



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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August 2, 2026



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday | Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday | Food Bank Shift

Friday | **Parish Offices Closed**

Next Sunday | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD AT 6:30

Knights of Columbus | Meeting

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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH AT 9:00

Food Bank of Southern Tier | Volunteer Opportunity

Be part of our Month of Mary by serving our community as the Hands of Christ. Register for the Morning Shift at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and join other SMOM parishioners in making a difference together.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT 5:00

Popsicle Pop-Up | Registration Event

As part of our Month of Mary, join us at the playground anytime from 5:00–6:00 PM! Enjoy free popsicles, register for Faith Formation/Sacraments, learn more about our programs for the year ahead, or just stop by to say hello and grab a sweet treat.

LIVING LITURGICALLY IN AUGUST:

Transfigure the old into the new

Celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord by seeing a new purpose in something you have!



Go to Mass on the Assumption

Celebrate Mary's body and soul being taken into heaven by going to Mass! Weekend of Aug 15 & 16



Create a Marian Bouquet

collection of flowers named after Mary's virtues & roles



Pray St. Clare Novena

Start: August 2
Feast Day: August 11



Celebrate St. Michael's Lent

40-day period of prayer, fasting, and penance starting on August 15 (Feast of the Assumption) and ending on September 29 (Feast of St. Michael the Archangel), created by St. Francis of Assisi



IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Ronald Swartz

Peter Acampora

Elizabeth Kennedy



WINE & HOSTS

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for August 2-8, 2026 have been donated in loving memory of **Robert and Mary Lou Tremaine** by **Joan and Barry Sawester**

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!

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER ACADEMIES & ATHLETIC CAMPS

Join us for a fun and enriching summer at Notre Dame!

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

All programs will be held at Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. For questions, please contact Michelle Barkley at 607-734- 2267.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

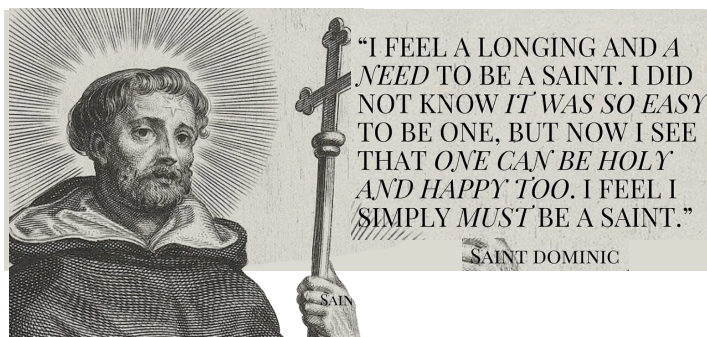
It hardly seems possible that this weekend marks the beginning of month of August!

Here are a few "summer suggestions" for these days of August.

1. *Invite a single friend over for a meal.*
2. *Turn off the television, telephone, and computer, and spend an hour devoted to someone you love.*
3. *Attend an extra Mass on a weekday each week during the summer.*
4. *Abstain from something you like-meat, a latte, a cold drink-on Fridays and donate the money to a charity.*
5. *Take your rosary with you for your early morning walk.*
6. *Recycle more.*
7. *Think of a charity which is amply blessed at Christmas, and remember it with a gift mid-year.*
8. *Each day, say a prayer for one of the world's trouble spots.*
9. *Surprise an old friend with a telephone call.*
10. *Purchase flowers for someone without a "reason."*
11. *Take your family to a farmer's market, if in season.*
12. *Stop for a moment during your busy day and enjoy an ice cream cone or another favorite treat.*
13. *If you hear a great homily, tell the homilist.*
14. *Splurge on some fresh produce and buy enough to share with someone in need.*
15. *On occasion, try turning your prayer before meals into a spontaneous prayer of thanks, using your own words.*
16. *See if you can go one day without complaining.*
17. *Send an unexpected thank you note for a small favor.*
18. *If you see a neighbor in the yard, stop for a brief chat.*
19. *When standing in the checkout line, let someone with fewer items go before you.*

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

Fr. L.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 3 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Linda Burke - Mary Lee & Ed Fairbrother

Tuesday, August 4 - Saint John Vianney, Priest

6:45 a.m. - Phillip Amisano - family

Wednesday, August 5 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. -Deceased members of the Mills Family - family

Thursday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

6:45 a.m. - Our Faithful Departed

Friday, August 7 - Weekday

6:45 a.m. - Ann Ponzi - Phil

Saturday, August 8 - St. Dominic

5:00 p.m. - Teri Guardi - Bob

Sunday, August 9 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Bill Dominikoski - his wife, Diane & family

10:30 a.m. - Angie & John Barbito - family

POPE LEO: GOD'S KINGDOM GROWS QUIETLY THROUGH LOVE, NOT FORCE

"During his Angelus address (7/26/26), Pope Leo says God's Kingdom grows quietly through humility, patience and love rather than power, urging Christians to trust in His hidden work and become "small seeds of the Gospel" in the world. Pope Leo urged Christians to reject the temptation to seek spectacular displays of God's power, reminding the faithful that the Kingdom of God grows quietly and patiently, like a tiny seed or a little yeast working unseen... He encouraged believers to adopt what he described as a "Gospel-centered approach," avoiding arrogance, the desire to dominate others, or the use of power to impose the faith. Instead, Christians should place their trust in God's quiet work." *Read the full story at VaticanNews.VA*

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Question:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer:

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake. As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary Theotokos. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

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

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



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.

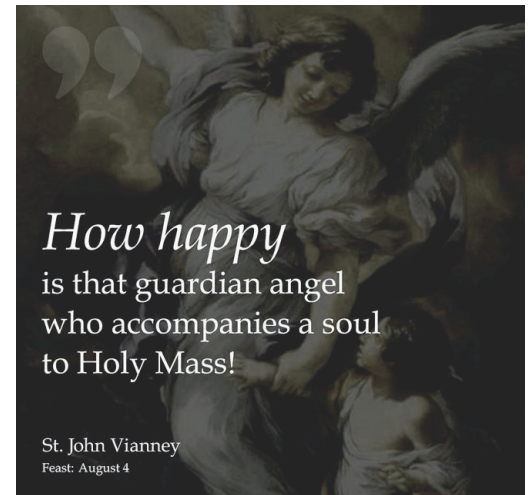
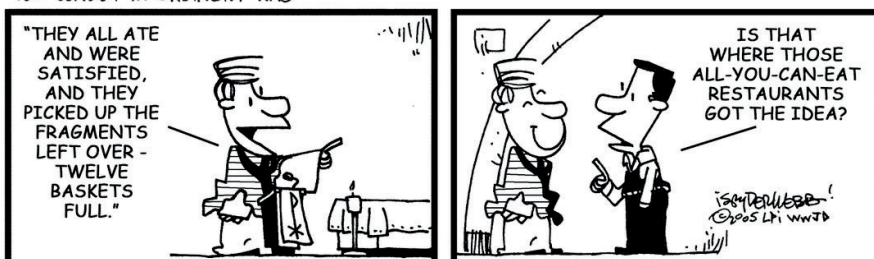
To Register: Scan the QR Code or Google “St Mary Our Mother Registrations” to find our website with online registration forms. Each child must complete a registration form to enroll for the upcoming year. We encourage families to register early so we can prepare for another wonderful year of learning,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

REGISTER NOW



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. John Vianney
Feast: August 4

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
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Mrs. Adriana Enright, School Secretary
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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.

GOSPLE REFLECTION

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, "the mood all changed."

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, "When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir



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.

MESSY ART CAMP!

Big Messy Art Camp was filled with creativity, laughter, and lots of colorful fun! Students in grades 4–6 spent the week exploring new artistic techniques, creating unique masterpieces, and weren't afraid to get a little messy along the way.

A special thank you to Mrs. O'Brien for planning and leading such a wonderful week of creativity!

Great job, artists!



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