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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
(607) 739-3817

March 2, 2025



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, March 4**

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

Thursday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 8

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Please remember that **Daylight Savings Time** begins next Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.

John Kennedy
Louise Sweet

**MEMORIALS:**

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of March 2—8, 2025 have been donated in loving memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran.

Our main altar flowers for February 2, 2025 have been donated in loving memory of Marlene Fiorini by her family, the Marzec's.

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention—in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, for a special birthday or anniversary or other occasion. Arrangements may be made by contacting the parish office at 607-739-3817.

CEMETERY CLEANOUT AND CLEANUP:

Twice a year, a cleanout and cleanup of our cemetery is done. Please remove all winter decorations at this time. If you have items you do not wish to have discarded, please remove them by March 15th. Thank you!

2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE**Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

6:45 a.m.—Mass

9:00 a.m.—Mass

12:00 p.m.—Liturgy of the Word/Ashes

5:30 p.m.—Mass

Daily Mass:

6:45 a.m.—Monday through Friday

Sacrament of Penance:

3:30 p.m.—Saturday

11:30 a.m.—Wednesday, April 2nd—Diocesan
Day of Penance, *Sacrament available
until 5:30 p.m.*

Stations of the Cross:

1:15 p.m.—Fridays with St. Mary Our Mother School (when school is in session)

5:15 p.m.—Fridays of Lent (*except Friday, April 11th*)

St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations of the Cross

1:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.—Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Rite of Election:

2:00 p.m.—Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester



The WOUNDED HEALERS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Meeting will be offered on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 6:00 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. 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.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Wednesday of this week is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent. This season is a sacred time for all Christians, leading to the celebration of Easter. For those preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Christian initiation at Easter as well as those preparing to be receive into full communion in the Church, Lent is a time of prayer and preparation for those sacraments. For those who regularly participate in the life of the Church, the season of Lent offers us an opportunity to embrace the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, so that we can recommit ourselves to living fully our baptismal promises which we will renew on Easter Sunday. For those who have been away from the Church for whatever reason, Lent is a time to reconsider renewing that relationship once again. Most of us know someone who is in this category, so please offer a word of encouragement, invitation, and welcome to our parish. A great deal has been written about the "New Evangelization" that is needed in today's church. The process of Evangelization begins with a word of encouragement and welcome. Wherever you find yourself in your faith journey, please use Lent 2025 as a time of spiritual growth and renewal.

Today's bulletin provides information on Lenten opportunities available to you at St. Mary Our Mother, as well as a Lenten calendar for your use at home.

For the past years, we have offered publications for your spiritual growth through the Lenten season. Two of these you are familiar with. The first is "*The Word Among Us*," which offers a complete liturgical guide for the Lenten season, including scripture readings, Mass texts, and meditations. The second publication is "*The Little Black Book for Lent*," which offers unique readings, meditations, and reflections for each day of Lent. There is also a children's version of this book entitled "*The Little Purple Book for Lent*," which will be distributed to our children in both our school and faith formation programs. These book will be available on the table in the vestibule.

A traditional devotion in the Church during the Lenten season is the public praying of the **Stations of the Cross**. We will publicly pray the Stations each Friday at 5:15 p.m. in the chapel. I invite you and your family to join us for this Lenten devotion. We also have a long standing practice of the sixth grade students from St. Mary Our Mother School taking the leadership roles in offering a rendition of the "**Living Stations of the Cross**." The Living Stations will be offered on **Wednesday, April 9th**. At **1:15 and 5:15 p.m.** in the church. The Living Stations will replace the Stations on Friday for that week only.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	March 3— St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin Our faithful departed
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	March 4—Weekday/St. Casimir Deceased & living members of the 6:46 a.m. Mass family
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	March 5 —Ash Wednesday Florence Holloway—Becky & Bob Corcoran
9:00 A.M.	John Palladino—Roseann and Christine Ewanyk
Noon	Liturgy of the Word
5:30 P.M.	Michael Hollenbeck—Cousins, Mary and Charlotte
Thursday, 6:45 A. M.	March 6 —Thursday after Ash Wednesday Manuel Macapinlac— his family
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	March 7—Friday after Ash Wednesday Deceased members of the Curtin family
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	March 8—Saturday after Ash Wed- nesday Pamela Smart Eldred—Virginia and Brendan Curtin
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	March 9— First Sunday of Lent John Palladino—Roseann and Christine Ewanyk
10:30 A.M.	Richard Margeson & Paulie Chapman—Margeson and Villegas family

Pastor's Perspective continued:

As we begin this Lenten season, let us remember that we are called to reach out in love to our neighbor. Lent, as a season where we incorporate the disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, is also a time to reflect on how we can change and work towards loving other more readily. The blessed ashes we receive this Wednesday are an outward sign of our commitment of demonstrating our love for others in all that we say and do.

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

Fr. L

A FAMILY PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we ask for your help to keep our family united in love and understanding. Remove any conflicts or misunderstandings and replace them with harmony and peace. Let us communicate with kindness and respect, always putting each other first and fostering a spirit of unity AMEN

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

St. Mary Our Mother School invites you to our annual Legacy Gala—a special evening of celebration and support for Catholic education! This year’s event will take place on Friday, May 30th, from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Elmira Country Club.

Enjoy an exciting night of entertainment, including live music, a live auction, a silent auction, heavy hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, and multiple raffles, including our Big Money Raffle!

Big Money Raffle Tickets are \$100 each, giving you a chance to win one of three prizes: \$500, \$1,000, or \$5,000! Tickets will be available for purchase after Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass and Sunday 8:30 A.M. & 11:30 A.M. Masses on select weekends.

We hope you will join us for this wonderful evening and help support St. Mary Our Mother School. Your generosity directly benefits our students and ensures the continued success of our school community.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Doug’s Fish Fry Fundraiser– Friday, March 7th!



Back by popular demand, Doug’s Fish Fry truck will be parked in the church parking lot (Westinghouse lot) on Friday, March 7th, from 11:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support St. Mary Our Mother School!

This event falls on the First Friday in Lent, offering the perfect opportunity to enjoy a tasty meal while contributing to our school community.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners for their ongoing support of the students and staff at St. Mary Our Mother School. Your generosity helps make a difference in the lives of our students, and we are truly grateful.

We look forward to seeing you there!

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CRS RICE BOWL:

Back in 1975, Rice Bowl started in Allentown, PA as an ecumenical response to world hunger driven by the drought in Africa. Just two years later, Rice Bowl was voted in by the US Catholic bishops as the official global assistance program of the Catholic Church. Today CRS Rice Bowl programs are working to alleviate hunger in over 120 countries.

Rice Bowl funds support programs that include agricultural assistance, water and sanitation projects, microfinancing of small businesses, mother/child health and nutrition programs, and education initiatives. Over 90% of the Rice Bowl funds go directly to these programs. Rice Bowl has raised over \$380 million dollars in these fifty years to help millions of people the world over.

St. Mary Our Mother Parish and School have adopted CRS Rice Bowl as our Lenten almsgiving project. We invite all our parishioners to consider this project for their Lenten sacrifices. Rice bowls will be available in the vestibule of the church starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

March 3, 2019
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I was traveling recently and watched as a wife led her blind husband onto the plane by her arm. She lovingly helped him into his seat and made sure he was comfortable. She placed their bags above in the bin and then sat next to him. They were ready for the flight. As I sat in my seat just a few rows away, I wondered what he would do if she ever left his side.

Sometimes those we love in our life can be blind, and we need to be their eyes. They aren't physically blind, but they are unable to see the truth about their life, situation, or needs. We need to lend them our sight and insight, or they will remain in their world of darkness.

Jesus asked his disciples, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" If we aren't actively working to be sure that we can see clearly, what will we be able to offer someone we care about when they come to us with their blindness? Can you lead someone to Christ if you aren't living a life with him yourself? Can you share with another truth if you aren't concerned with knowing the truth yourself?

Life is not always easy. Without faith, hope, and love, the road can be too hard to travel. We are not created to be alone. Instead, we are created to be traveling companions. However, the blind cannot lead the blind. May the Light of Christ dispel your darkness and give you sight so that when the call comes, you might lend an arm to lead the blind.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Luke 6:39-45

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

1. Why did an old man fall in the well!
2. What did one hat say to the other?
3. Why did the Scarecrow win a Nobel prize?
4. What kind of cat likes living in water?
5. What's red and smells like blue paint?

Answers: 1) because he couldn't see that well! 2) You wait here-I'll go ahead! 3) He was out standing in His field 4) "An octo-puss 5) "Red paint"

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