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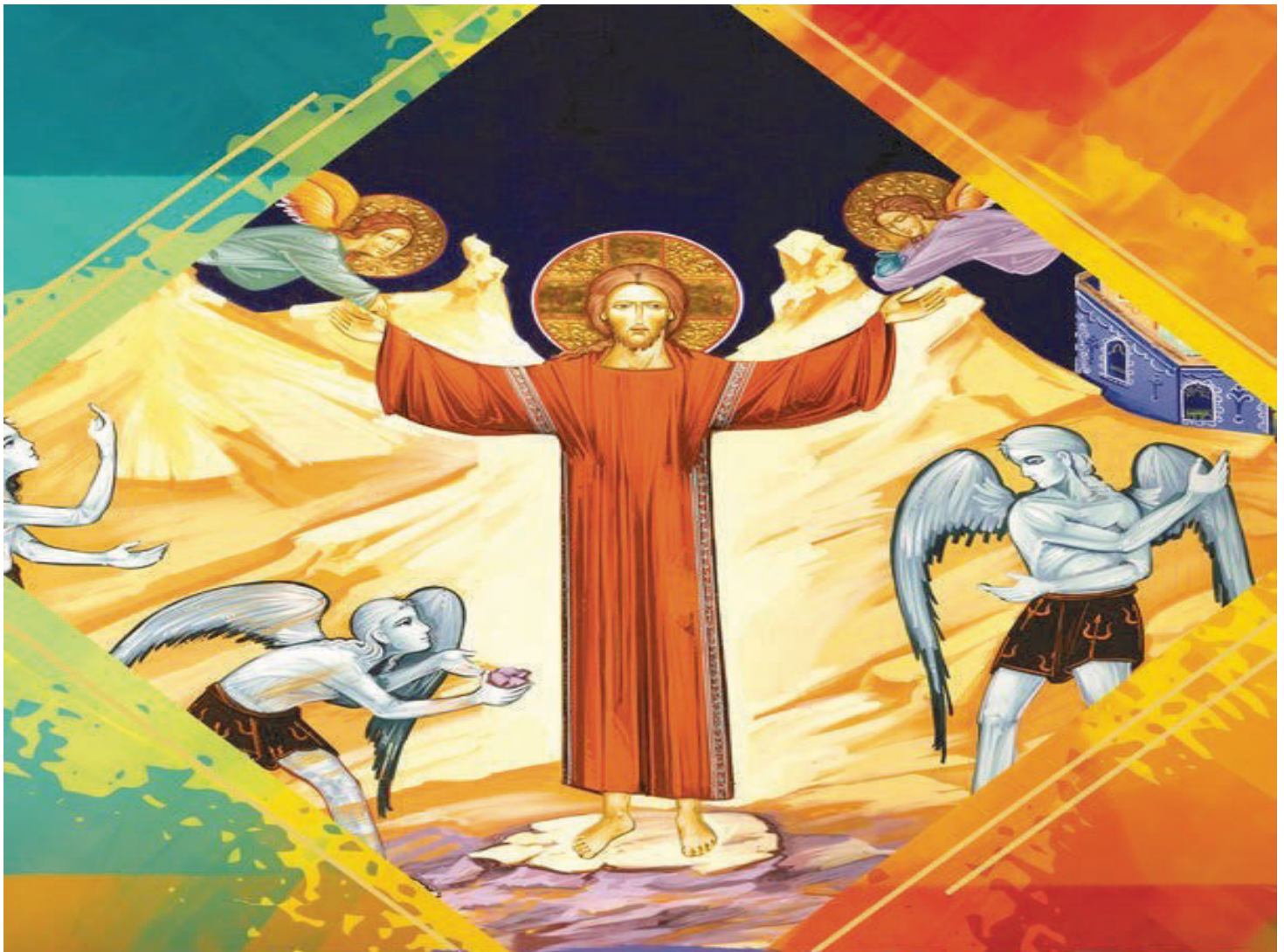
MISSION STATEMENT

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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March 9, 2025



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"Him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:8

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, March 11**

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

7:00 p.m.—Wounded Healers Bereavement

Support Group—school

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

5:15 p.m.—Stations of the Cross—chapel

Saturday, March 15

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Michael Connor
Vern Cozad IV
Lucille J. Geist
Sandra Harkness



MEMORIALS: *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.*



THE WOUNDED HEALERS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meeting will be offered on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 6:00 pm 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.

2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE**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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

It will take too long. I can't spare it. I don't know anybody. I am just too busy.

How many excuses can you think of to put forth as reasons why you should say no to the call of Jesus Christ? Wait. You didn't know to whom those responses were directed? We say no to many things and many people, but we wouldn't say no to Jesus. Really?

During this Lenten season, like all the other seasons, we will be asked to respond in many different ways. There will be fasting, almsgiving, and abstinence from certain foods. There will be invitations to various devotions and formational studies. We will be asked to reflect on our faith and then dive deeper.

The argument will be made by some that many of these things are being asked of us by others and not Jesus. Of course, that will just be another excuse like those above. For every calling upon us comes with a temptation to take the easy way out or to minimize the value of the request.

We will stay caught up in an endless cycle of excuses that lead us nowhere. That is unless we simply choose to stop the madness and say YES! This Lent, give up and give in. Let God take over as you surrender all you are and have to Him. Now is the time to turn to Jesus. No more excuses.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

The season of Lent is traditionally a time of **prayer**, **fasting**, and **almsgiving**. Christians from the earliest days of the Church have considered this period of time as a "Time of *Enlightenment*," a period of time to practice these three Lenten disciplines. But just what are these disciplines supposed to accomplish in us? To this day, it is common for people to tell us what they are doing for Lent, of what sacrifices people are making during the season of Lent, whether it is abstaining from dining in restaurants, to abstaining from television, candy, alcohol, or desserts. You may also hear people spending less "screen time" on their smart phones, mobile units, and the internet. But what is the reasoning behind these sacrifices people make during Lent? What is the "end result" that these Lenten penitential practices are supposed to accomplish?

The Lenten practices we embrace during this season are meant to change our hearts. We journey through this Lenten season together as a church, although each of us has the freedom to choose our own Lenten practices. In changing individual hearts, we can change all hearts. The actions of any of us affect all of us, for good or ill. We involve ourselves in these Lenten practices to help not only ourselves but others in the disciplines of Lent. We have an opportunity to grow closer to God and to change hearts. Lent is a season when we can remove anything that keeps us from being the person and the people God wants us to be. Anything that keeps us from growing closer to God and to one another is something we can work on as a part of our Lenten discipline and penance. The Lenten season is a time when our prayer can help change and transform your life, in which your acts of penance can build up the community of faith.

The "official" fast days during the season of lent are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, but your personal fasting need not be restricted just to these two days of Lent. Personal fasting can be done at any time. Once again this year, our parish will be participating in the **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl**, with all monies collected forwarded to **Catholic Relief Services**. This is an excellent Lenten practice in offering alms for the sake of others and reminds us of the needs of the hungry throughout the world. On a local level, you may want to include a local charitable organization to be the recipient of your Lenten almsgiving. For those who have not yet given to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, you may want to make a gift to this annual appeal, and help us to reach our goal.

Whatever disciplines you choose for Lent this year, please remember that they are focused on healing to bring about a change of heart in each of us. I invite you, during the Lenten season, to pray, to fast, and to be generous in the giving of alms. As members of the Church,

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	March 10—Lenten Weekday Our Faithful departed
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	March 11—Lenten Weekday Our Faithful departed
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	March 12—Lenten Weekday Our Faithful departed
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	March 13—Lenten Weekday Our Faithful departed
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	March 14—Lenten Weekday Our Faithful departed
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	March 15—Lenten Weekday Teri Guardi—husband, Bob
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	March 16—Second Sunday of Lent Mary Amisano—husband, Guy Darryl Fink—his wife, Judy

Pastor's Perspective continued:

we make our journey together, celebrating this season as a time of spiritual growth and renewal. I hope that during these Lenten days that we continue to pray for each other, that our hearts change in the way that God wants them to change. When change takes place in individual hearts, all hearts can be changed and renewed.

Have a great first full week of lent. Please 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

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!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

We invite all parishioners to join our school community for **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** during **Lent** at **1:15 p.m.** in the Church. The Stations are led by our talented **5th and 6th grade students**, offering a beautiful and prayerful way to reflect on the season.

The dates are as follows:

March 14th

March 21st.

March 28th

April 4th

We will conclude this Lenten tradition with the **Living Stations of the Cross**, presented by our **6th grade** class on **Wednesday, April 9th, at 1:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

We would love to have you join us as we walk through this important season of reflection together. Your presence and prayers are always welcome.



St. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL ANNUAL LEGACY GALA:

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 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. 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. & 10:30 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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CRS RICE BOWL

At the Sunday Liturgies for the Second Sunday of Lent, **Deacon Mark Robbins** will be with us to offer the homily and speak on the work of Catholic Relief Services. Since 2009, Deacon Mark is a CRS Global Fellow, based in the Diocese of Rochester and living in Webster, NY. He has traveled to Haiti and Uganda and experienced firsthand the work of CRS in assisting struggling communities.

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 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 sacrifices. Rice bowls will be available in the vestibule of the Church starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.



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PRACTICING CATHOLIC – WHAT THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAVE: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We're only human. What do we have that the devil doesn't have?

The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do).

He knows them so well that here, in today's Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue Him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master's degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master's student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn't have a particular passion for what they're studying? I sure have.

The devil didn't rebel against God because he didn't understand God's will. He rebelled because he understood God's will perfectly — and he didn't like it.

The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today's Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise.

The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives.

It doesn't work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not just human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We're not divine. We're just human.

Well, here's the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it's not a master's degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn't make you holier.)

We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

Mondays, March 10—April 14—I want to See—by Roc O'Connor, SJ with Jodie Scordo—In Person: 1 p.m.—2 p.m. or Online: 7 p.m.—6 p.m.

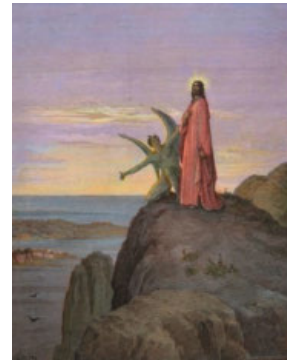
Mondays, March 10—April 14—Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel, 3p.m.—6p.m.

Saturday, March 22—A Women's Lenten Retreat...A Walk to the Well with Mari Mozzi

Weekend, March 28-30—Spiritual Exercises as GPS with Roc O'Connor, SJ—Friday 5:00 p.m.—Sunday noon.

For more details and updates about these events: www.notredameretreat.org, www.facebook.com/NDSpirituality 585-394-5700

JESUS WAS TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL



1. Jesus went to the desert and didn't eat for 40 days— true or false.
2. Jesus was tempted by the Devil— true or false.
3. Jesus wasn't hungry after not eating for 40 days— true or false.
4. Jesus wouldn't throw Himself off the temple because He said it was "putting God to the test." true or false.
5. Prayer is a way we can talk to God. true or false
6. Fasting means we can eat a lot of food. true or false.

Answers; 1) true, 2) true, 3) false , 4) true 5) true 6) false

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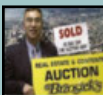
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