

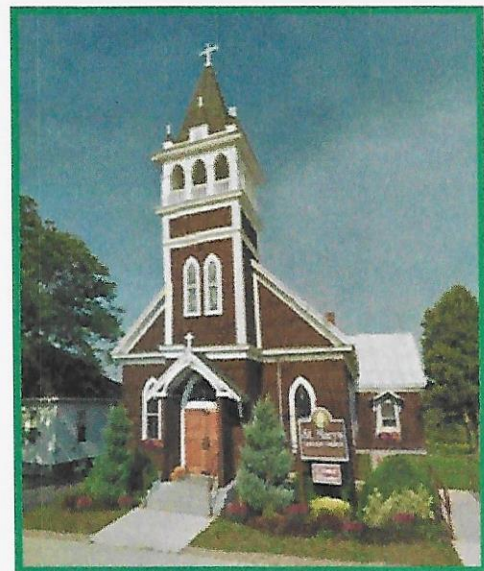
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*State Street, Carthage*

*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.*

## **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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# MASS INTENTIONS

October 6, 2024

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00SM - Ronald Burns by Fred & Cathie Harris

10:00SJ - Bobby LaPlatney - 33rd yr. anniv. by Mom/Dad/family

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

9:30SJ - *Communion Service*

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Stephen Paragon by Shambo family

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00SM - Mary Lanfear by Brian & Kate Fenlon

2:40-3:00SJ - *Rosary*

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

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Paul Denise by a friend

10:00-11:00SJ - *Eucharistic Adoration*

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00SJ - *Rosary*

9:30SJ - Ellen Maroun by St. James Parish Office Staff

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:00SJ(ant.) - Earl Gaines by family

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00SM - Richard Crane Sr. by Barbara Crane & family

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

### Calendar of Events:

Oct. 5-6 - Pennies collections (after Masses)

Oct. 7 - Good Samaritan Meeting, 4:00pm (CR)

Oct. 13 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am (CR)

Oct. 19 - 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.

**Wanted** - St. James is looking for a full time maintenance person or 2 part time maintenance people. Needs to have maintenance skills along with plowing and mowing. Send resume and salary requirements to St. James Church, 327 West St., Carthage, NY 13619 If interested, please call the rectory 315-493-3224 for more information.

### Weekly Offerings September 29, 2024

St. James		St. Mary's	
Envelopes	\$4,218.00	Envelopes	\$1,210.00
Plate	\$614.56	Plate	\$127.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,832.56</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,337.50</b>
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80
Last Year	\$5,929.19	Last Year	\$1,152.50

THANK YOU!

**Rummage Sale** - St. Mary's Church, 8422 S. Main Street, Evans Mills, NY is holding their semi-annual Rummage Sale on Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Items for sale include clothing, snowboard, vinyl records, modern spinning wheel, toys, seasonal decorations, glassware, dishes and much more.

Any questions please call - St. Mary's/St. Paul's Churches  
Kareta Olshfski, 315-629-4678

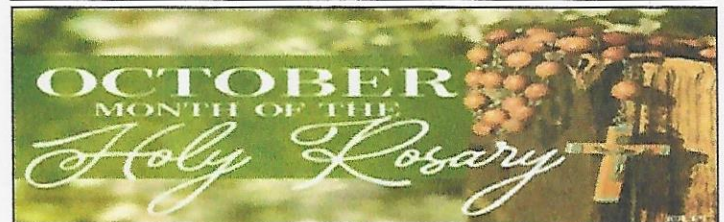


**ALLIANCE TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
Founded and Supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters

As children go trick and treating, remember that traffickers trick potential victims by initially being kind to them; giving them things as a way of establishing a relationship. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking** - Founded and Supported by US Catholic Sisters

**River of Life Fellowship Church, Copenhagen** - will be presenting Dr. Jason Lisle, from the Biblical Science Institute on October 12 & 13, 2024. held at River of Life Fellowship Church in Copenhagen. The event is free and for everyone. You can get more information from the bulletin boards.

**Wanted** - Someone to head the decorating committee for St. James. Please call 315-493-3224



**In case you did not know...** - Inserts that are in our Bulletin do not show up when LPI emails the bulletin to you. You have to go to our website [www.sj-sm.org](http://www.sj-sm.org) to see bulletin inserts for the week.

**St. James Tree of Life** - is recognizing the "Inherited from the Past-Preserving for the Future" Campaign donors. The IPPF Campaign will be using doves, apples, butterflies and leaves to distinguish the level of giving.

\$3,000 - \$4,999 - Leaf (Plain)

\$5,000 - \$9,999 - Leaf (W/Star)

\$10,000 - \$19,999 - Butterfly

\$20,000 - \$49,999 - Apple

\$50,000 and above - Dove

Donor's names will be engraved on the appropriate symbol representing the total donations given. The leaves will have +IPPF on top to distinguish this campaign from the Heritage Fund Campaign. The lowest level will have the donors' information only. The upper level will have a star on the bottom as well. We will automatically use the individual or couple's name/s we have on file unless we hear differently from you. If you would like to know if you have reached any of these goals (therefore having your name/s added to the tree), would instead like to have your symbol given in memory of someone specific, would like to make a final donation to bring you up to the next level or just have a question in general, please contact Joanne or Margaret in the Parish office during regular business hours at 315-493-3224. We ask that you contact us before the 15th of October to give us time to put the list together to send into the company by the end of October. Final donations would have to be received by October 15 to be able to upgrade your symbol.

A decorative border of orange pumpkins with green stems and curly leaves surrounds the central text.

**Pancake Breakfast**  
**To Benefit Augustinian Academy**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024**  
**8:00 AM Till 12:00 PM**  
**St. James Community Room, Carthage**

**MENU**

**Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Ham, Sausage,  
Baked Goods, Juice, and Coffee**

**PRICE**

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**Family of 4 or more \$27.00**



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# Growing in FAITH™

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October 2024

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Rev. Todd E. Thibault, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Teresa of Avila

Born in 1515, St. Teresa joined the Carmelites—over family objections—in 1535.

Soon after, she became so ill that the sisters dug a grave for her. St. Teresa recovered and wrote a book on prayer called *The Interior Castle*, based on her suffering. In 1562, she founded a stricter order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. Despite initial resistance, she founded several convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

**"I need all eternity to love them."**

Jesus confided these words to Gabrielle Bossis referring to us. By spending time with God, we get vital graces and limitless love. God wants to spend all eternity with us. Can you give five minutes to Him today?

*"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people"*

(Psalm 125:1-2).



## Holiness grows from deep roots in God's Love

God is crazy-in-love with each of us: *"In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us"* (1 John 4:10).

Holiness begins when we accept His "crazy love" (John 15:9) and return it. We can do this by meeting God in the present moment, renewing our "Yes" to Him each day, and receiving the Sacraments:

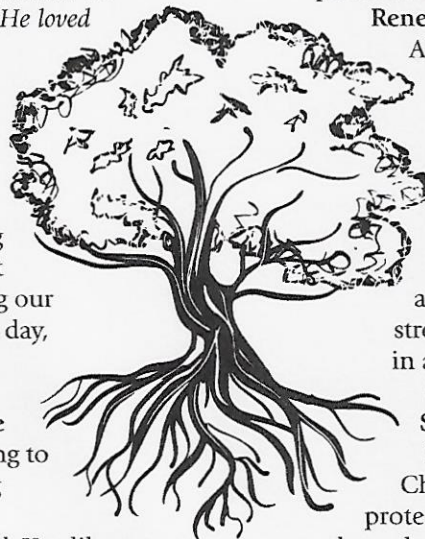
**Meet God in the "now."** It's tempting to delay approaching God until life is wonderful or awful. Yet, like any loving parent, He delights to be with us always (Proverbs 8:31), even when life is messy, unfinished, or imperfect. He knows we can't change ourselves without His grace. Give Him your heart

"as is," and receive the grace of the present moment.

**Renew your "yes" daily.**

Aligning with God's teachings and Commandments, as revealed in Scripture, affirms our "yes" to Him, showing trust in His plan over our own. Beginning each day with a sincere "yes" in prayer strengthens us to say "yes" in all areas of life.

**Stay close to the Sacraments.** Living the Faith is a battle, and the Church encourages us to protect ourselves with grace through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (in the Mass) and monthly Confession. In the Sacraments, God pours His grace and love into us, empowering us to share His love with others.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics wear saints' medals?

One way to recognize a Catholic is the crucifix or saint medal he or she may wear. Often blessed by a priest or deacon, these symbols represent the protection of God, Our Lady, or the saint depicted. Rather than being "good luck



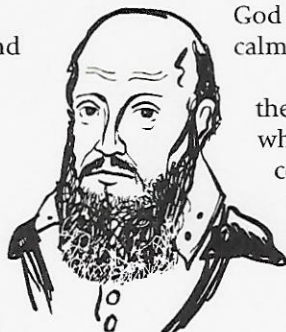
charms," they are sacramentals—consecrated objects meant to open the wearer's heart to God's grace. More than just adornments, they serve as constant, holy reminders to live out the values of the Catholic Faith in everyday life.

## Advice on patience from a saint with a temper

St. Francis de Sales, usually known for his meekness and patience, also had a fiery temper, and struggled against it all his life. Here are his tried-and-true tips for staying patient in a bad moment:

**Avoid speaking while angry.** St. Francis said, "It is better to drive it away quickly than to start a discussion with it." Even if you're right, what is said in anger is rarely effective. Most of the time, you end up apologizing anyway.

**Regain self-control "quietly and simply."** Only



God never has "bad hair days." Focus on staying calm. Be patient with everyone, including yourself.

**Prayer always helps.** St. Francis said to call on the Lord as the apostles did in the storm. Jesus, who calmed the wind and the waves, "will command your passions to cease and there will be a great calm."

**Apologize quickly.** If your anger does get the better of you, offer an act of gentleness towards the person right away (or as soon as you're feeling better). The sooner, the better.

### from Scripture

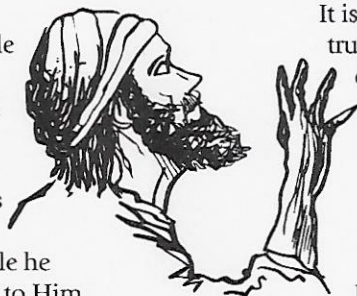
### Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who saw Jesus clearly. When he heard Jesus was near, he cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted until Jesus noticed him and called him over.

Immediately, Bartimaeus threw off his cloak and ran to Jesus. Even the little he had was discarded to get to Him.

Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humbly, but he was confident that Jesus had the power to do whatever he asked. The only person in Mark's Gospel to call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus asked Jesus

for his sight. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as His disciple.



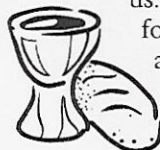
It is this faith, this profound trust, that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd and from us. The difficulties of being Christian in the world can blind us to the joys of following Him. Like Bartimaeus, approach Jesus with excitement and humble confidence. When

we throw off our fear and doubt, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

### Q & A How can I fully experience the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion?

God's grace is powerfully at work in this most accessible of Sacraments. To fully embrace this grace-filled experience, try these simple practices:

**Prepare your heart.** Just like medicine works best when taken correctly, being spiritually ready helps the Sacrament work more deeply in us. Dress respectfully, fast for one hour from food and drink, and confess any serious sins beforehand. These actions open us to



fully receive this healing medicine for our souls.

**Be real with God.** If you're struggling, don't hold back. Talk to Him! Echo the words of Scripture, "I believe; help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). God welcomes your honesty, doubts, and questions. Ask Him to reveal His love to you in a personal way.

**Say "Thank you!"** We're taught to thank a giver for a gift, even when it's not what we expected, because the real gift is the love behind it. At Mass, we receive Love Himself. Thank God for this life-changing gift, trusting that the joy of His presence will grow within you over time.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**October 1 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1897).** At the age of 15, Thérèse Martin became a Carmelite nun in Lisieux, France, and served others with "quiet acts of love." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, includes her "Little Way" to holiness in daily life.

**October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels.** All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us. Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

**October 9 – St. Denis (258).** Originally born in third-century Italy, St. Denis was sent with two companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius, to Christianize Gaul (modern day France). St. Denis became the first bishop of Paris. The three men were martyred by the pagan authorities for their success in converting souls to Christ.

**October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st Century).** St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70AD and 85AD.



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# I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE



During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished.

We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have *life*.

Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in

**“The light shines in  
the darkness, and  
the darkness has not  
overcome it.”**

**John 1:5**



need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”<sup>1</sup>

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”<sup>2</sup>

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. ...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”<sup>3</sup>

“I am with you always,  
until the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

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In the face of challenges such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide, we may feel that we are not equal to the task of overcoming the darkness. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus tells us, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

The God who became man to save us still dwells among us. For Christ is “the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). He is the one who overcame death and continually raises us to new life. He remains close to us always, seeking us out in each moment of our lives.

Jesus gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound



experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.

1 Pope Francis, “Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,” September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).

2 *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political*

*Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, Introductory Letter, p. 8. (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).

3 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.

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### St. Mary's News - October 6, 2024

**Coffee Hour** is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th hosted by the Green and Sullivan families.

**Altar Rosary** - For the month of October our Altar & Rosary members will recite the Rosary prior to the 8AM Mass on Sundays. Please join us at 7:45AM.

The next meeting of our **Altar and Rosary Society** is scheduled for November 6th at 6:30 PM at the church.

It's that time again for our annual **Turkey Raffle fundraiser**. Tickets are being mailed and distributed. Tickets and monies can be mailed or turned in to Marcia Mundy, Or given to MJ Fleming after Masses on Sundays. Extra tickets will be available also. Please try to sell at least 1 book of tickets as this is our only major fundraiser for the Church.

#### 14 Items have been donated this year:

\$500 cash	Outdoor Furniture Set
\$500 gas card	Bird House
Fire Pit	Welcome Sign
Gift Card Tree	2 Afghans
Handmade Quilt	Christmas Basket
22 ft. Blackstone Grill Set	Pancake Breakfast Basket
Corn Hole Boards and Bags	1 Gallon of Maple Syrup

Big shout out **"THANK YOU"** to all the St. Mary's parishioners that organized and worked the Pulled Pork Take-Out Dinner fundraiser. It was sold-out !! Our compliments to the chefs !!

We truly appreciate everyone's assistance.

#### KofC News: Upcoming dates:

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is under way  
Oct 5&6 - Pennies collections  
Oct 13 - Pancake Breakfast with Ave Maria Circle  
Oct 19 - Men's rosary at 8:30am  
Oct 27 - Fall Festival and Dinner fundraiser for sound system.  
Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) raffle tickets are available at the rectory, \$3 each and 4/\$10 to support our local food pantries!

Essay contest entry forms will be available at St James, St Mary's and the rectory.

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

#### PLANNED GIVING: Benefits of Giving Wisely:

Did you know there are creative ways to support our Parish? Ways in which our Parish, you and your love ones all benefit at the same time? Such giving techniques are called "planned gifts," because with thoughtful planning, you create win-win solutions for you and the Parish. For further information, contact Scott Lalone, Executive Director of Development/Foundation at the Diocese of Ogdensburg at 315-393-2920 or [slalone@rcdony.org](mailto:slalone@rcdony.org).

#### It's Respect Life Month!

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit [respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)



#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

In Benedict XVI words: "In recent decades the doctrine of Creation had almost disappeared from theology, it was almost imperceptible. We are now aware of the damage that this has caused. The Redeemer is the Creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur – as Creator and as Redeemer – we also diminish the value of the Redemption." This week let us take a moment to be in awe of the magnificence of the work of the Creator from the smallest fingerprint to the grandest wonder of nature. For more ways to celebrate the Season see: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

#### MOVING THE NEEDLE ON FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:

##### For pastors, catechists, families

Church documents are clear, and research is mounting about the urgency of parent involvement to effectively pass on faith to our children. This session will share why family engagement is essential and suggest strategies and models parishes can implement that integrate the family into traditional religious education. It will offer practical ways and examples of how to encourage family faith practices and how to accompany and coach parents, through ideas that resonate with families to nurture faith. Join us **Saturday, October 12, from 9am to 3:30pm**, at St. Agnes School in Lake Placid to consider the "why" of family faith formation and ideas of "how" to do just that! Register: [www.rcdony.org/needle](http://www.rcdony.org/needle)  
For more information: Contact Cathy Russell at [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org)

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#### IN MEMORIAM- For the month of .....October 2024 (SJ&SM)

##### Sanctuary Lamp

SJ - In Memory of Lee Clary by Ablan family  
SJ - In Memory of Sister Mary Louise Williams, O.S.F.  
SM - In Memory of Chris Houppert & deceased family members by Victoria Windover

##### Mass Candles

SJ - For Intentions of Ray by family  
SM - In Memory of the deceased members of the Charles Gorzalkowski family by Victoria Windover

##### Votive Lights on Our Lady's Shrine

SJ - In Memory of Stanley & Norma Company by family

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

SJ - In Memory of Joseph & Tom Ablan by family

##### Altar Breads

SJ - In Memory of Carol Lee Bartell Ashcroft by Jim  
SJ - In Memory of the Souls in Purgatory by friends  
SM - In Memory of deceased members of the Eisel family

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?

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