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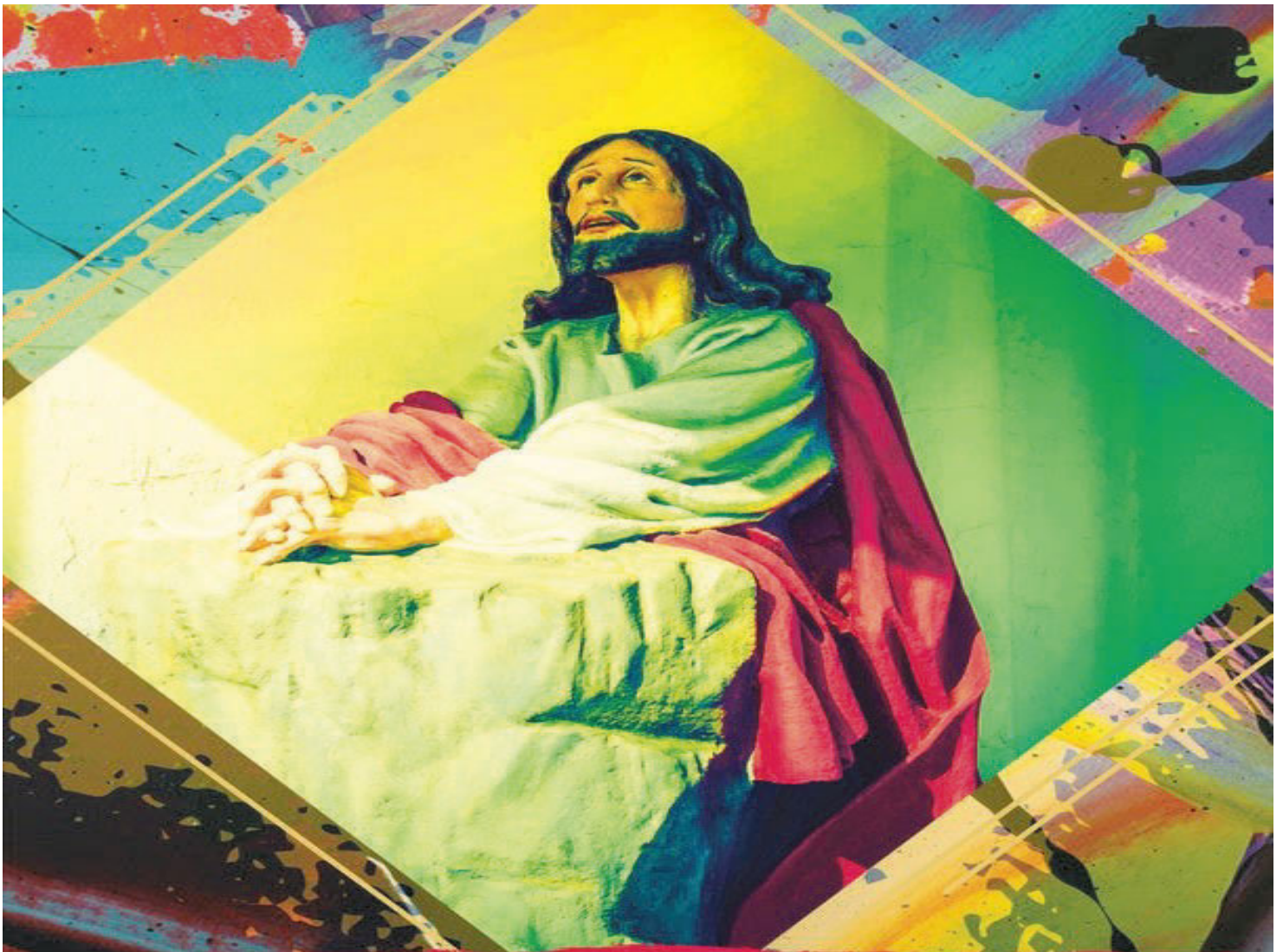
## *MISSION STATEMENT*

St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York  
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August 18, 2024



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him.” - Jn 6:56

**MEMORIALS:**

The Sacramental Wine for this week of Aug 18-24, 2024 has been donated by Mary & Jim Carr in memory of Josephine and Henry Ryan.

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Icon candle for the week of August 18-24, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her children and grandchildren.

The main altar arrangement for the week of August 18-24 has been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her husband, Ben.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

- Jean Boor
- Sr. Anne Marie Burns, SSJ
- Camilla Leszyk
- Bonnie Cummings
- Luke Nugent
- Lydia Ortiz
- Budd Strong
- Edward Sassano
- Mert Voorhees
- James Whittaker

**PRAYER PLAQUE FOR THE SICK:**

The prayer plaque listing the names of individuals who have asked for our prayers is posted in the vestibule of the church. If you wish to have your name added to the list, or know of someone who is sick and would like to be added, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817

**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

If you are looking for a great way to spend a fall afternoon with your friends out on the golf course, we hope you will join us for the 14th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf Classic. You will be able to enjoy your love of golf while raising funds to support our school. The four person scramble tournament will be held on Sunday, September 15th, at Willow Creek. There will be dinner immediately following the tournament.

You can register an individual player, register a team and/or sponsor the tournament by completing a registration form and mailing the form or dropping it off with payment to St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake Street, Horseheads, NY 14845. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule or at the school. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Our Mother School. If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact the school office at 739-9157.

**ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL 2024-2025 REGISTRATION**

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2024-2025 school year for grades pre-k-3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$200 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, please call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during summer hours from 8:00 a. m. - 2:30 p.m.

**CEMETERY NEWS:**

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary Our Mother cemetery. We ask that you please observe the 10mph speed limit. It is also important not to park on the grass, as many grave sites extend to the very edge of the road. The cemetery is a consecrated area. Reverence should be maintained at all times.

On-line giving QR Code



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

It hardly seems possible but we are in the third weekend in August! I hope you have been able to take advantage of these summer days to slow down and to appreciate the world around you.

Have you ever wondered about the origins of the vestments that the priest wears while presiding at Mass? These articles of clothing have been developing since the earliest Christian times. In the first three centuries of the church, the clothing worn was the same as the ordinary dress of the time period. An outer robe, which is now called a chausuble, an inner robe, which we now call an alb, were worn by those called upon to preside at the Sacred Mysteries. While the same type of clothing was worn, there would have been everyday examples as well as better garments for special use.

Between the fourth and ninth centuries, the special sense of priestly dress came about. The earlier attire now became separate from the ordinary dress of the time and became distinctive to the deacon, priest, and bishop. Ordinary garments of the time were to be worn under these 'vestments,' and the development of special articles of clothing such as the stole, amice, and maniple took place at this time. By the eighth century, the influence of the church of Rome begins to make an impact and throughout the western Church the vestments were known for their simplicity; the robes being made of many folds of cloth which did not need much ornamentation.

Between the ninth and thirteenth centuries, the development of the priestly vestments was completed. For the priest, the chausuble was the vestment meant exclusively for the Mass while the stole and alb was to be used for all ritual functions. Certain articles like shoes and stockings became exclusive to the bishop's attire, as well as gloves and the mitre.

From the fourteenth century to the present, the history of the liturgical vestments is mainly in the history of their evolution. During this time, there was more emphasis placed on their adornment with embroidery and ornamental trimmings, and the nature of the material they were created from. Many of the vestments of the period were extremely ornate, which made them very uncomfortable to wear while trying to carry out the rituals of the Sacred Mysteries. The Second Vatican Council saw a simplification of the vestments worn for Mass both in number as well as in ornamentation. Today, a priest vesting for Mass wears an alb, a stole, and a chausuble.

As the vestments developed over the centuries, so did the various liturgical colors of the vestments. The chausuble and stole, however, follow the liturgical colors of the various liturgical seasons--white, red, blue/purple, green and rose. There will be more on this topic of vestments in next week's 'Perspective.'

Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 19 , Weekday</b> Mass of thanksgiving on the 55th wedding anniversary of Mary Susan and Joe Skelly
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 20, St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</b> Deceased of the Mills family - family
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 21, St. Pius X, Pope</b> Faithful departed
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Tom Letts - Jackie and Warren Conklin
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 23, Weekday</b> Bob Lantzy - his family
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>August 24, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</b> Joyce Kenefick - Jackie and Warren Conklin
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<b>August 25, the Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Samantha Dobek - her family Margaret Bellizia - her family

**Everyday Stewardship**

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation.

Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ Himself, and He has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all He has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would He invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what He went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SUMMER RETREATS:**

*August 23-25*

Couples Retreat--Just As You Are--Encountering God's Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Fr. Phil Brockmyre, Deacon Gregory and Elena Kiley and Jodie Scordo.



**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives His point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There He would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially His own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in Him.

The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with Him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love, separates us from sin -- even wiping away venial sins--unifies us with the universal Church, and helps commit us to humble service. Together we are nourished for our mission in the world! *Liturgical Publications, Inc*



The Horseheads Food Pantry is requesting the following much needed food items: **crackers** (saltine or ritz type), **cereals** (oatmeal or cold cereals), and **"frosting for cake mixes."**

The pantry is always in need of **personal care items** as they are not available from the Food Bank. This includes: **body soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and feminine personal hygiene items.** They cannot accept over the counter medicines or vitamins.

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The beginning of the school year is fast approaching, and that means the start of our parish faith formation classes. Following you will find important dates of when each program will begin.

**CONFIRMATION YRS. 1 & 2:** Sunday, September 15, 2024. There will be a meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the church. All incoming 8th graders (year 1) and 9th graders (year 2) must attend with a parent. If your child will be entering 9th grade or above, has received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, and has not started year 2 Confirmation classes, they are encouraged to attend this meeting as well.

**First Penance:** Saturday, September 21, 2024, there will be a meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All incoming 2nd graders who plan on receiving First Holy Communion in the Spring must attend this meeting with a parent. If your child is in a grade level other than 2nd grade and is at least seven years old and has been baptized and would like to receive First Holy Communion in the Spring must attend this meeting for First Penance.

**Tuesday Faith Formation Program:** Our Tuesday program will begin on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 beginning at 3:45 p.m. in the church. Please drop your student off in the church. Pick-up will also be in the church at 5:00 p.m.

**Youth Group:** The first Youth Group meeting of the school year will be held on Sunday, September 29th. at 5:00 p.m. All students in grades 6 and above are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

**Home Study:** Saturday, October 5, 2024, there will be a home study meeting in O'Brien Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

All registration forms for each program can be found in the back of the church next to the bulletin board or on the parish webpage. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office- 607-739-8214.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at a buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills.

But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

*"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." — John 6:55*

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