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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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July 13, 2025



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Saturday, July 13, 2025**

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

Memorials:

Our main altar flowers for July 13-19, 2025 have been donated in memory of Gertrude and Lyle Johnson by their daughter, Peggy.

In The Peace of Christ:

Thomas Curran
Amanda Crouthamel
JoAnn Sabatura
Joseph Schiefen
Tom Marr

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

Today's Gospel turns our attention to one of Jesus' most familiar stories, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is about living how God intended us to live: to acknowledge God's divine love and compassion lavished upon us, and to extend that love and compassion upon others without reservation. We can find a lot of reasons for not stopping to help someone. We can talk ourselves out of being Good Samaritans. Strangers are not our responsibility, or are they? Good stewards understand that God's mercy is a gift that must be shared, and that doing the right thing, acting as Jesus would act towards others, is the only course of action for one who lives according to the demands of the Gospel. How might you be a Good Samaritan this week?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which Old Testament prophet foretold the Virgin Mary and her conception of Jesus?

PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

Mini reflection: I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills my grave. The dust from which I was created.

The Semicolon

My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland — cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

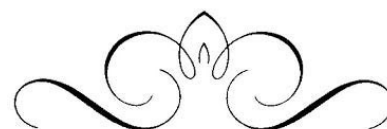
Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members — Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived, she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words *she died* but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.

The Church in Central and Eastern' Europe:

Thank you for your generous contributions to the — collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week. If you missed the collection, it's not too late. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online visit www.usccb.org/ccee.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Last Sunday's bulletin of July 6th went to press on June 23rd due to the Independence Day holiday weekend. Since that time graduations have taken place, students have begun their summer recess from schools, and many people have begun their summer vacations and enjoying the more relaxed days of summer.

Many of you have heard the familiar saying "The Devil is in the detail".

A few years ago, our late Holy Father Pope Francis I reminded us that Jesus was very concerned about the details:

The "small detail" of the sheep that were missing.

The "small detail" of the wine that was running out.

The "small detail" of the widow who offered two coins.

The "small detail" of not forgiving a small debt after being forgiven a large debt.

The "small detail" of having spare oil in the lamps in case the bridegroom is delayed.

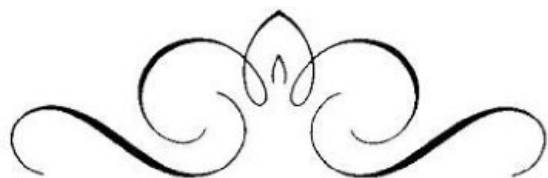
The "small detail" of having a small fire prepared and a fish on the grill as He was waiting for the disciples to return in the early hours of the morning.

The "small detail" of asking Peter, when so many important things were happening, if he truly loved Him as a friend.

The "small detail" of not refusing to heal wounds.

As Christians, we are called to follow Jesus who told us the greatest commandment was to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. But there are details to that as well. The "small detail" of loving God all the time, even when things don't necessarily go smoothly and we experience a challenging environment. The "small detail" of one person who is a constant aggravation and seems best loved when they are far away.

May we always remember the "details" God offers. "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have called you, and you are Mine."

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday, July 14—Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
6:45 A.M. Our faithful departed

Tuesday, July 15—St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

6:45 A.M. Teri Guardi—Bob

Wednesday, July 16—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Ann Ponzi—husband, Phil & family

Thursday, July 17—Weekday

Faithful departed

Friday, July 18—Weekday

6:45 A.M. Margaret Bellizia—family

Saturday, July 19—Weekday

5:00 P.M. Marlene LeMark—Barb Matterazzo

Sunday, July 20—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary

8:30 A.M. Gene Harrison—Dobek family

10:30 A.M. Marlene Fiorini—Hank and Deb Post

MASS INTENTIONS:

Would you like to offer a Mass Intention? It is a holy and noble custom to offer a Mass for a living or deceased person, or for a personal intention. We are happy to schedule your Mass intentions. Please call the parish office at 739-3817.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE;

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2025 LEGACY GALA:

We are overjoyed to share that the 2025 Legacy Gala, held on May 30th at the Elmira Country Club, was a beautiful and inspiring evening—one that truly celebrated the heart and spirit of our St. Mary Our Mother School community. From the vibrant energy in the room to the overwhelming generosity of our guests, the night was nothing short of extraordinary.

This unforgettable event would not have been possible without the remarkable leadership of our Gala Chair, Hannah Smalley. Hannah brought passion, creativity, and dedication to every step of the planning process. Her vision and tireless efforts created a joyful and purposeful evening rooted in love and community. We are incredibly grateful for her selfless service and deep commitment to our school.

We would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers and leaders who helped make the Gala a true success:

Alanna Berry	Tara Fiorini-Marzec
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Lara Acuna	

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our families, Parishioners, and community supporters, we are thrilled to announce that the event raised over **\$50,000**. These funds will directly support the daily operations of **St. Mary Our Mother School**, helping us continue to provide a nurturing environment grounded in faith, academic excellence, and love.

To everyone who donated a basket, created a classroom project, placed a bid, volunteered behind the scenes, or simply attended with a giving heart—**thank you**. Your belief in our mission strengthens our community and ensures a bright, faith-filled future for our students.

With deepest gratitude,

Mrs. Heather Bill
Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller could not see or hear the world around her, but she didn't let her disability keep her from writing and lecturing around the United States. She knew first hand the value of intangible qualities and lived a long, rich life surrounded by people she loved.



"It does not matter how slowly you go, so long as you do not stop."

Chinese teacher and philosopher Confucius offers many inspiring quotes and sayings. He believed that loving others while practicing self-control was the key to a successful life. His teachings on social, political and educational topics left an imprint on world beliefs, something that could not have happened if he decided to stop sharing ideas with his followers.

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NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

July 20-25 Silent Directed Retreat with Fr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ; Fr. Peter Murray, SJ and Jodie Scordo

August 3-8: "Journey to God Within: Reflections on the Wisdom of Teresa of Avila" Women Religious Retreat with Gillian Ahlgren

August 22-24: "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of Hope" Couples Retreat."

September 9th: "Incredible Journeys: Reflection on Pilgrimage" Men & Women, with Dr. Mike Wischnowski, Jennifer Hughes & Fr. Bill Graf.

September 12-14: "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of hope" Men's Retreat."

September 26-28: "Walking with God in Friendship: Pilgrims of Hope" Women' Retreat".

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

Discover for yourselves how the Marriage Encounter Weekend can transform, strengthen and enhance your relationship as husband and wife, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. With open mind and heart, this weekend will allow you to realize and experience how fulfilling marital life can be, just as God desires and designs it to be, a sign of His love in a world that desperately needs it.

The Marriage Encounter will take place at Saint Patrick's Church in Victor, NY on July 19-20. To learn more about this marriage enrichment program, contact Steve and Velinda Pellegrino thru sppelleg@gmail.com or (585) 455-0469. Scan the QR code for additional and registration information.

**NEW FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

spaghetti
elbow macaroni
canned peas

Please bring your food items to the main vestibule and place them in the cart that is provided. Thank you!

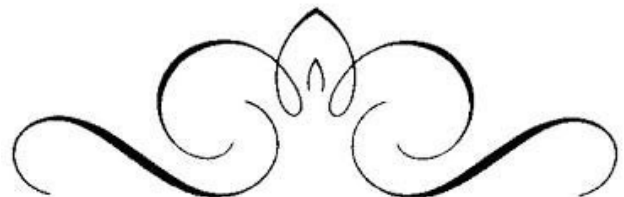
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The Lord's Prayer

**Catholic Hummer:**

What is the difference between a Catholic and a Baptist?

If you see your Catholic friend at the liquor store, he'll say hello.



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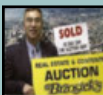


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