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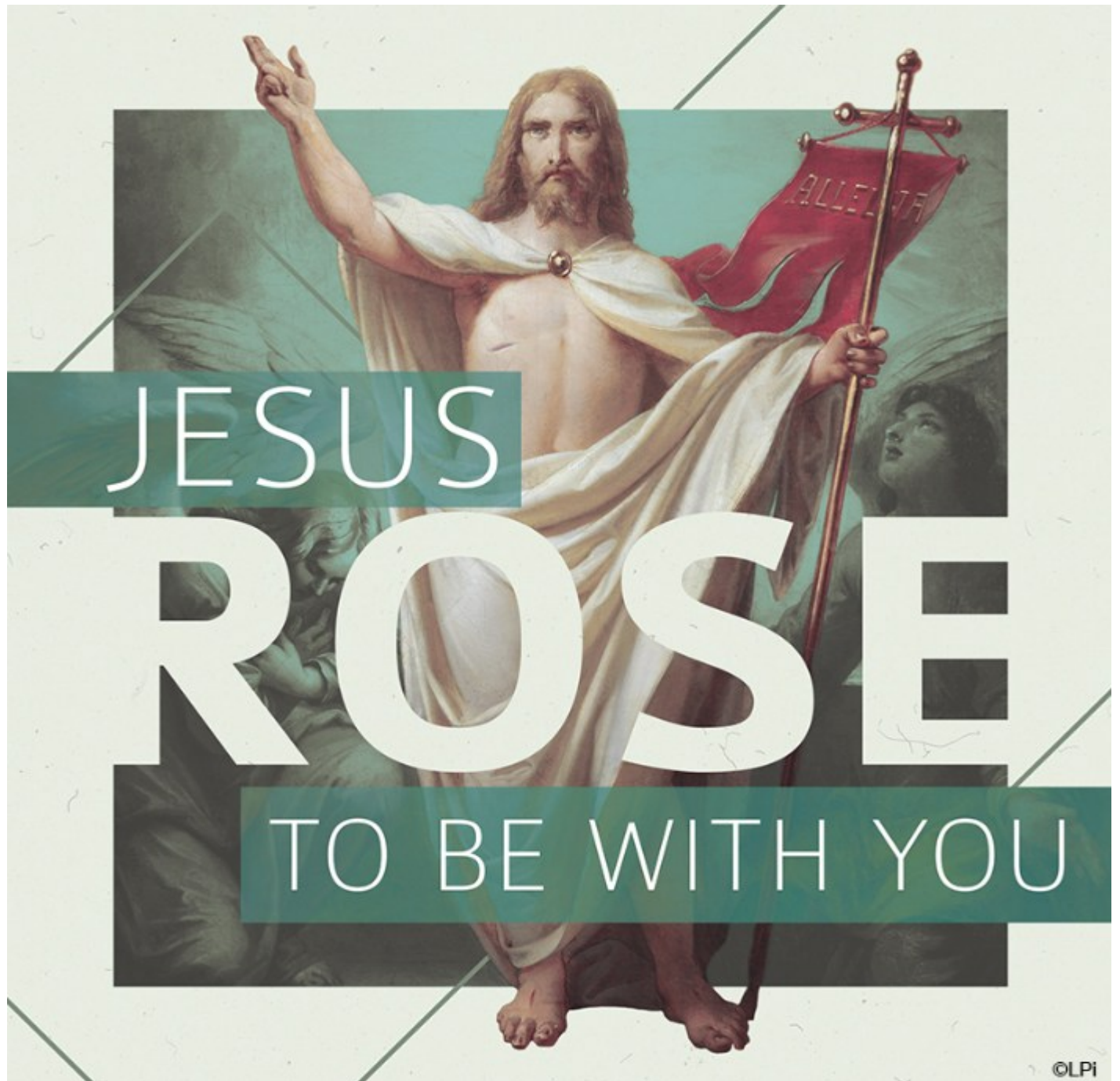
MISSION STATEMENT

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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April 19, 2026



WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Tuesday, April 21**
4:00 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes—School
- Thursday, April 23**
7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—Church
- Saturday, April 25**
3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www. Usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.Usccb.org/home-missions).

Temperance, Explained!

“For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to the entire human race...(teaching) us to reject godless ways and worldly desires,” reads Titus 2:11-12, “and in the present age to lead lives that are temperate, just and godly.”

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. “It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable,” we read in the Catechism (CCC 1809).

Temperance is not repression of feeling; it is an exercise of the will, a careful and calculated choice. In this way, temperance actually safeguards virtuous love, keeping it “whole and uncorrupted,” said St. Augustine. The practice of temperance is intimately linked to the virtue of chastity, which “protects the intimate center of the person...refusing to unveil what should remain hidden” (CCC 2521).

Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,

As this new season begins, bring new life to our hearts as well.

Prune what has grown despondent, brush back that which darkens and clouds.

As the flowers bud and bloom, bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy.

Amen.

Stewardship

Weekly Contribution for week ending 4/5/2026
Totalled.....\$10,500.00

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Missy Milazzo
Bernadette Collins



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I first read Homer’s Odyssey as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today’s Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but “their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— Father John Muir

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

As we continue to rejoice in the Easter season, I would like to pass the following wisdom given by **Ann Landers**. This was given to me by a good friend, and I believe the words reflect what we believe as Easter people and followers of the Risen One.

Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Cultivate a low persuasive voice. How you say it counts more than what you say.

Make promises sparingly, and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs.

Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticize helpfully, never spitefully.

Be interested in others, their pursuits, their work, their homes and families. Make merry with those who rejoice; with those who weep or mourn. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel you regard him or her as a person of importance.

Be cheerful. Don't burden or depress those around you by dwelling on your minor aches and pains and small disappointments. Remember, everyone is carrying some kind of a load.

Keep an open mind. Discuss but don't argue. It is a mark of high character to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

Let your virtues speak for themselves. Refuse to talk of another's vices, discourage gossip; it is a waste of valuable time and can be extremely destructive.

Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at the other person's expense are rarely worth it and may hurt when least expected. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Remember, the person who carried the message may not be the most accurate reporter in the world. Live in such a way that nobody will believe anything bad about you. Disordered nerves and bad digestion are a common cause of backbiting.

Don't be too nervous about the credit due you. Do your best, and be patient. Forget about yourself, and let others "remember." Success is much sweeter that way.

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

Fr. L.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday, April 20
6:45 A.M. Our Faithful Departed

Tuesday, April 21
6:45 A.M. Gary Rhodehouse—JoAnn Mosteller

Wednesday, April 22
6:45 A.M. Mary Amisano (birthday) - Guy

Thursday, April 23
6:45 A.M. Our Faithful Departed

Friday, April 24
6:45 A.M. Living & deceased members of the 6:45am mass family

Saturday, April 25
5:00 P.M. Donna Berry—Jane & Joe Gallagher

Sunday, April 26—Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 A.M. Peter Driscoll—Bill & Judi Driscoll
10:30 A.M. John W. Bennett—Theresa Tiberia & family

**End of the World****Question:**

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

Answer:

We hear the phrase “the end of the world” casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin “Parousia,” meaning “presence” or “arrival.”

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a “*new heaven and a new earth*” (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, “Come Lord Jesus!”

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass Book is now open. There are many 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.



The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we know, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a gotcha! moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

**DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
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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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- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Peter T. Singano**, in Residence
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- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
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ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL:

Campus Beautification Day – Celebrating Earth Day!

In honor of Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22nd, St. Mary Our Mother School will be holding our annual Campus Beautification Day! Students and staff will come out of uniform in different colors assigned to each class, and by the end of the day, we will have created a vibrant rainbow of colors across our school community.

Our students and staff will spend part of their day working outdoors, taking pride in caring for our beautiful campus. From cleaning up our classrooms' surroundings to tidying green spaces, this day is a wonderful way for everyone to contribute to a healthier, more vibrant environment.

This event not only helps beautify our school grounds but also teaches our students the importance of stewardship, teamwork, and taking care of God's creation. We are proud to provide our students with hands-on experiences that combine fun, learning, and community service.

St. Mary Our Mother School is committed to fostering both academic excellence and a deep respect for the world around us. Campus Beautification Day is a perfect example of how our students live out these values every day!

Blessings,

Mrs. Heather Bill
Principal, St.



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.

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.

Horseheads Food Pantry

The Horseheads Food Pantry is very grateful to the people of St. Mary Our Mother community for their long-standing, generous support of the pantry. Their current wish list is below:

- *Brownie mixes and cookie mixes*
- *Saltine or Ritz-style crackers*
- *Jiffy corn muffin mixes*
- *Family size bags or boxes containing individual bags of chips or pretzels*
- *Boxes of cereal*

And keep those deposit cans and bottles coming. Thank you so much.

Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: “Say what you mean and mean what you say.”

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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