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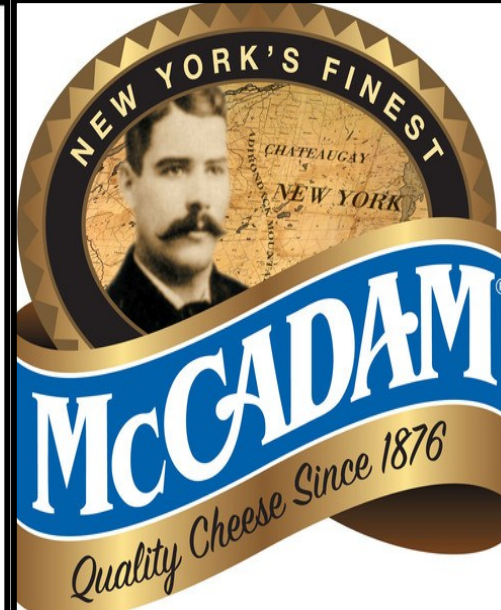


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The Catholic Community of the Oswegatchie Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time - October 4, 2026

Pastor: Fr. James Seymour jseymour@rcdony.org **Deacon:** Henry Leader **Deacon:** Phil Giardino

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Sacred Heart Worship Site

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St. James Thrift Store 315-775-7470

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 2pm

Parish Office

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Mission Statement and Vision

*We, the parishioners of St. James Parish,
in order, to love both God and neighbor and become
the "living stones" and saints,
God Is calling us to be, strive to:
Educate the seeker with the truths of our Catholic faith,
Worship the beauty of Jesus Christ,
our hope Reach out to the stranger
and welcome them in charity.*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3rd
St. James (4:00pm) - Mercuria Centofanti by
Centofanti & Hall families
Sacred Heart (5:30pm) - In loving memory of Mom & Dad
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Sunday, Oct. 4th - 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time
St. Hubert (9:00am) - For the people of our parishes
St. James (11:00am) - Vera Young by Lori Wade

Monday, October 5th
St. Hubert's (8:30am) - Holy Communion Service
St. James (5:00pm) - Robert Leader by the Leader Family
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 6th
St. Hubert's (8:30 am) - Mass with Msgr. Murphy
St. James (12:00pm) - Dave Rastley by Pistolesi Family

Wednesday, October 7th
St. Hubert's (8:30 am) - For the intentions of Ben & Lucia
Sander by Mary Jarvis
St. James - (12:00 pm) - No Mass

Thursday, October 8th
St. Hubert (8:30 am) - Mass with Msgr. Murphy
St. James (12:00pm) - All Souls

Friday, October 9th
St. Hubert's (8:30am) - Mass with Msgr. Murphy
St. James (9:30am) - St. James School by all Alumni

Saturday, October 10th
St. James (4:00pm) - Dawn Young by mom
Sacred Heart (5:30pm) - For the people of our parishes

Sunday, October 11th - 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time
St. Hubert (9:00am) - In memory of Raymond & Teresa
Pomerville by Jean Pomerville
St. James (11:00am) - Shirley Sheen by Donna Besaw

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM: Baptismal preparation is completed on an individual basis. Please contact the Pastor to arrange for the celebration of the Sacrament.

MARRIAGE: If you are seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, contact with the pastor **must** be made no less than six months in advance. No dates or arrangements should be made until meeting with the pastor.

CONFESSION: Consult the front of the bulletin for regularly scheduled times or call for an appointment.

ANOIDTING of the Sick Contact the parish office in advance of surgery or as soon as possible when serious illness has set in.

COMMUNION FOR SHUT –INS – Please notify the Rectory if anyone is unable to attend Sunday Mass regularly.

NEW PARISHIONERS – Forms are at the Church entrances to register or register through the parish office.

Pastor's Desk

Repair Work

We recently received permission from the Bishop to move ahead with some interior repair of our church. That is good news as I know people are tired of looking at crumbling plaster and holes in the wall. We are in the midst of Bishop's Fund and that should be a priority but we could also use some help with funding the church repair work. Most of the cost will be covered by our three year Capital Campaign which concludes this coming summer. It would be much appreciated if any donations could be made or outstanding pledges fulfilled before the end of the year.

Building work aside, we should also look at doing some interior repair with the sacrament of reconciliation. When is the last time you went to confession? Maybe it is not major spiritual repair but all of our hearts need cleaning up and renovation from time to time. Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 pm or by appointment any time that is convenient.

Father Jay

One Church, One Mission

We are grateful to the 27 families that have made a sacrificial gift to this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. Our parish has raised \$4,964.00 toward the effort. On behalf of Bishop LaValley, thank you to all who have supported this year's Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Our goal is to have 80 families participating in this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the church. You also have the opportunity to make your gift and pledge payments online using a debit or credit card. Please visit www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund.

All parish leaders, catechists, ministry volunteers and all who care about faith formation are invited to attend the fall LEAD Event: Journey with Christ to learn how parishes can nurture faith across every stage of life while building stronger family and ministry connections among the wider parish community. Oct 17, 2026, 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Church of the Visitation, Norfolk. Bring a bagged lunch. No fee. Speaker: Dr. Steven Serafin of Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries.

Register at: www.rcdony.org/journey

More details about LEAD are available on diocesan website [Faith Formation Page](#)

Contact for More Information: Anita Soltero **Email:** asoltero@rcdony.org **Phone Number:** 518-310-3669

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u> Weekend of September 26th & 27th St. James - \$ 3,648.00 Sacred Heart -\$ 426.00 St. Hubert's - \$ 1,398.00

PARISH/SCHOOL NEWS:

SCHOOL:

Oct. 5 - Fr. Jay will bless the animals of staff and students at 2:45pm

Oct. 9- Half day for students

Oct. 12- No School—Columbus Day

Oct. 23 - Halloween skate night

PARISH:

Oct. 11 - Special Screening of the Chosen Season 6 Episode 1

Oct. 17-18 - 2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday

Oct 22 - Parish Council Meeting at 6:30pm

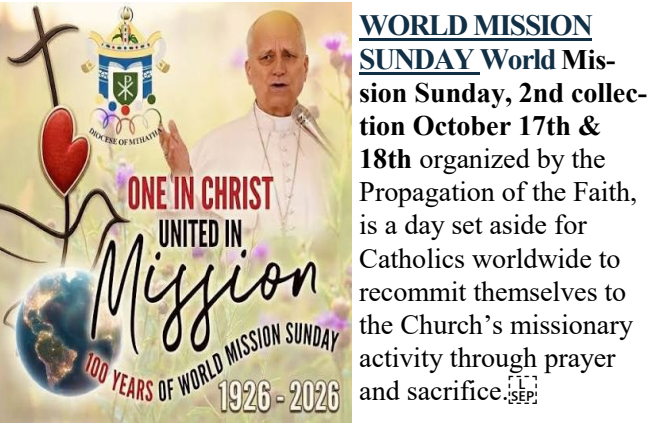
Join us for a special advance screening of the first episode of *The Chosen* Season 6 before its public release! Experience the beginning of this powerful new season together as a church family. **DATE:** Sunday, October 11. **TIME** 12:30pm. **LOCATION:** Gouverneur Community Center. **COST:** Free and open to all. Bring your family and friends.

Note: Season 6 covers the events leading to the crucifixion, so viewer discretion is advised for younger children.

Don't think you qualify for discounts on your energy bills? Think again. Half of all New York households are now eligible for relief through the Energy Affordability Program. If you pay for electricity or natural gas through one of the state's utility companies, you may qualify for savings. The Energy Affordability Program (EAP) provides eligible customers with utility bill discounts they can count on each month. NEW in 2026: Expanded eligibility. Millions of New Yorkers are newly eligible in 2026. Don't leave money on the table! When you receive relief through EAP, you'll receive recurring discounts directly on your monthly electric or natural gas bill. Claim your savings today.

1. Apply online. Visit **ny.gov/eap** to learn more and apply.
2. Questions about enrollment? Contact your utility. Reach out to your electric or natural gas provider directly. Your utility can provide more information on eligibility and answer any questions about the application process.

CHURCH CLEANERS
Oct. 12 - Oct. 25 - Laurie Weekes & Lori Wade
Oct. 26 - Nov. 8 - Brandy Parshley



Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is “an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world” (see *Redemptoris Missio* 81).^{[1]^{SEP}}

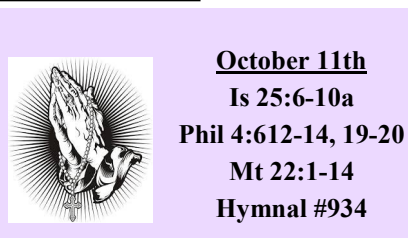
Pope John Paul II has also spoken of the Propagation of the Faith's General Fund of support, calling this a "central fund of solidarity." In a message delivered on a recent World Mission Sunday, the Pope said: "The offerings that will be collected [on World Mission Sunday] are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world.

Special interest groups have been engaging in a campaign of misinformation about the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit in an effort to convince Governor Hochul to change her mind about opting in. To be clear: The new program does not take one penny from public school funding and, in fact, both public and religious school students will be major beneficiaries

of the program. Governor Hochul has indicated she plans to opt in to help New York families, and **she needs to hear from you today** telling her that you support her decision. Go to bit.ly/Thank-Gov-Hochul or use the QR code to send your message.

SUNDAY READINGS

<u>October 4th</u> Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43 Hymnal #931		<u>October 11th</u> Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:6:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14 Hymnal #934
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