



Alpha

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14TH

MONDAYS 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith. We meet at St. James School, 20 S Gordon St., Gouverneur

WHAT TO EXPECT

FIRST, THERE IS FOOD

There is a simple and delicious meal together at each session that gives you an opportunity to get to know one another.

THEN THERE IS A SHORT VIDEO

The Alpha Film Series is a cinematic, documentary-style video curriculum designed to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through engaging talks, global interviews and modern visual illustrations.

THEN THERE IS DISCUSSION

The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. They explore big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity.

This is the most important part of Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a safe, welcoming environment. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

HOW TO JOIN

Pre register by using the sign up sheet located in the Church. Contact the parish office or just show up on Monday Sept. 14th!

The Catholic Community of the Oswegatchie *Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time - September 6, 2026*

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

Website: www.oswegatchiecatholics.org

Parish Office

St. James Church

164 E. Main Street
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315-287-0114

Kelley Miller, Secretary

gouverneursec@rcdony.org

Sacred Heart Worship Site

6 Trout Lake Road, Edwards, NY 13635

St. James Thrift Store 315-775-7470

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 2pm

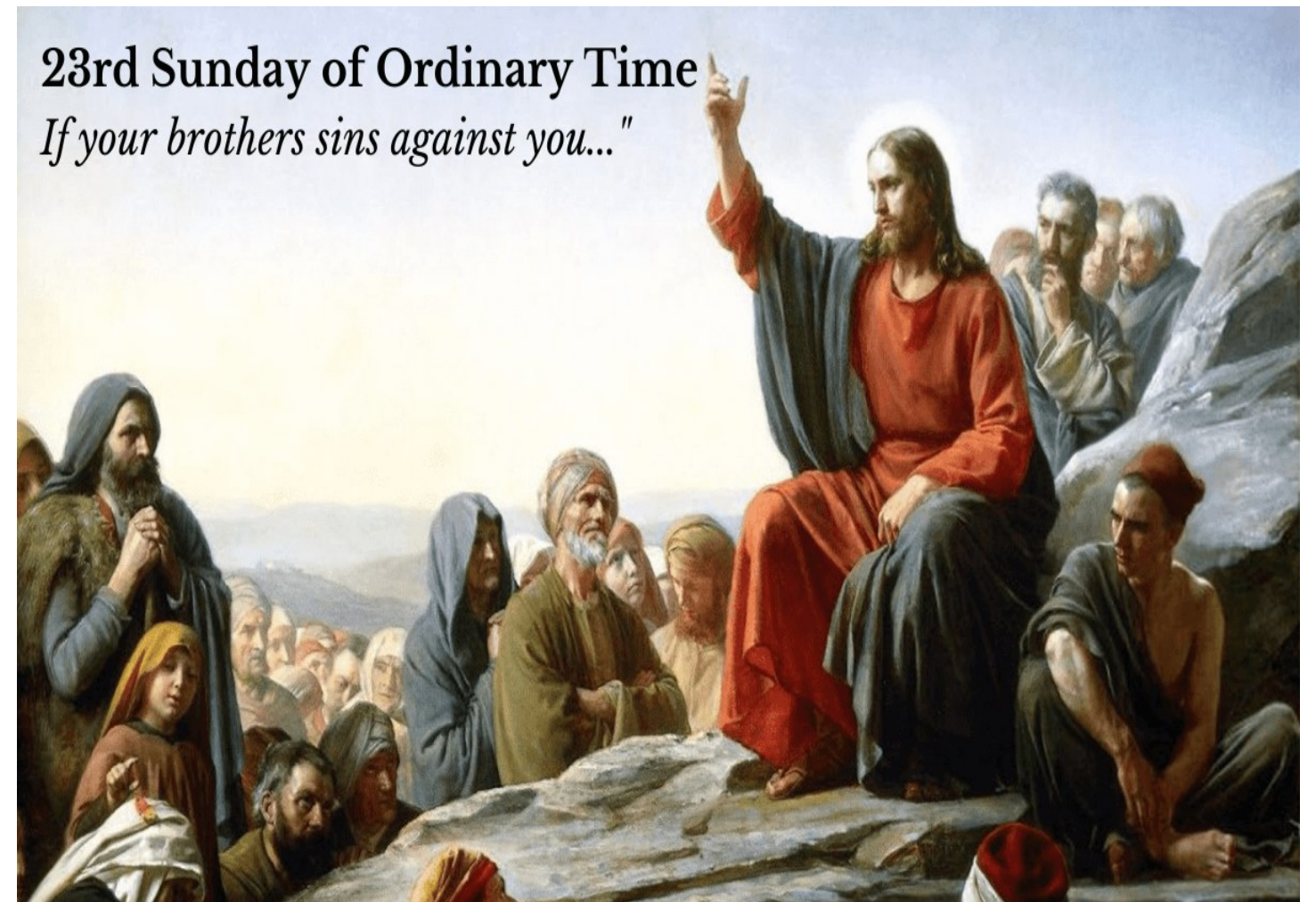
Parish Office

St. Hubert's Church

1046 Oswegatchie Trail Rd
Star Lake, NY 13690
315-848-3612

Deb Norman, Secretary

starlakesec@rcdony.org



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

If your brothers sins against you..."

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, September 5th
St. James (4:00pm) - For the people of our parishes
Sacred Heart (5:30pm) - Peter Matejcik by Pete & Chris
Matejcik

Sunday, September 6th 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
St. Hubert (9:00am) - Raymond & Teresa Pomerville by
Jean Pomerville
St. James (11:00am) - Antonio Torres by Juan & Monine
Rodriguez

Monday, September 7th
St. Hubert's (8:30am) - Holy Communion Service
St. James (12:00pm) - No Mass

Tuesday, September 8th
St. Hubert's (8:30 am) - Holy Communion Service
St. James (11:30am) - Bob Martin by Joe & Judy

Wednesday, September 9th
St. Hubert's (8:30 am) - For the repose of the soul of
Lorraine Giardino by Kathy & Deacon Kevin Mastellon
St. James - (12:00 pm) - No Mass

Thursday, September 10th
St. Hubert (8:30 am) - Mass with Msgr. Murphy
St. James (12:00pm) - For the people of our parishes

Friday, September 11th
St. Hubert's (8:30am) - Mass with Msgr. Murphy
St. James (9:30am) - Deborah Clark by Brassard Family

Saturday, September 12th
St. James (4:00pm) - Warren Gregory by Christ Renew
Group
Sacred Heart (5:30pm) - In loving memory of Mom and
Dad Kopchinski

Sunday, September 13th - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
St. Hubert (9:00am) - In memory of Gary Woods by Charlotte
and family
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:45 - 10:45
St. James (11:00am) - Scott Wade by his wife Lori

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.

ANOINTING 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.

**Parish council meeting is scheduled for Thursday,
September 17th at 6:30pm. All are welcome!**

You're invited to join us for **Eucharistic Adoration Sunday, September 13 at 9:45-10:45 am** before 11:00 am Mass. Whether you can come for a full hour or only a few minutes, know that Our Lord is waiting for you with love.

The 2026 Bishop's Fund Appeal will begin soon in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Our goal is to have 80 or more families participate in this important Appeal. If we do this, we will surely exceed our parish goal of \$ 11,600. Your gift to the 2026 Bishop's Fund Appeal will help continue the vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need. Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to this year's effort. In two weeks, we will have Commitment Weekend for the 2026 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or a one-time gift to the Appeal. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to assist families in need.

Weekend of August 29th and 30th
St. James - \$ 3,797.70
Sacred Heart -\$ 602.00
St. Hubert's - \$ 1,378.00

When we request a Mass intention, we are asking the priest to apply the infinite graces of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for a specific purpose—whether for the repose of the soul of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for a particular healing or intention. A common question that arises is whether a Mass offered on a Sunday carries more spiritual weight than one offered on a weekday. The short answer is no. Every single Mass is of infinite value because it is the very same sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary.

Whether offered amidst a packed church on Sunday or a quiet gathering on a weekday, the offering is identical: it is Christ offering Himself to the Father for us. **Please schedule some of your intentions for our weekday liturgies**, knowing that they are just as deeply meaningful, powerful, and pleasing to God.

of St. Joseph invite you to a meeting on Saturday, September 12, St. Patrick's Center, Colton at 1 p.m.; on Sunday, September 20 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Dostie Hall, Watertown from 2 to 4 p.m. if you are interested in learning about our Lay Associate Program. Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality, the charism and mission and history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, pray together and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women. **If you are interested, please contact:** Sister Mary Eamon (smelyngssj@yahoo.com) or call 315-393-6511 or Sister Bethany (srbethsj@gmail.com) or call 315-405-4058.



As a Gabriel Angel, you do not need to have all the answers. You simply need an open heart to serve as a mentor, friend, and a bridge to community resources. Your role will include checking in on mom, praying with her, and helping coordinate the delivery of essential supplies like diapers and baby clothes.

Please consider becoming a Gabriel Angel, contact Michelle Fuller our Parish Coordinator, at (315) 486-8173. Help us deliver the message: ***“Fear not, you are not alone.”***



TO OUR NEW STAFF!

St. James parish would like to welcome the following individuals to our school staff:

Ashlee Flood - School Secretary

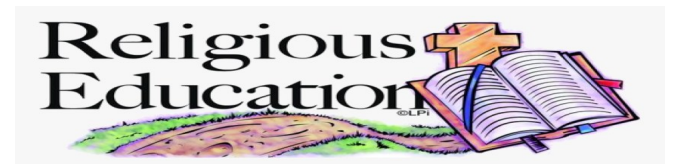
Alexandra Mauro - 2nd Grade Teacher

Grace Mashaw - 3rd and 4th Grade Teacher

Let's keep our school staff, students and families in our prayers as they begin this new school year .

CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE

All married couples and their families are invited to join the annual Celebration of Love and Marriage Mass on Sunday, **September 20**, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Bishop LaValley will be presiding. Whether you have been married for less than 1 year, over 50 years or anywhere in between, the diocese wants to acknowledge your commitment and celebrate with you. Married couples who wish to receive a certificate signed by Bishop LaValley and have their names appear in the program should register no later than September 11 at <https://www.rcdony.org/jubilee>. There will be a gathering with refreshments after the Mass.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION** Reg-

istration for the upcoming 2026–2027 Faith Formation year is now open for grades K through 12. We offer sessions to help your children grow in their relationship with God, learn the truths of the Catholic faith, and prepare for the Sacraments. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances and by contacting the parish office. The form can also be found on our website: **oswegatchie Catholics.org**

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." - Ps. 34:8 Just as tasting a fresh food allows us to know its flavor, the Psalmist invites us to personally experience God's goodness. Have you enjoyed a fresh homegrown strawberry yet and the goodness of God?

CHURCH CLEANERS

Aug. 31 - Sept. 13 Laurie Weeke & Lori Wade
Sept. 14 - Sept. 27 Brandi Parshley

SUNDAY READINGS

September 6th
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20
Hymnal #919



September 13th
Sir 27:30 28:7
Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35
Hymnal #922