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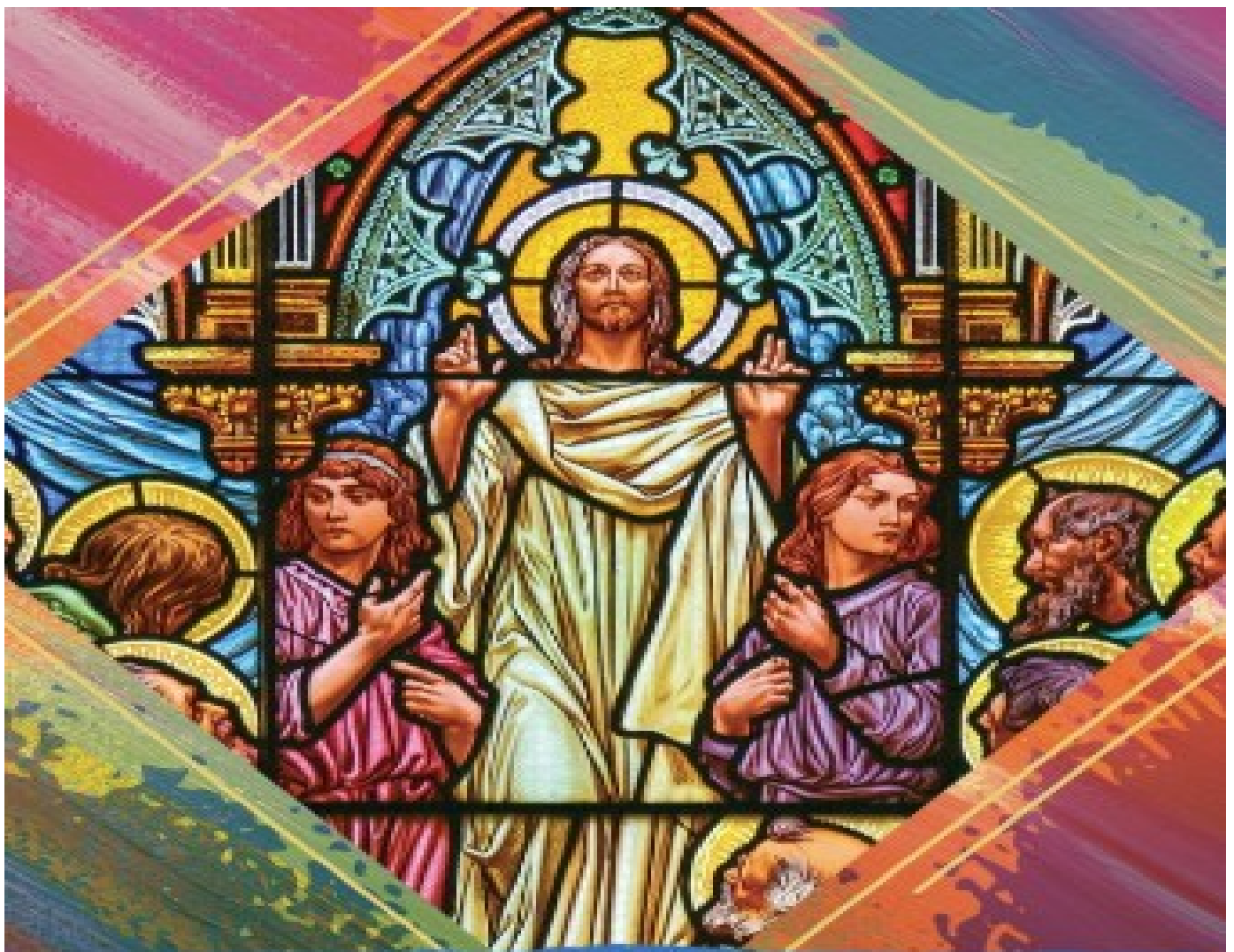
MISSION STATEMENT

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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February 15, 2026



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Wednesday, February 18**

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 19

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—Church

Friday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 21

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father,
 Ignite us with Your love.
 Reveal to us Your will,
 guide us in Your path.
 Pour Your blessings upon us,
 You who are the giver of every good thing.
 Help us to live, work, act, and speak
 in ways that bring honor and glory to You.

Amen.

NICKELS ADD UP

Your clean deposit cans and bottles are worth five cents each to the Horseheads Food Pantry when you drop them off at our parish office. If the office is closed, please leave the bag(s) on the front step under the overhang.

The pantry uses the money to purchase the needed items when food donations fall short. Social Ministry is collecting these deposit containers, redeeming them, and sending the money on to the Food Pantry. Consider joining the several families who have been doing this for years. It will give you a "feel good" feeling, knowing that you are helping out our neighbors in need.

**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINANCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

Stewardship**Week End of 2/8/2026:**

Envelopes	\$5,707.00
Plate	\$ 701.00
Total	\$6,408.00

2026 LENTEN CALENDAR**Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

6:45 a.m.—Mass

12:00 p.m.—Liturgy of the Word/Ashes

5:30 p.m.—Mass

Daily Mass:

6:45 a.m.—Monday thru Friday

Sacrament of Penance:

3:30 p.m.—Saturday

11:30 a.m.—Tuesday, March 24, 2026—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

St. Mary Our Mother School Living Stations of the Cross

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

Rite of Election:

2:00 p.m.—Sacred Heart Cathedral

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass Book is now open. There are several dates for both Sunday and Weekday Masses that are available to be scheduled. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule your Mass intentions for this year.

EUCCHARISTIC HOSTS & SACRAMENTAL WINE

Donated in loving memory of *Jean & Joe Sawester*,
 by Joan and Barry Sawester

FLOWER DONATIONS

**Our Main Altar Arrangement for the Week of
 February 1-7, 2026**

Donated in loving memory of *Darryl Fink*, by his
 wife, Judy and family

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**David Wagstaff
 John Smith
 Mary Anne Rosplock
 Molly Jarvis
 Joseph Cesare
 Dr. Charles Friend**

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 received 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 in this latter category, so please offer a word of encouragement and invitation to them. We hear a great deal 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 this Lent 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 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 books are available on the table in the vestibule.

A traditional devotion of the Church during the Lenten season is the public praying of the **Stations of the Cross**. We will publicly pray the Stations each Friday with the children from St. Mary Our Mother School at 1:15 p.m. (except February 20th) and again at 5:15 p.m. in the chapel. I invite you and your family to join us. We also have a long standing practice of the sixth grade students from our school taking leadership roles in offering a rendition of the *"Living Stations of the Cross."* The Living Stations will be offered on **Wednesday, April 15** at 1:15 and 5:15 p.m. The Living Stations will replace the Stations on Friday of that week.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	February 16 Living & deceased members of the 6:45 A.M. Mass family
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	February 17 Santee Johnson by Pat Madison
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M. 12:00 P.M. 5:30 P.M.	February 18 Jeanne Carney by the Pichette's Service with Ashes JoAnn Sabatura by St. Mary Our Mother Parish
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	February 19 Sam Delsanto Jr. by Ann Gresock
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	February 20 For the Faithful Departed
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	February 21 Robert O'Brien by Pat O'Brien & Family
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	February 22 Teri Guardi by Bob For the Faithful Departed

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 is a season where we incorporate the disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. It is also a time to reflect on how we can change and work towards loving others 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.



CRS Lenten Prayer

God of Hope, You journey with us through the desert. You challenge us to become more like Christ.

During this Lenten season, may our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving give us the courage to go forth and share our gifts with the world. May our encounter with You allow us to bring hope to our global family.

Amen.

A Note of Apology**Dear Parishioners:**

We sincerely apologize for the late arrival of your weekly offering envelopes. Due to unexpected catastrophic issues with our production equipment, we have experienced an unavoidable delay. We are working diligently to resolve the problem and restore our regular schedule. Please forgive us for this inconvenience—we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

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CRS, Rice Bowl, and Lent

Catholic Relief Services was started in 1943 by the bishops of the United States to aid refugees and survivors of World War II. Today it has expanded its mission to become the official international agency of the Catholic Church. Today it sends trained, professional workers to over 100 countries across the globe. Their relief and development programs address health, education, agriculture, emergency response services, micro-finance of small businesses, and peacebuilding. Wherever CRS goes, it works to create a world in which people live as one human family.

CRS gets its funds from grants, donations, and fundraising activities, such as Lenten Rice Bowl. Ninety-three percent of the funds go directly to the projects while only 7% is used by management, administration, and fundraising costs. It holds an A+ rating from CharityWatch. CRS keeps 75% of your Rice Bowl donations to support their overseas programs, but returns 25% to help fight hunger and poverty in our own local area of Chemung County.

CRS Global Fellows are Roman Catholic priests and deacons that are trained to work with and witness to the good works that CRS is doing with the world's most vulnerable people. They journey to villages to work along CRS workers and meet the people in the villages where they serve. CRS has over 75 Global Fellows in the US. Here in the Diocese of Rochester we are fortunate to have two diocesan deacons who are global fellows, both of whom have visited and delivered homilies here in our church in the past few years.

CRS Lenten calendars and rice bowls will be available in our church starting Ash Wednesday. In weeks to come, our bulletin will feature articles about the work of CRS overseas in Ghana, Guatemala, and Timor Leste. Visit the crsricebowl.org website for lots more information. Remember the CRS workers and the people they serve in your prayers. Happy Lent!

**DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
PERMENENT DIACONATE**

The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church. The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate. The Diocese anticipates that the next formation class will begin in Fall 2027, with the application process beginning in early 2027.

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ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL:**Presidents' Day Recess – February 16th–20th**

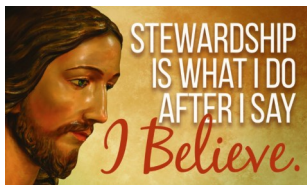
St. Mary Our Mother School will be closed for Presidents' Day Recess from Monday, February 16th through Friday, February 20th. Classes will resume on Monday, February 23rd.

During this week, Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, February 18th, marking the beginning of Lent—a special season of reflection, prayer, and preparation for Easter. Even though school will not be in session, we encourage families to take time during the week to reflect, pray, and engage in Lenten practices at home.

We are grateful for our parish community and the many ways it supports both our students and school. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, ready for continued learning, growing in faith, and celebrating the joy of being part of this wonderful community.

Blessings,

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law," it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

FOLK GROUP

An interest in starting up a folk group here at St. Mary Our Mother has been expressed by one of our parishioners who has a background playing bass with a folk group. There would be a need for acoustic guitar players and willing singers in order to create this new ensemble. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817 and leave your name and phone number, or see Cathy Peckham after mass. You will be contacted.

**Notre Dame High School Winter Open House****For Prospective Students & Families (Grades 7–12)**

Prospective students and families are warmly invited to attend Notre Dame High School's **Winter Open House on Thursday, February 26, from 6:00–7:00 PM, in the Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium.**

The evening will include an overview of Notre Dame's academic program, admissions process, and financial aid, followed by an opportunity to tour the campus and meet some of our administrators and students. Attendees will also hear inspiring testimonies from a current parent and student. Discover what makes Notre Dame a welcoming, college-preparatory community grounded in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and a commitment to academic excellence.

Students at Notre Dame benefit from a wide range of opportunities, including **competitive athletics, performing, visual, and language arts; community service, and extracurricular activities** such as FTC & FRC Robotics, Climate Crusaders, Quiz League, Yearbook, MaryLeaf (school newsletter), and The Notre Dame Spotlighters.

Notre Dame H.S. is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, and transportation is available from many of our local school districts.

To RSVP for the Open House or to apply for the **2026–27 school year**, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSWinterOpenHouse26>. To submit your application to ND for the 2026-27 school year, visit notredamehighschool.com. For questions, contact **Mr. Nick Weiermiller, Director of Admissions, at 607-734-2267.**

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Notre Dame High School!

Thanks so much.
Best wishes for the New Year!

Michelle Barkley



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