



# 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  
(607) 739-3817

October 13, 2024



## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,  
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Monday, October 14**

Columbus Day Holiday—parish offices closed

**Tuesday, October 15**

3:45 p.m. —Faith Formation classes—school

**Thursday, October 17**

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

**Saturday, October 19**

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



The main altar flower arrangement for the week October 13-19, 2024 has been donated in loving memory of Tony Dandrea by his wife, Ida and family.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Joe Ungvarsky

Joann Ferris

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED:**

The parish offices will be closed on **Monday, October 14th** in observance of the **Columbus Day holiday weekend**. The offices will reopen on **Tuesday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m.**

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday weekend.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP:**

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 5th. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th. through March 1st. Spring and summer decorations/flowers are allowed from March 15th. through November 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 5th.

**HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2025:**

The Hands of Christ is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior of the class of 2025 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

\*consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example;

\*has been actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;

\*has been a positive role model for peers and younger children;

\*is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother parish and attends Mass regularly;

\*is currently a high school senior.

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form including the nominee’s name, address, telephone number, and high school along with the examples of the above mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor. All nominations are due in the parish office by December 1, 2024.

**WOUNDED HEALERS’ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**

The Wounded Healers’ Bereavement Support Group will be offered on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM, in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Drive to the east parking lot. Use the door of the school across from the playground. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a memento of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen, and are careful to not dogmatize with “shoulds.” We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; as you are each hoping to find encouragement, insight, and normalization from each other. You may share or you may just listen. We encourage you to be sensitive to your own needs. ALL are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, “We see healing in the very act of helping

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

For over forty years, there has been an annual campaign seeking financial support for the many ministries and outreach services of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, know commonly as the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The appeal supports the on-going work of ministry in all parishes of the diocese.

The theme of this year's appeal is "*Extending Christ's Mission.*" The Catholic Ministries Appeal encourages us once again to be supportive of the valuable ministries and services offered to our entire diocesan family. All registered parishioners should have received a letter concerning this CMA within the past week or two. I hope you will read this letter and prayerfully consider a gift to help us reach our financial obligation for this year's **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Our parish goal for this year is \$96,000, which is a slight increase from last year's goal. As you are aware, we are responsible for any shortfall to this year's appeal.

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your gift is joined with thousands of others to enable our diocesan church to:

*Support ministries that reach out with the hands and hearts of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned;*

*Ensure we can help struggling families find their way through economic crisis and back to stability;*

*Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves more than 250,000 people annually;*

*Fund ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith and teaches values that will carry into adulthood;*

*Help support the funding for the education of candidates for the priesthood and permanent diaconate;*

*Prepare engaged couples for God-centered marriages rooted in the Catholic faith;*

*Educate and prepare those who wish to become Catholic for the fullness of life in the Roman Catholic Church through the OCIA, formerly known as RCIA;*

*Help us to promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life and make our voice heard in society;*

*Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection to the Church;*

*Provide important services to our parish that it would find difficult to afford on its own.*

Further information on the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** can be accessed at the diocesan website, dor.org, and follow the link concerning the CMA. If you did not receive information on the Catholic Ministries Appeal through the mail,

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>October 14 Weekday,</b> Doris Dickinson—Jan Graves
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>October 15, Saint Teresa of Jesus</b> Mamie Woodard—Peggy Woodard
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>October 16, Weekday</b> Les Reimsnyder—Nancy Kosalek
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch</b> Mary Young—Ray Wawrzusin
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>October 18, St. Luke, Evangelist</b> Faithful departed
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>October 19,</b> Bill Cotterill—his loving family
<b>Sunday,</b> 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<b>October 20</b> <b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Teri Guardi —Bob Deceased members of the Walter Sabatura family

**Pastor's perspective continued:**

additional information and envelopes are available in the church vestibule. I want to thank you for your anticipated generosity to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. With the participation of all parishioners, we can make our parish goal.

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

Fr. L.

**NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2024-  
FORM YOUR CONSCIENCE**

In their pastoral statement, Forming Conscience for Faithful Citizenship, our U.S. Catholic Bishops urge us to form our consciences by being open to truth, studying Scripture and Church teaching, examining facts and background information, and prayerful reflection. Visit **[www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org)** to learn about the steps we can take to form our consciences, watch videos and find other helpful resources on conscience formation for this election season.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:**

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and parts of Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY

MOMENTS: By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Possessions:

When I was a kid, before smartphones and Amazon, it was the toy catalogs that we waited for.

They arrived in the mail, smiling children’s faces splashed across the cover, like a silent promise that real happiness could be purchased within these magical pages. We fought over who got to look at them first. We imagined playtime with this Barbie or that EasyBake Oven.

Without realizing it, we expected that these toys — and the fun they would create out of thin air, the excitement they would inject into our days — would give us new lives. Make us new people.

The toys we did get were fun enough, but they never made us new people. They never gave us new lives. And before long they broke or needed new batteries. They lost their allure, and they went to the attic. And then, many years later, when we got married or moved houses, we found them, and we sighed — more junk to get rid of.

It’s the same now, thirty years later, as much as I hate to admit it. The catalogs have become social media, and the toys have become promotions or pay raises or home improvement projects. I scroll through the feed and my mind lights up. What if we had this? What if we could buy that? What if we could go there?

The rich young man was not sad as he walked away from Jesus because he was losing his riches. He was sad because he wasn’t — because he couldn’t. He couldn’t give them up. Such is the dark magic of materialism: it takes hold when you’re not looking. He thought he was being a good person and doing good things. But he had given his heart away, and he hadn’t given it to God. And now he couldn’t get it back.

Whatever of this world we seek to possess — dollars, cars, clothes, prestige — will come to possess us, in the end.



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.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
Rev. Richard F. Kajiru, In Residence
Miss Lily Barr, Faith Formation Assistant
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PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Mr. Vincent Moschetti, Chairperson
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## 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.

## PARISH CENSUS

The Diocese of Rochester is currently in the process of carrying out a census initiative. The purpose of this census is to gather accurate and up-to-date information about all our parishioners, as well as those Catholics not yet registered in our parishes. By conducting this comprehensive survey and obtaining accurate contact information, we aim to strengthen pastoral care, stewardship, and enhance communication by having a reliable means of informing you about events, programs, ministries, and greater opportunities for spiritual growth at your parish and throughout the diocese.

Kindly be assured that all information provided will be handled with the utmost confidentiality. The data collected will be used solely for pastoral, stewardship, and communication purposes.

## PARISH CENSUS ACTION STEPS:

Over the coming months, every Catholic in the Diocese will be asked to participate in the census. You will receive an email with a link asking you to complete the digital census. This email is not spam, and I encourage you to complete it. Should you feel uncomfortable completing the census shared in the email, we will have opportunities over the next few weeks to complete the census form.

Should you have any questions about the census process, please contact the parish office (607-739-3817). I appreciate your participation in this initiative.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:

I oftentimes say in prayer, "Grant me the wisdom to see Your will for my life and the courage to follow that will." It is a request for true discernment to see that God's will is always more important and fruitful than my own will. It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking happiness and fulfillment lie in doing what I want to do and following my own wants and desires. Our entire secular culture is filled with that message. However, that road has led too many to a place of emptiness and regret. I must pray to keep in the forefront of my mind that God created me on purpose and for a purpose. Being wise enough to see that purpose is the key to true satisfaction in this world.

Giving of our gifts and talents in only ways we want to means that we become deaf and blind to the numerous times Jesus Christ calls us to give. We also easily avoid any form of real sacrifice, which often leads us to give only from our excess. Wisdom allows us to see where we are being called, even if we are unsure what increase will result from our investment. Our trust is no longer in the gift given but instead in the One who is calling us to give. When our lives of generosity and compassion are ordered in this way, it is hard for anything to steal our joy away. Our purpose is found, our aim is true, and our desire is fulfilled.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

### Prayer of Reliance on God

Oh Lord,

I entrust today's challenges, fears, and uncertainties to You. I don't know how I will do them. I don't know that I can. But I know that You fill the gaps in my ability at every turn. And so, today, I turn to You again.

Amen.

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