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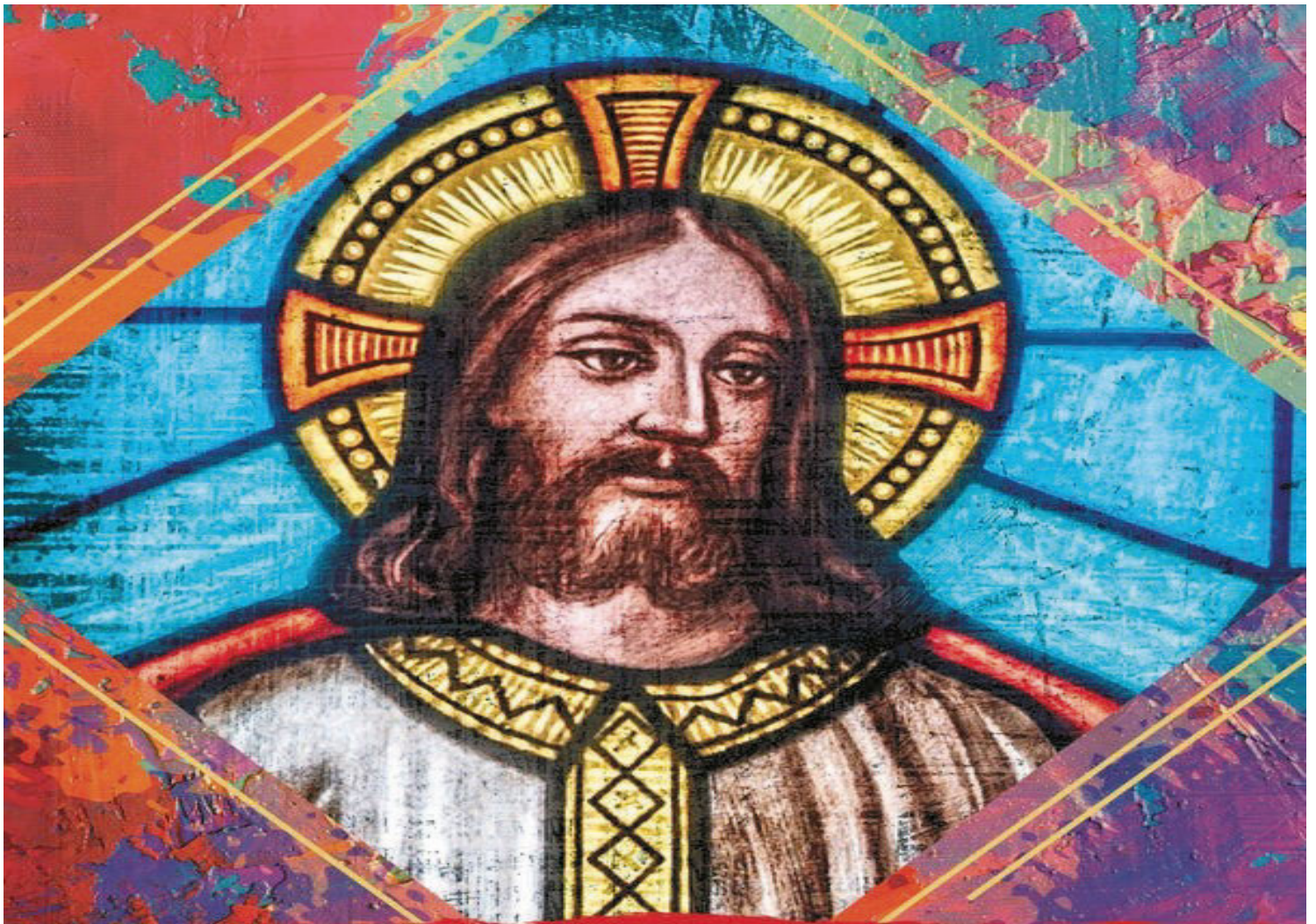
MISSION STATEMENT

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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August 17, 2025



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”
- Lk 12:50

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Saturday, August 23rd, 2025**

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

Memorials:

The Eucharistic host and Sacramental Wine for August 17—23, 2025 has been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her children and grandchildren.

Our main altar flowers for August 17—23 have been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her husband, Ben.

In The Peace of Christ:

John Ksionzyk
Nettie Pirozzolo
Dolores Sandore

**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.

NEW FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

spaghetti
elbow macaroni
canned peas
Jiffy corn muffin mix
reusable grocery bags

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

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year is officially open! We're excited to welcome our families into another year of growing together in Christ! Our Faith Formation programs include:

Home Study Program: Learn and grow together as family. Great for families looking for flexibility and a deeper connection to the Church for students in pre-k through 7th grade.

Tuesday Program: Join us weekly for in-person classes with fun liturgical activities and goodies for pre-k through 7th-grade students.

Hybrid Program (New!): Experience the best of both worlds! The hybrid option includes one semester of in-person classes and one semester of at-home study.

Sacramental Preparation: Special preparation for children receiving First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (starting in 2nd grade) or Confirmation (starting in 8th grade).

OCIA—Order of Catholic Initiation for adults.

OCIC—Order of Catholic Initiation for children:

For youth and teens who haven't received their sacraments or are just joining the church! This program is for students 7 and older.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please email Lily Barr at Lily.Barr@dor.org or call our Faith Formation office at 607-739-8214.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

For most of us, the Lord's Prayer was the first prayer we learned as children. The following is written by **Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.F.M.**, who offers an interesting commentary on this popular prayer and invites us to occasionally pray the prayer in this manner.

A Lord's Prayer For Justice

Our Father...*Who always stands with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the aged, the very young, the unborn, and those who, by victim of circumstance, beat the heat of the day.*

Who art in Heaven...*where everything will be reversed, where the first will be last and the last will be first. But where all will be well and every being will be well.*

Hallowed be thy name...*may we always acknowledge your holiness, respecting that your ways are not our ways, your standards are not our standards. May the reverence we give your name pull us out of selfishness that prevents us from seeing the pain of our neighbor.*

Your will be done...*open our freedom to let you in so that the complete mutuality that characterizes your life might flow through our veins and thus, the life that we help generate may radiate your equal love for all and your special love for the poor.*

On earth as it is in Heaven...*may the work of our hand, the temples and structures we build in the world, reflect the temple and structure of your glory so that the joy, graciousness, tenderness, and justice of heaven will show forth within our structures on earth.*

Give...*life and love to us and help us to see everything as a gift. Help us to know that nothing comes to us by right and that we must give to the poor, not because they need it but because our own health depends on us giving to them.*

Us...*the truly plural us. Give not just to our own but to everyone, including those who are difficult than the narrow us. Give your gifts too all of us equally.*

This day...*not tomorrow. Do not let us push things off into some indefinite future so that we can continue to live justified lives in the face of injustice because we can make good excuses for our inactivity.*

Our daily bread...*so that each person in the world may have enough food, clean air, adequate health care, and sufficient access to education so as to have the sustenance for a healthy life. Teach us to give from our sustenance and not just from our surplus.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	August 18 Weekday Margaret Bellizia—family
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	August 19—Weekday Christina O'Herron Regula—Jackie Minchin Conklin
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	August 20— St. Bernard , Abbot Living and deceased members of the 6:45 family
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	August 21—St. Pius X. Pope Deceased Mills family
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	August 22— Living and deceased Amisano & Lanahan families
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	August 23—Weekday Josephine and Henry Ryan—Mary & Jim Carr
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	August 24—21st. Sunday in Ordinary Time Samantha Dobek—family Deceased of the Rossi and Navone families—Mary Navone

Pasters Perspective Continued:

And forgive us our trespasses...*forgive our blindness toward our neighbor, our self preoccupation, our racism, sexism, and our incurable propensity to worry only about are-selves and our own. Forgive our capacity to watch the evening news and do nothing about it.*

As we forgive those who trespass against us...*help us to forgive those who victimize us. Help us to mellow out in spirit, not to grow bitter with age, to forgive the imperfect parents and systems that wounded, cursed, and ignored us.*

And do not put it to the test...*do not judge us only by whether we have fed the hungry, given clothing to the naked, visited the sick, or tried to mend the systems that victimized the poor. Spare us this test for no one can stand before your gospel scrutiny. Give us, instead more days to mend our ways, our selfishness, and our systems.*

But deliver us from evil...*that is, from the blindness that lets us continue to participate in anonymous systems within which we need not see who gets less than we get.*

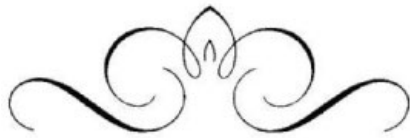
*Have a great week, and enjoy these August days.
Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!*

Fr. L.

NOTRE DAME—CELEBRATING 70 YEARS!

Join us as part of Notre Dame's 70th Anniversary celebration at our festival on Saturday, September 6, 2025! Bring family and friends for fun-filled afternoon with inflatables, a petting zoo, BINGO, local vendors, food and drink. Enjoy music by a DJ. In the evening, enjoy listening to the sounds of Fleetwood Mac performed by tribute band The Seven Wonders. Fireworks will wrap up the evening!

Please join us for a special Mass commemorating the 70th Anniversary for Notre Dame High School on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 2 pm. The Mass will be celebrated in the auditorium at Notre Dame High School. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will preside during this milestone celebration. A reception with light refreshments will follow. We look forward to gathering as a community of faith, gratitude, and hope as we honor seven decades of Notre Dame.



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE:

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

September 12-14: "Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope" Men's Retreat. With Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., Den Brian McNulty, Mario Morales-Bermudez and Jodie Scordo

September 19th Senior Luncheon Series: "Grace with Aging/Aging with Grace" with Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ Rochester

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

October 14 "Our Lady, the Angels and Their Mission for Our Time"

October 17: Senior Luncheon Series: "Stroke Prevention:

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER GARDENING ANGELS:

Are you looking for a unique opportunity for stewardship within our parish? Here is an opportunity for all parishioners, regardless of age, to help us maintain and enhance our outdoor spaces.

There is always a weed to pull, or a plant to nurture, a tree to prune, or a leaf to rake...

Our plan is to bring the Gardening Angels together "formally" 2 times each year (once in the Spring and once in the Fall) for a campus-wide day of gardening and yardwork, with the added opportunity to weed, nurture, prune, and rake throughout the growing seasons, as needed.

If you'd like to join the Gardening Angels group, please consult the bulletin board located in the church vestibule.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

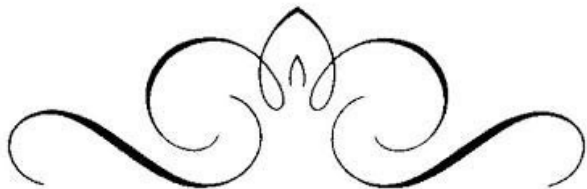
Set the Earth on Fire

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, "*I have come to set the earth on fire.*" Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets *us* on fire.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Now Hiring: Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year:

St. Mary Our Mother School, along with other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rochester is hiring substitute teachers for the upcoming school year.

We are looking for individuals who are motivated, energetic, and passionate about working with children. Substitutes play a vital role in maintaining a positive and productive learning environment, and we are grateful for their dedication and flexibility.

Interested?

If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference in the lives of students while supporting Catholic education, please contact Mrs. Heather Bill at 607-739-9157.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree preferred (Associate's Degree with childcare experience considered)

Strong communication and interpersonal skills

Reliable, professional, and compassionate individuals who love working with children.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in our parish and community.

With gratitude,

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

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