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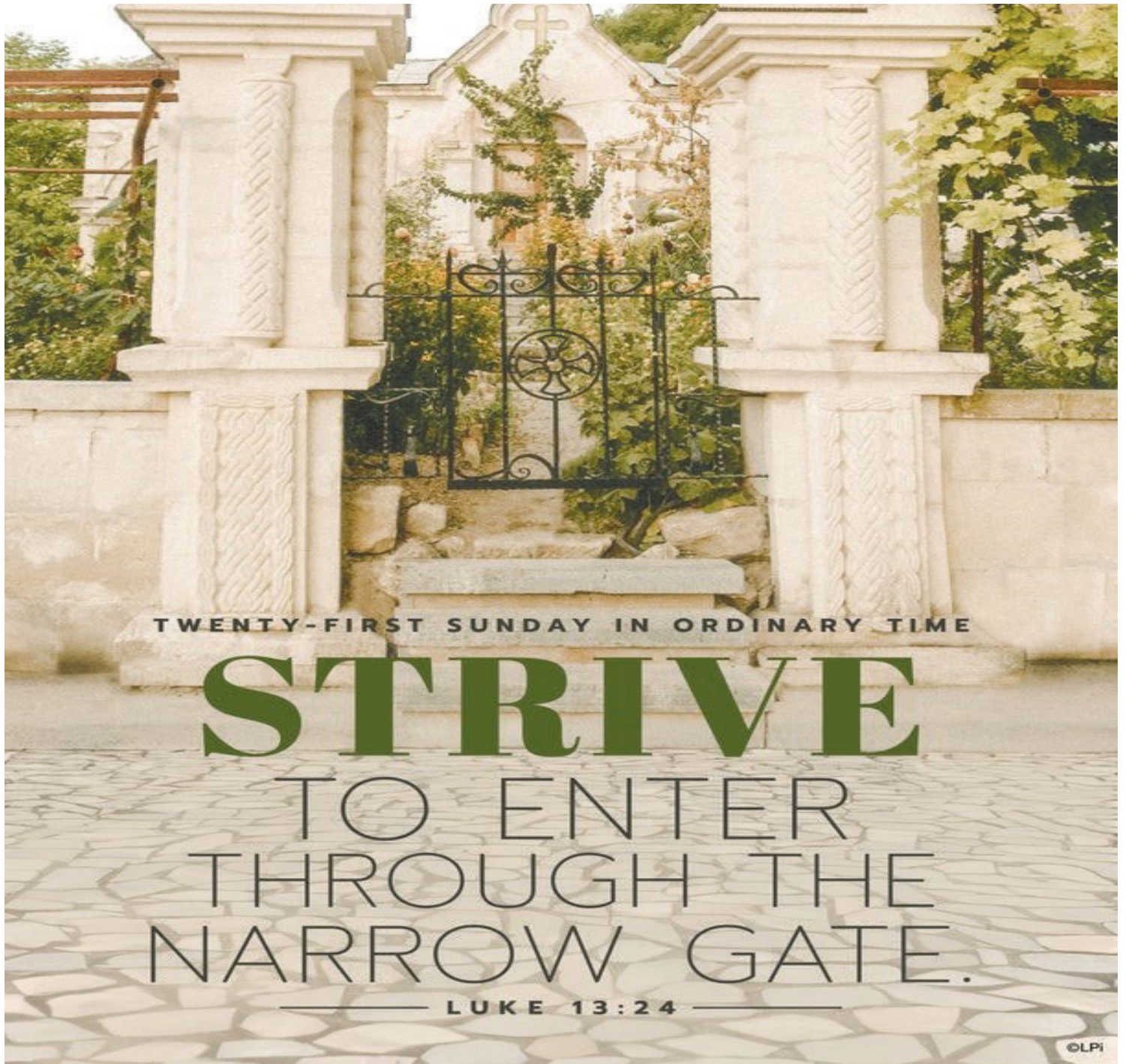
## *MISSION STATEMENT*

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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August 24, 2025



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**STRIVE**  
TO ENTER  
THROUGH THE  
NARROW GATE.

— LUKE 13:24 —

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Saturday, August 30, 2025**

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

**Memorials:**

Our main altar arrangement for the week of August 24-30, 2025 has been donated in loving memory of Bob Lantzy by his wife, Lois and family.

The Votive light before the Icon is burning for the week of August 24—30, 2025 in memory of Josephine and Henry Ryan by Mary and Jim Carr.

The Eucharistic Breads or Host for the week of August 24—30, 2025 have been donated in memory of Josephine and Henry Ryan by Mary and Jim Carr.

**In The Peace of Christ:**

Barbara Jacobus  
John Ksionzyk

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY:**

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](mailto:Lily.Barr@dor.org) or call our Faith Formation office at 607-739-8214.





**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

With the beginning of the 2025—2026 school year only eleven days away, I thought it appropriate to share with you various comments from families whose children either attend or have in the past attended St. Mary Our Mother School. Taking a cue from David Letterman, you might want to entitle the following as the:

**Top Ten Reasons Families Choose St. Mary Our Mother School:**

*Higher standards for student achievement, rigorous curriculum, and a strong moral foundation rooted in faith.*

*Family feel and community.*

*Kevin is an alumni of St. Mary Our Mother School and his strong relationship in the community from his experience at the school. Faith based and strong curriculum.*

*We wanted to choose a school that reflected our faith values—academic excellence, faith based community, and having God ever present in our lives.*

*Catholic students are given lessons that will give them a strong moral and ethical foundation to help them make the right decision during situations that are not clearly black and white. In essence, Catholic schools encourage each student to accept the challenge of being a better person in tomorrow's world. They do this by stressing the values to self-discipline and commitment.*

*The first time we walked through the doors at St. Mary Our Mother School (looking for the right school for our children), it was like getting a big hug and we knew this was the place. Seven years later we appreciate the family—like community and strong academics! So glad we are part of this school.*

*We love St. Mary Our Mother School because of the strong sense of community and excellent education. The teachers and staff are dedicated to providing the best education to each individual student—academically, socially, and spiritually.*

*Families at St. Mary our Mother School have and strive for high academic standards, as well as similar values, morals, and ethics. Children are happy, loved, respected, and safe. You are not just part of school, you are a part of a greater family—God's family. The faculty and staff strive to raise children who will make a positive, impacting difference in the world.*

*We chose St. Mary Our Mother School for its friendly and caring atmosphere and focus on teaching core values as well as academics. After we toured the school, we couldn't imagine sending our kindergartener at the time, anywhere else.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 25— Weekday</b> Thomas Curran—Bob & Judi Pichette
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 26—Weekday</b> Christina O'Herron Regula—her Mom
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 27— St. Monica</b> Pamela Smart Eldred—Virginia and Brendan Curtin
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>August 28—St. Augustine, Bishop</b> Nancy de Stevens—her family
<b>Friday,</b>  6:45 A.M.	<b>August 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist</b> Ann Sheets—Jim and Jane Andrew
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>August 30</b> Mary Ann Poland—The Scarselletta family
<b>Sunday,</b>  8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	<b>August 31—Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Richard Stone—his family Katie Mandeville—Nan Wyak

**Pasters Perspective Continued:**

*We chose St. Mary Our Mother School not only for the excellent faith-based academic foundation, but because we felt like part of a family the minute we walked through the door.*

Registration is still open for St. Mary Our Mother School for the 2025—2026 academic year. Please call the school office at 739-9157 for further information or to schedule a tour. Our school principal, Mrs. Heather Bill, will answer any questions you may have.

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

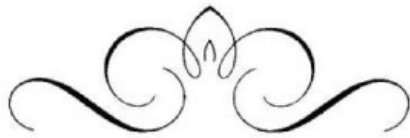
Fr. L



## 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.

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

**Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor  
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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS:

### *Chancing the Narrow Gate*

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to school teachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth. And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?



## 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.

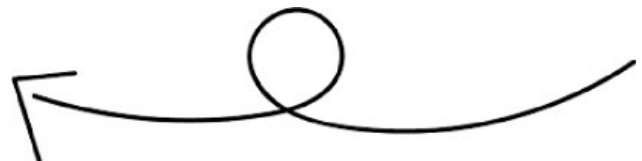
With gratitude,

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

## PRAYERS AND SQUARES:

Prayers and Squares is a group that makes lap size quilts for our parish. The finished quilts are displayed at the weekend Masses several times during the year and are available for anyone needing comfort and prayers.

The 4th and 5th grade students at St. Mary Our Mother school help tie the quilts and pray the Rosary over them. Many hands are needed to make the quilts and no experience is necessary. The group meets twice monthly in the afternoon. If you would like more information, please contact Wilma Sullivan at (607) 731-8085.



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