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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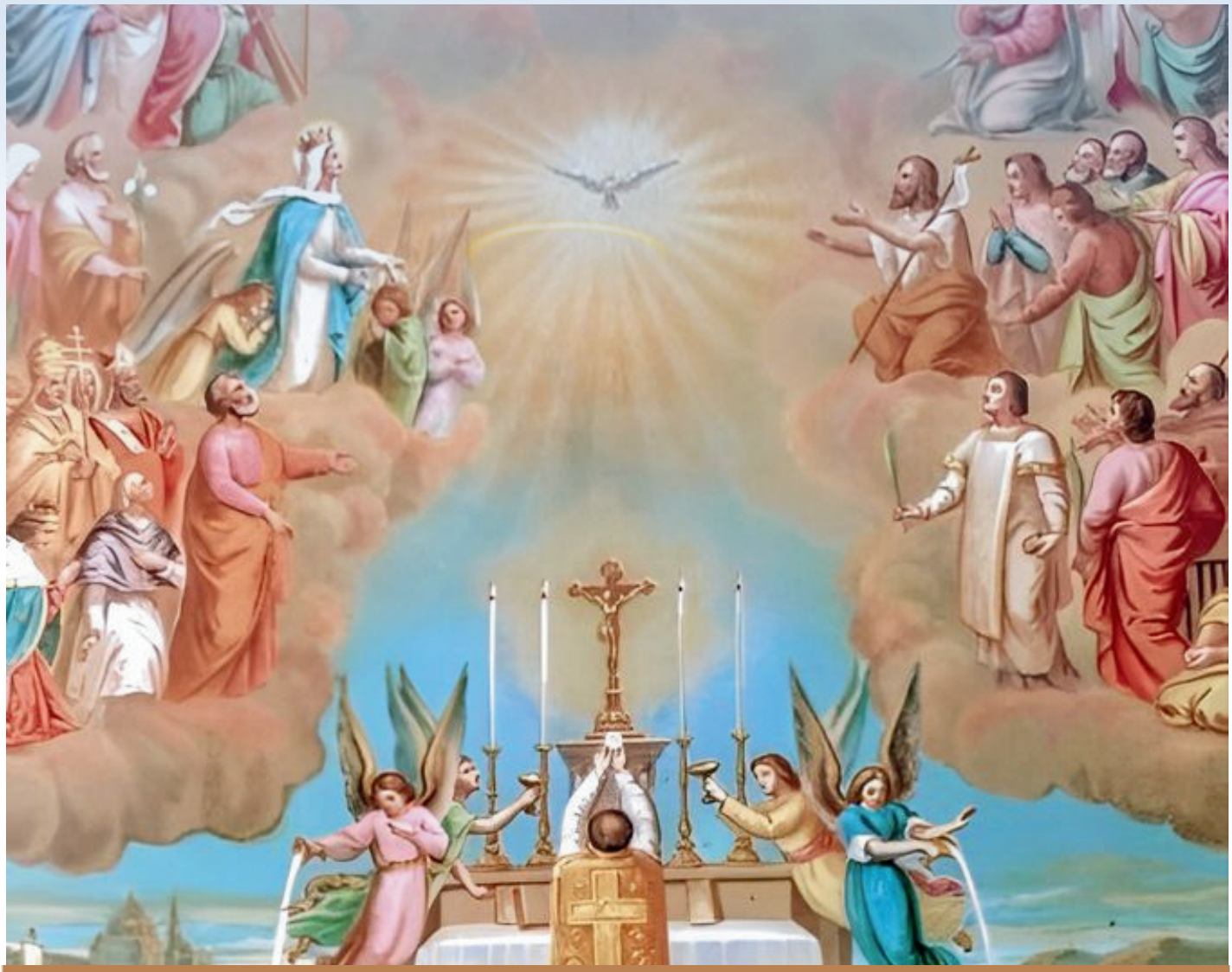
November 15, 2026



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'" – Mt 25:21

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Tuesday, November 17 | Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, November 19 | 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 20 | Parish Offices closed

Saturday, November 21 | 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm in the church



Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul Nov. 18

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





IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Patricia Whittaker
Mary Jane Pronti

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

Main altar arrangements for November 15-21 have been donated in loving memory of Jim Bramble by his wife, Carol and family.

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 p.m., 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

Pope John XXIII served as leader of the Roman Catholic Church from 1958 until his passing in 1963. Church historians will remember Pope John XXIII as the Holy Father who convened the Second Vatican Council, which called for an overall renewal of the Church. Sometime after his passing, Pope John XXIII's spiritual diary entitled **The Journey of the Soul** was published, The diary included the following ten resolutions that the Holy Father prayed each day:

l. Only for today I will seek to live the lifelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.

2. Only for today I will take the greatest care of my appearance, I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice, I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone. I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.

3. Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy not only in the next world but also in this one.

4. Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.

5. Only for today, I will devote ten minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary for the life of the body, so good reading is necessary for the life of the soul.

6. Only for today I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.

7. Only for today I will do at least one thing I do not like doing—and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.

8. Only for today I will make a plan for myself. I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will guard against two false evils: hastiness and indecision.

9. Only for today I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.

10. Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for twelve hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to go it all my life.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 16
6:45 a.m. - Special Intention of Ann Khan

Tuesday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary
6:45 a.m. - Sandee Johnson - Pat Madison

Wednesday, November 18
6:45 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Curtin family

Thursday, November 19
6:45 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family

Friday, November 20
6:45 a.m. - Our Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 21 - Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 p.m. - Ann O'Mara - Joyce & Dick Pirozzolo

Sunday, November 22 - Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:30 a.m. - Tony Dandrea - wife, Ida
10:30 a.m. - Dr. Joseph Navone - Ann LeMark

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED:

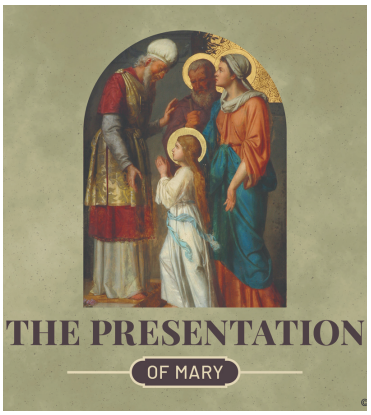
Some wonderful, practical wisdom for people of all walks in life! Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple recalls – according to the apocryphal gospels, the day on which Mary, while still a child, was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be offered to God. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace in the Gospels, but the total gift that Mary made of herself, by listening: "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it" (Lk. 11:28). This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the "temple of the Son of God".

The celebration of this feast dates back to the 6th century in the East with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary the New built by the Emperor Justinian I near the ruins of the temple in Jerusalem. There is evidence that various monasteries in Italy celebrated the feast in the 9th century. It was not until the 15th century that it was included in the Roman Missal.



This is also the day on which the Church celebrates the World Day of Cloistered Life, established by Pope Pius XII in 1953.

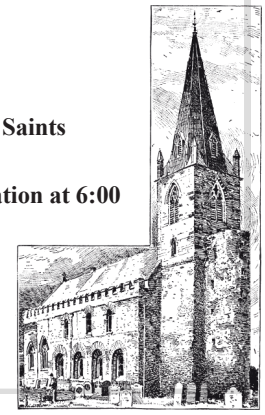


REGISTRATION IS ALWAYS OPEN!

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



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



ADVENT PREPARATION:

Advent is quickly approaching on November 29th this year. In this season, there are many great Catholic traditions to help us prepare room in our hearts for the coming of the Messiah. Here are four core practices to incorporate into your routine:

- **Advent Wreath:** Set up a wreath at home with three purple candles and one rose candle. Light them weekly to mark the journey toward Christ's birth.
- **The Jesse Tree:** Trace the history of salvation from creation to Christ by following a daily Bible reading which traditionally has symbolic ornaments to hang on your Jesse Tree! Printable Ornaments and readings can be found on the CatholicIcing website!
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation**: Experience God's mercy as we actually make room in our hearts for Christ. Our parish confessions are every Saturday at 3:30!
- **Daily Prayer Challenge**: Consider the Hallow App's Pray25 challenge, reading the Gospels, praying the O Antiphons or St. Andrew Christmas Novena.





THIS WEEKEND!

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR



November 15, 2026

O'BRIEN HALL

STOP IN AFTER 10:30 MASS FOR COFFEE, DONUTS AND COMMUNITY

St. Mary our Mother Faith Formation

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
Mrs. Heather Bill, School Principal
Mrs. Amy Winkels, Business Manager
Mrs. Adriana Enright, School Secretary
Mrs. Joyce Pirozzolo, Parish Secretary
Ms. Wendy Slater, Office Assistant
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ST MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL

Parent Association

The Parent Association at St. Mary Our Mother School is a cornerstone of our school community, helping to create memorable experiences and meaningful connections for our students, staff, and families. This year, we are delighted to have Mr. Adam McDermott and Mrs. Alanna Berry serving as our Co-Chairs, bringing energy, dedication, and a true love for our school. The Parent Association works tirelessly behind the scenes to organize and support amazing events, including the Thanksgiving Feast, monthly dining fundraisers, school assemblies, field trips, and Teacher Appreciation Week. Their thoughtful planning and generous efforts enrich the lives of our students and help foster a sense of community and belonging. The group meets monthly to collaborate, brainstorm, and ensure every event is a success. We are so grateful for their commitment, creativity, and the joy they bring to our school — they truly help make St. Mary Our Mother School a special place for all!

With appreciation,

Mrs. Heather Bill

Principal, St. Mary Our Mother School





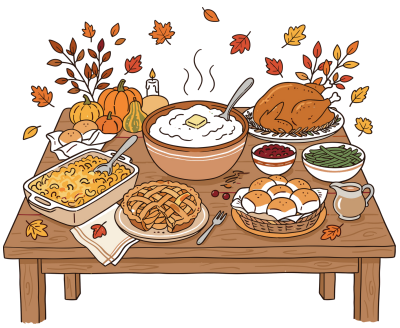


PANTRY REQUESTS FOR THANKSGIVING

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:

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, "Let's have a great time." The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. "I don't want to lose it," he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father's invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus' parable, a servant buries his master's talent and explains: "Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground" (Matthew 25:24-25). The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant's fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God's gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master's goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved.

— Father John Muir

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