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.

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November 1, 2026



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

ALL SAINTS

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Tuesday, November 3 | 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation Classes
5:30 p.m. First Penance Celebration
Thursday, November 5 | 7:00 p.m. Adult choir rehearsal
Friday, November 6 | Parish offices closed

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church



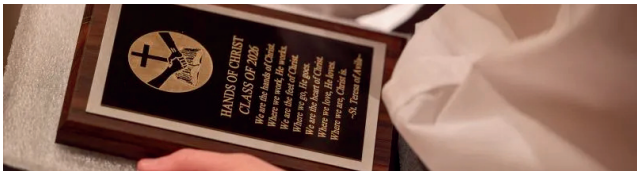
HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2027

Do you know a high school senior who lives out Christ's love through service to their church, home, school, and community? The Hands of Christ Recognition is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, honors high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" to those around them. Honorees will be recognized at one of several diocesan ceremonies in 2027. The critera:

- Consistently demonstrates a Christian altitude by word and example
- Is actively involved in their parish as well as their school community
- Is a positive role model for peers and younger children
- Is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother

To nominate a senior, please stop at the parish office for a registration form, complete the registration form, including the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and high school along with examples of the above-mentioned criteria. All forms will be reviewed by Father Linsler for approval as pastor.

All nominations are due in the parish Office by January 1, 2027!



CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 1st. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Spring and summer decorations/flowers are allowed from March 15th through November 1st.

Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be REMOVED by November 5th. Thank you.



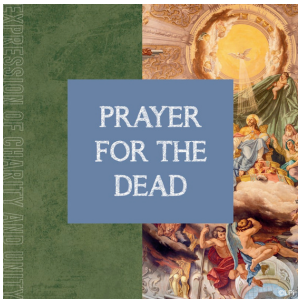
IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Sue Ann Rathbun
Charlie Ellis
Wini Widman
Janis Sternquist
Cindy McCluskey

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

Main altar flowers for November 1-7 have been donated in memory of our deceased loved ones.



Dear Lord, Bring Your consolation to this time of sorrow. We turn to you as we remember and mourn the loss of someone deeply loved and dearly missed. May their journey home be marked with Your grace, and our journey on earth be marked with Your comfort. *Amen.*

CATHOLIC LIVING: ALL SAINTS & SOULS DAYS



SHARE YOUR VOICE THIS CHRISTMAS!

As we prepare for the Christmas season, we invite you to share your musical gifts at St. Mary Our Mother! We are looking for singers to join our Choir and participate in our annual Lessons & Carols as well as Christmas Mass. Whether you're a familiar face in our regular Adult Choir or a new voice looking to get involved, you are welcome!

Rehearsals: Every Thursday, starting at 7:00, in the church

We also have our special Children's & Youth Choir/Orchestra and are looking for young parishioners to help lead our Christmas Eve Manger Blessing at the Children's Christmas Mass on December 24 at 3:00 PM!

Rehearsals will be scheduled most Tuesdays leading to Christmas.

→ ***Interested?***

Adults: Contact Cathy Peckham at 739-3817 or see Cathy at the organ after Mass for more information.

Youth & Children: Contact Lily Barr at 739-8214 or Lily.Barr@dor.org for more information and to sign-up!

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It is hard to believe that we have arrived at the month of November, with only two months remaining to the 2026 calendar year. November is a month we are called "to remember," beginning with today's celebration of All Saints Day, with our annual Mass of Remembrance, where we will remember those who have passed away since November 2025, today at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, followed by All Souls Day on Monday. November 11th is Veteran's Day, a time to remember all our veterans who have served our nation so faithfully. The fourth Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, which gives us an opportunity to gather with family and friends to offer thanks for all we have. November invites us to remember the past and live for the future, even in these most challenging of times.

A popular song that our children sing often on or near All Saints Day is entitled "Sing A Song to the Saints. The song mentions a number of the more popular saints of our faith tradition by name, with a refrain inviting us to "sing a song to the saints. " All Saints Day is a time to honor the women and men whose lives were marked with holiness of knowing, loving, and serving God throughout their earthly life. This day reminds us that holiness is a virtue for all of us—not just those who have been formally recognized to be so by the Church, but all who have lived God's call the best they can.

Every year on All Saints Day, I recall the occasions when the Litany of Saints is sung and prayed during the liturgy. At the Easter Vigil, we are invited to sing this litany just before the elect are baptized. For those in Holy Orders, the singing of this litany brings back memories of their ordination. Before the bishop imposes hands on the candidate, he lies prostrate on the floor of the church, while the congregation joins the saints in the Kingdom, praying for the soon-to-be-ordained. This litany calls out for assistance and guidance, reminding us that we are not only a part of the Church here on earth, but a heavenly church as well.

Monday, November 2nd, we commemorate the Feast Of All Souls. While not a day when we are obliged to attend Mass, this day invites us to pray for all the faithful departed. It is a day to remember deceased family members and friends. I often think of all the priests, religious, and family members who sacrificed to build our church, school, and campus, who prayed, built community here, and truly loved the people. Think of the many funerals we have celebrated here. How often have we remembered and called upon our ancestors in faith to help, guide, and be with us in these most challenging of times? All Souls Day invites us to and pray for our departed loved ones, sad that they are no longer with us, but happy that they with God in heaven.

Veteran's Day is Wednesday, November 11th. This day reminds us "that on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the eleventh hour in 1918, the "war to end all wars", World War I ended in Europe. Every year since, we have paused as a nation to remember. We remember those who sacrificed their lives in all our nation's wars so that we might be a free nation. We remember the stories we have heard and continue to pray and work for peace.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 2 - Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed
6:45 a.m. - Our Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 3
6:45 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Ramdeen Family

Wednesday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo - Bishop
6:45 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Khan Family

Thursday, November 5
6:45 a.m. - Mamie Woodard - Peggy Woodard

Friday, November 6
6:45 a.m. - Ellen Kania - Susie Alexander
9:00 a.m. - Karen & Paul Tomkins - their many friends

Saturday, November 7
5:30 p.m. - Bob VanBurger - wife Barb

Sunday, November 8 - Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. - Marlene Fiorini - Thomas & Kathleen Marzec
10:30 a.m. - Deceased members of the Bonsignore & LeMark families - Ann LeMark

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED:

We are indebted to every military person who willingly put others ahead of themselves in offering the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Veteran's Day is a day to remember the past so that we don't repeat it! The month of November concludes with the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Although we continue to navigate through challenging times, the American holiday of Thanksgiving remains a day to be grateful to God's continued blessings in our lives.

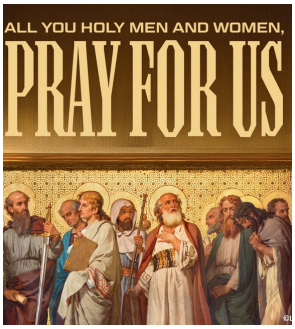
If you haven't already done so, please make your pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal as soon as you can.

Remember that Tuesday of this week is Election Day. Please be sure to vote!

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

Fr. L.

HOW TO BECOME A SAINT



Our journey to sainthood begins at Baptism, the gate through which we are united to Christ and become members of His Mystical Body. St. Paul reminds us that through Baptism, we are united with Christ and called to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3–5). To become a saint in the sense of entering Heaven, we must persevere in friendship with Christ until the end of our lives. The Church also recognizes certain holy men and women as canonized saints, declaring them worthy of universal veneration. Through their example, we are reminded that we, too, are called to live holy lives, remain close to Jesus, and strive for Heaven!



REGISTRATION IS ALWAYS OPEN!

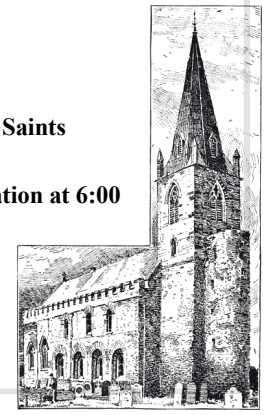
You are always welcome to join our programs!
Just scan the QR Code or contact our Faith Formation Office.

THE AT-HOME CHALLENGE:

This week, our parish is challenging every family to pause and reflect on our mission as Catholics. As we celebrate the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, it is important to remember why we follow Christ and the promise of eternal life. Take time this week to ask for the intercession of a saint, or light a candle for family members and friends who have passed away and offer a prayer for them: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."
As Catholics, this time in our liturgical year invites us to pause and reflect on things greater than our daily lives, and look to those who came before us as heavenly models for our own lives with Christ.

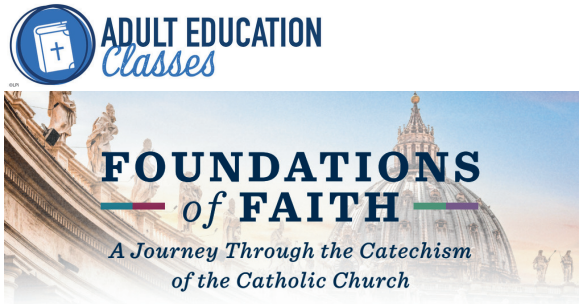


11-1 All Saints Day
11-2 All Souls Day
11-3 Tuesday Program
11-3 First Penance at 5:30
11-8 Confirmation Class & Litany of the Saints
11-10 Tuesday Program
11-14 OCIA/OCIC & Adult Faith Formation at 6:00
11-15 Coffee Hour
11-17 Tuesday Program
11-21 Youth Group
11-26 Thanksgiving
11-29 Advent



HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS DAY

Already by the end of the 2nd century, there is evidence that the saints were already being venerated. First, the holy martyrs, who were soon joined by the apostles, the official witnesses of the faith. After the great persecutions under Imperial Rome, other men and women who had lived heroic Christian lives gradually became the object of veneration as well. The first non-martyr to be venerated as a saint was Martin of Tours. Toward the end of the year 1000, due to the uncontrolled development of "saint making" and the "purchase" of relics, a process for canonization was developed which required evidence of miracles. The Solemnity of All Saints began in the East in the 4th century, and then spread elsewhere, being observed on different dates: on 13 May in Rome, on 1 November in England and Ireland beginning in the 8th century. It was the latter date that was adopted in Rome as well, beginning in the 9th century. The solemnity falls toward the end of the liturgical year, when the Church fixes its gaze on the last things. It is, therefore, fitting that the thought of those who have already crossed over the gates of Heaven should find a place in their hearts.



Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs with Foundations of Faith: *A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.* Open for all adults in our parish who would like to learn more about the foundations of our faith!
→ Join us for Foundations of Faith & OCIA on **Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 in O'Brien Hall.** ***Open to all!***
For more information, contact Lily Barr, lily.barr@dor.org

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
Rev. Peter T. Singano, in Residence
Miss Lily Barr, Faith Formation Coordinator
Mrs. Cathy Peckham, Director of Music
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Mrs. Amy Winkels Business Manager
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ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

November All School Mass

November All School Mass We invite our parish community to join us for our A**ll School Mass on Friday, November 6th at 9:00 AM** at St. Mary Our Mother Church. All parents, parishioners, family members, and friends are warmly welcome to attend and celebrate this special Mass alongside our students and staff. Our 5th grade class will host the Mass, taking an active role in helping lead our school community in prayer and worship. These opportunities allow our students to grow in their faith and experience the joy of coming together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. There is something especially meaningful about gathering as a school and parish family for Mass. We are grateful for the continued support and presence of our parish community in the lives of our students and are blessed to share these special moments of faith together. We hope you will join us on November 6th as we gather in prayer, celebrate our faith, and give thanks for the many blessings of our St. Mary Our Mother School community!

With gratitude,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School

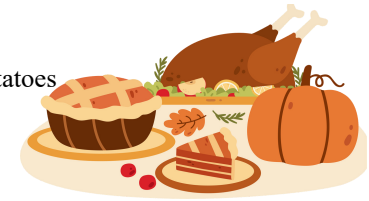






PANTRY REQUESTS FOR THANKSGIVING

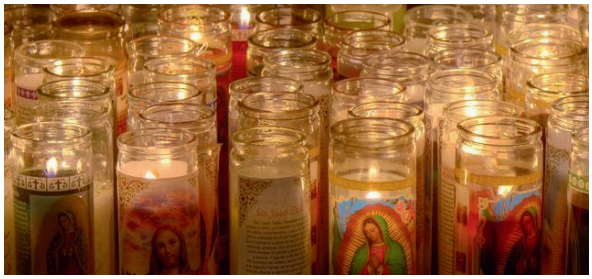
With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, the Horseheads Food Pantry is requesting donations of these traditional Thanksgiving foods.



- Canned meats
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- Stuffing mixes
- Gravy packets
- Jiffy cornbread mixes
- Pie crust mix
- Canned pie filling (apple, pumpkin)
- Canned corn
- Canned green beans
- Boxed cereals

The pantry Staff hopes to be able to supply each family that comes in within the next month with these popular Thanksgiving foods. Can you donate one or more of these? Please bring them to the church , and place them in the Pantry cart in the vestibule.

Your continued support of the Food Pantry is greatly appreciated.



THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

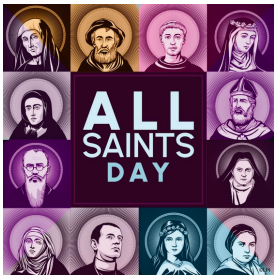
At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us!

The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints.

— Father John Muir



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