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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.



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November 10, 2024



Veterans Day

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, November 11th.

Veterans Day— parish offices closed

Tuesday, November 12

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

7:00 p.m.—Wounded Healers’ Bereavement Support Group— school

Thursday, November 14th.

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

Saturday, November 16th.

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



The main altar flower arrangement for the week of November 10—16, 2024 has been donated in loving memory of Gary and Eugene Pfaff by Susie and John Alexander.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Robert Cobb
Roger King
Donald M. Kosty
Lena Scholz
Dr. Robert Smith
Donna and Harold Wolfe



CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think of how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God’s great work!

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.

OBSERVENCE OF VETERANS DAY IN OUR CEMETERY:

Tomorrow will be the observance of Veterans’ Day. in our cemetery. We have many veterans from all branches — from the Spanish-American War, World War One and Two, Korean and Vietnam wars. On Veteran’s Day, please keep them in your prayers



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

We are in the midst of the **Veteran's Day holiday weekend**. Many of our schools and businesses will be closed on Monday in observance of Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day is a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. In 1918, on the 11th day of the 11th. month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied Nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th. became a federal holiday in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans— living and dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war to peacetime. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of this holiday.

A little history about this holiday. The Treaty of Versailles, which marked the official end of World War I was signed on June 29, 1919. However, the armistice date of November 11, 1918 remained in the minds of the public. Later that year, **President Woodrow Wilson** proclaimed November 11th. as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. It is interesting to note the process that brought about a change in name for this holiday.

American effort during World War II saw the greatest mobilization of the members of the United States Military—U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force—in our nation's history. Sixteen million of troops served in World War II; another 5.7 million more served in the Korean War. In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veteran's service organizations, Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." **President Dwight D. Eisenhower** signed legislation on June 1, 1954. Since then, November 11th became a day to honor all American veterans. This date continues to carry historical and patriotic significance for many Americans.

As has been the case of all veterans of our country through the years, today's military men and women who serve and protect us come from all walks of life. They are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities.

Veterans Day provides each of us with an opportunity to honor and thank all veterans who have served our country so faithfully, many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the freedoms we enjoy as people of this great nation. We will be offering a special prayer of recognition and blessing for them at this weekend's liturgies. If you see a military person or veteran this weekend, approach them, and offer them your personal words of gratitude.

A word of thanks to those who have made their pledge to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please consider doing so. Additional

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	November 11, St. Martin of Tours Gary and Eugene Pfaff—John & Susie Alexander
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	November 12, St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr William Thomas—Ray Wawrzusin
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	November 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Deceased of the Mills family—family
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	November 14, Weekday Deceased members of the Bonsignore & LeMark families—Ann LeMark
Friday, 6:45 AM	November 15, Weekday Roy Tenny— his wife and family
Saturday, 5:00 P.M	November 16, Weekday Bobby Howard —the Ketchum family
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	November 17, The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Elizabeth Wicks—her family Beth Mosher—John and Colleen Rich

Pastor's perspective continued:

pledge forms are available in the church vestibule.

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

Fr. L



"For the veteran, THANK YOU for bravely doing what you're called to do so we can safely do what we're free to do."

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE EVENTS:

November 15—Senior Luncheon Series

“Easy To Do Strength and Stretching”

(with Jennifer Muscato, UR Thompson Health & Wellness)

November 15-17—Men & Women Silent Weekend Retreat:

“Just as you Are”-encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus- (Fr. Danial Ruiz, Fr. Larry Searles, S.J. & Jodie Scordo)

December 7— Advent Day Retreat

“God Present and Coming: The Reigning of God in our Day” (with Sr. Mary McGlone, CSL)

December 11— Fill Your Soul Day

“Time Management: Making time for God, Self and Others”—Michael Wischnowski.PhD

January 10-12—Men & Women– The 12 Steps & Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. “The Journey From Reformation to Transformation” w/Fr Gerry McKeon, S.H.

WOUNDED HEALERS’ BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

The meeting will be offered on Tuesday, November 12th., at 7:00 P.M, in person at St. Mary Our Mother School 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Use the door of the school across from the playground to enter the school. 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.”

HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY:

The clients of the Food Pantry generally are eligible to gather their food supplies only once a month. With Thanksgiving coming up shortly, the pantry is requesting the following traditional Thanksgiving foods:

- Boxed Instant Mashed potatoes
- Turkey Stuffing Mix
- Pie Crust Mix
- Pumpkin Pie Filling

The pantry staff hopes to be able to supply each family that comes in the next month with these four popular Thanksgiving foods. Please consider donating one or more of these items. Please bring your food offerings to the pantry box located in the vestibule of the Church.

Your continued support of the Food Pantry is greatly appreciated

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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GIVING FROM ABUNDANCE

If you're like me, and you're far, far below the "having buildings named after you" tax bracket, you might just think that today's Gospel has nothing to do with you.

You might kick back and relax, thinking of all the poor, rich suckers sitting in the pews, shifting uncomfortably as Jesus praises the meager gift of the widow and disdains those who only give from abundance, those whose charity results in admiration and praise and all manner of temporal reward.

"In this economy, every gift I give is from my poverty," you might think to yourself with a chuckle.

But you — and let me be clear, I'm talking mostly to myself here — would be wrong. Because we all have an abundance of something, even if it isn't money.

What I've come to realize about myself is that I find plenty of ways to give only from my abundance. For instance, if I answer any request with the words, "Sure, I can, but..." chances are high that I'm about to work out a way to give, but only in a way that doesn't really impact me.

I'm willing to help. I just don't want to feel it.

But here's the thing about Jesus: He cares what's in our hearts as well as what's in our hands. A good deed, an act of charity? That's great! But what's the story behind it? Because a world full of moral actions and selfish hearts doesn't do anyone any good.

When we give from our poverty — our poverty of money, our poverty of time, our poverty of patience — we are giving the gift of the widow.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

- *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

What was the first math problem in the Bible?

A: When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.

Q: What did Adam and Eve do after they were kicked out of the Garden of Eden?

A: They raised Cain.

Q: Who was the greatest financial planner in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter, because she went down to the Bank of the Nile and pulled out a profit.

Q: What was Jesus' favorite fish?

A: "A Gupee" (agape means "love" in Greek)

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