



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

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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September 29, 2024



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, October 1

3:45 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes-school

Wednesday, October 2

5:30 p.m.—Blessing of the Animals-East parking lot

Thursday, October 3,

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

Saturday, October 5,

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please join us for the annual **St. Francis Day Blessing of Animals** on **Wednesday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m.**, in the east parking lot (near the playground area) of St. Mary Our Mother Church. *(Please note the day change.)* All pets and their owners are welcome! To ensure a safe environment for all, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.



MEMORIALS:

The Main Altar arrangement for the week of September 29th–Oct. 5th has been donated in loving memory of Les and Martyn Reimsnyder by their daughter, Nancy.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Dr. Renato Rojas
Janis Zelko



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.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE FALL RETREATS:

“Just as You Are: - encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus—

Women	September 27-29
Men	October 25-27
Men and Women	November 15-17 (silent)

“Fill Your Soul Days”

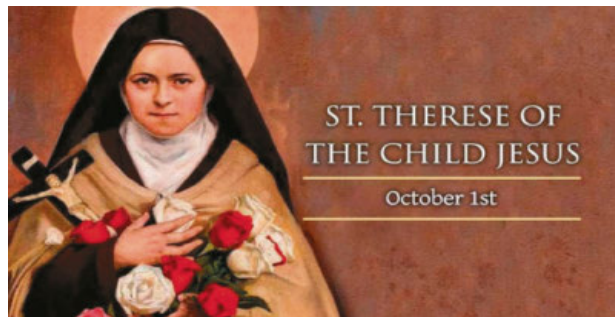
October 8	“Praying with Icons”
November 6	“Looking Godward...”
December 11	“Making time for God & Others”

SPECIAL EVENTS:

November 1-2	“Tolkien’s Spiritual Journey”
December 7	“God Present & Coming... (Advent)”

FREE EVENTS:

Senior Luncheon Series	10/18, 11/15, 12/13
Mindful Walking on Trails	—9/26@5pm



St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus is a **patroness of the missions**, not because she went on a mission anywhere, but because of her special regard for the missions and the prayers and letters she gave in support of missionaries. She is also the patron saint of florists and soldiers.

‘It is true I am not always faithful, but I never lose courage.’ I leave myself in the Arms of Our Lord. We must abandon the future into the hands of God. Jesus Christ alone is singularly to be loved, who alone is found good and faithful above all friend .

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

The Diocese of Rochester is currently in the process of carrying out a census initiative for all parishes in the diocese. The purpose of this census is to gather accurate and up-to-date information about all our registered parishioners, as well as inviting those Catholics who may not yet be registered in our parishes to register if they would like.

By conducting this comprehensive survey and obtaining accurate contact information, we hope to strengthen pastoral care, stewardship, and enhance communication by having a reliable means of informing parishioners about events, programs, ministries and greater opportunities for spiritual growth at our parish and throughout the Diocese. Kindly be assured that all information provided will be handled with utmost confidentiality. The data collected will be used solely for pastoral, stewardship, and communications purposes.

Some parishes have already been through this process, we are in the third and last group. During the next six weeks or so, we are asking parishioners to complete a census form, updating basic information. It will be most helpful to us if the form can be completed on-line. If we have your e-mail address in our system, you may receive an e-mail, with a link taking you to the census form where you can submit it on-line. Married couples and married couples with children under eighteen can fill out just one form. Adult children or any other adult living in the same household can fill out their own census form.

Over the next six weeks or so, there will be opportunities to fill out the census form and we will keep you informed about those opportunities—we know that not everyone has a computer. You may also refer to the website for the Diocese of Rochester—dor.org—there is census link which will provide further information about the census.

So please look for the e-mail that you might receive—it's not SPAM; it's part of a diocesan wide endeavor. We will be providing further information on the census in the coming weeks and encouraging you to participate.

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

Fr. L.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday,	September 30, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
6:45 A.M.	Faithful Departed
Tuesday,	October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus
6:45 A.M.	Faithful Departed
Wednesday,	October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels
6:45 A.M.	George Gresock—Ann & family
Thursday,	October 3, Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Margaret Bellizia—Family
Friday,	October 4, St. Francis of Assisi
6:45 A.M.	Faithful departed
9:00 A.M.	For students, teachers, staff and families of our school
Saturday,	October 5, Weekday
5:00 P.M.	Joe Along-- Kathleen and James Along
Sunday,	October 6 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M.	Teresa Dobek—her family
10:30 A.M.	Angie Barbito—her loving family

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -Breaking the Stewardship Mold

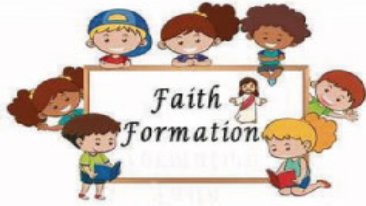
Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

The Horseheads Food Pantry is requesting the following much needed food items: Canned potatoes, beets, creamed soups of all kinds, cake mixes, cake frosting, brownie mix, cereals for children.

CONFIRMATION YRS. 1 & 2: Sunday, September 29, 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.

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.

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.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Miss Lily Barr**, Faith Formation Assistant
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Heather Bill**, Principal
- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
- Michelle Card**, Business Manager
- Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo**, Parish Secretary
- Ms. Wendy Slater**, Office Assistant
- Mr. Doug Johnson**, Cemetery Manager
- Mrs. Barbara Matterazzo**, Bulletin Editor
- Ms. Jenna Crandall**, Maintenance
- Mr. Roger Williams**, Maintenance

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti**, Chairperson
- Mrs. Richelle Riina**, Recording Secretary

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Religious Education Office**
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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 Lily Barr at the parish office-607-739-8214.



CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL:

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2024-2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church's mission through good times and bad—through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and our Diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders to led our Church into the future. We are called to meet these needs.

ORDINARY TIME:**Question:**

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS:**The Angel in the Marble**

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside.

I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we have been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

"I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and He sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

"Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" — Psalm 19:13

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