



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

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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July 26, 2026



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Friday: **Parish Offices Closed**

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Annual Back to School Project

LET'S HELP LOCAL CHILDREN GET READY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Each year Catholic Charities invites us to donate school supplies to help parents send their children back to school with everything they need and ready to learn. This year backpacks with supplies will be distributed to 600 Chemung County school children (K-6th grade) on August 22 at the annual Safe Kids Strong Kids event (11AM-2PM) at the Chemung Co. Fair Grounds. No advance registration is needed.

Supplies needed to fill the backpacks: colored pencils, composition notebooks (wide-ruled), folders (two-pocket), erasers (hand-held), markers (washable), blunt tip scissors. **Donated supplies will be collected until August 12 and can be dropped off at one of these locations:**

- Chamberlain Acres Garden Center
- Chemung Co. Libraries (Big Flats, West Elmira, Horseheads, Steele)
- Corning Community College Elmira campus
- Copy Express
- Chemung Co Dept of Aging
- Mr. Panosian Famous Shoes
- Purple Iris Boutique Horseheads
- Wallin Insurance
- Tranquility Beauty Shop
- Catholic Charities office Church St.

Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEXT MEETINGS:

Horseheads K of C Council #6158 will meet on **Monday, August 3rd** in O'Brien Hall at 6:30 pm for our scheduled business meeting.

We have added a **social meeting on the third Monday of each month as well**. We are looking for input on sites for these social get togethers. Also just a reminder that the checks and stubs for the Lotto fundraiser for August are due as soon as possible.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

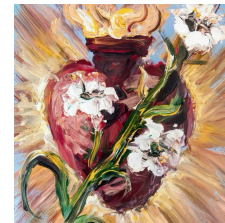


ALTAR FLOWERS

The main altar flowers for July 26- August 1, 2026 have been donated in memory of Mary Amisano by her husband, Guy.

August

*Month of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary*



INTERESTED IN BAPTISM, COMMUNION, OR CONFIRMATION?

OR CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Children, Teens, and Adults (OCIA) is a class designed to help with the process of becoming a Catholic. Classes begin in September and are open to anyone of any faith background to explore the Catholic Faith or work towards receiving the sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

Interested in learning more about OCIA or registering?

Reach out to:

Lily.Barr@dor.org or 607-739-8214

WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations. On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It was in June of 2021, that the late Pope Francis I had instituted a Church wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to honor and celebrate the contributions of grandparents and the elderly to our families and society.

This day is to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the liturgical memorial of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne on July 26, We will celebrate this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at our Masses this weekend. The Holy Father instituted this day, which in the opinion of many is long overdue, because "grandparents are often forgotten and we lose this wealth of preserving roots and passing on what the elderly have received." The Holy Father further emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, spending quality time together, and sharing stories. Though this is short notice, and if your grandparents are still living, plan to honor them in some way on the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. If they have passed to the Kingdom, remember them in prayer today.

Now a "Did you know" question! Did you know that Saint Joachim and Saint Anne were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the grandparents of Jesus? Saints Anne and Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah of the Old Testament, were scorned because they had no children. Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Saint Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray. Saint Anne, remaining at home, went to a garden to plead with God for a child. Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. Legend has it that the parents to be ran to meet one another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate, and rejoiced in the new life which had promised would be theirs. Saints Anne and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant parents, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have entered their senior years.

Prayer for the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

I thank you, Lord,

for the comfort of your presence: even in times of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence,

You have been my rock and my fortress from my youth!

I thank you for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank you for the moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life, and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank you for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which you have called me.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 27 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of 6:45 a.m. Mass Family

Tuesday, July 28 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Our Faithful Departed

Wednesday, July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

6:45 a.m. - Bryan Lanahan - wife, Adele

Thursday, July 30 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Sandee Johnson (birthday) - Doug

Friday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola - Priest

6:45 a.m. - Deceased of Costello Family - Family

Saturday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

5:00 p.m. - John Ksionzyk - Paula

Sunday, August 2-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Joseph LaLomia - the Coppola Family

10:30 a.m. - John Gough - wife, Ellie & Family

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED...

*Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never
stop dreaming*

And to tell of your wonders to new generations.

*Protect and guide Pope Leo and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that all storms
might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.*

Sustain me in weakness

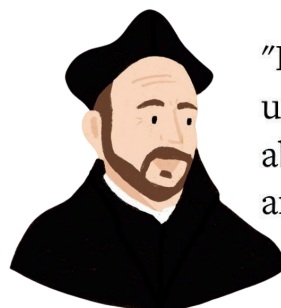
*and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You
give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even
until the end of the age.*

Amen.

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

Fr. L.

ST. IGNATIUS
OF LOYOLA



"He lives happily, who,
unceasingly, as far as he is
able, has his mind on God
and God in his heart."

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

2026–2027 School Year

Registration for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year is now open at St. Mary Our Mother! We are excited to welcome new and returning families to grow in faith together. Programs are available for **children and youth from Pre-K through high school**. As well as many fun family events and Youth Groups throughout the year. For our Public School students, receive Religious Education through our Tuesday Faith Formation Program, Home Study Program, or Hybrid Program. For students wanting to receive any sacraments, reach out to our Faith Formation team to find the program that will fit your student.

To Register: Scan the QR Code or Google “St Mary Our Mother Registrations” to find our website with online registration forms. Each child must complete a registration form to enroll for the upcoming year. We encourage families to register early so we can prepare for another wonderful year of learning, community, and fun!

For more information and to register, visit stmaryourmother.com/faith-formation or contact the Faith Formation Office. We look forward to walking with your family on this journey of faith!



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity. In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.” He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church. This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged. Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: Who is considered the founding father of the Catholic Church in Ireland?

Answer: St. Patrick



O Most Blessed Mother, heart
of love, heart of mercy ever
listening, caring, consoling,
hear our prayer.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
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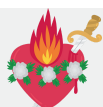
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Faith Formation

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AUGUST EVENTS FOR FAITH FORMATION & PARISH

Join us in August for a month inspired by how Our Mother unites our Parish community.

- Join us for multiple visits to the Southern Tier Foodbank
- Help us Collect School Supplies for Catholic Charities *info on page 1*
- Pray the Rosary with us
- Join us for Popsicles & Registering for Sacramental Programs/Faith Formation

Learn more by scanning the QR Code or on our Website: stmaryourmother.com

REGISTER NOW



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 SUMMER ACADEMIES & ATHLETIC CAMPS

Is summer on your mind yet? Looking for ways to keep your kids active, engaged, and having fun? Notre Dame has something for everyone! Our exciting lineup of Summer Academies includes: Cooking 101, Just Desserts, Teen Trailblazers, Build It. Code It. Drive It!, Craft-It-With-Cricut, Not Your Average Art Camp, Sweet Feet Hiking & Nature Photography Camp, Summer Seminar on the Per- forming Arts, and Advanced Musical Theater Review. We're also offering Athletic Camps, including our popular Crusader Soccer Camp led by Boys Varsity Head Coach Gavin Harrington, and a Tennis Camp directed by Varsity Head Coach Erik Romminger.

- Learn more at: notredamehighschool.com.
- Register today: <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSSummer2026>

Join us for a fun and enriching summer at Notre Dame! All programs will be held at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. For questions, please contact Michelle Barkley at 607-734- 2267.



ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL 2026–2027 Registration

St. Mary Our Mother School is pleased to share that **registration for the 2026–2027 school year is currently ongoing.** We welcome both new and returning families to explore all that St. Mary Our Mother School has to offer as part of our faith-filled, nurturing school community.

At St. Mary Our Mother School, **students in Pre-K 3 through Grade 6 are supported in an environment rooted in Catholic values, academic excellence, and a strong sense of community.** Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to helping each child grow academically, spiritually, and socially through engaging instruction and meaningful learning experiences.

Families continue to choose St. Mary Our Mother School for its welcoming atmosphere, strong partnership between home and school, and commitment to educating the whole child. From daily classroom learning to school-wide traditions and service opportunities, students are given the foundation they need to succeed and thrive.

We encourage families interested in learning more about enrollment, tuition, or scheduling a visit to reach out to the school office.

For additional information, please contact the school office or email Heather Bill at Heather.Bill@dor.org.

We look forward to continuing to welcome new families into our St. Mary Our Mother School community for the 2026–2027 school year.



NOW HIRING: FINANCE & OPERATIONS MANAGER

St. Mary Our Mother Parish & School (Horseheads) and Ss. Isidore and Maria Torribia Parish (Addison) are seeking a full-time Finance & Operations Manager to provide financial, administrative, and operational support to our parish communities.

This position oversees accounting coordination, payroll support, facilities and office operations, volunteer coordination, and parish administrative functions while working closely with the Pastors and Regional Finance Director.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business, or related field preferred (Associate degree with relevant experience considered). Strong organizational, communication, and computer skills required. Experience in accounting, office management, nonprofit administration, or parish operations is preferred.

- To apply, please submit a resume to Amy.Finnerty@dor.org.

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