for the good." Did you know that one practical step he took was to place solar panels on the roof of the Paul VI auditorium? What is one practical step you could resolve to do this New Year that would respond to the situation that brings 'tears to your eyes?'

**K of C News** - Have you ever read something of interest that was worth sharing? Do you read your bible regularly? Our *Word Among Us*, available to us at church, allows us daily readings and reflections we can fit into a short amount of time. So, yes, I enjoy reading *Word Among Us* regularly and hope you are enjoying it as well. Please join us for the Pancake Breakfast on Jan 13. Respectfully, James T (Jim) Gratch, Grand Knight





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