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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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November 14, 2021

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

As of November 5th, **132 families** have contributed **\$34,097.00** toward our parish goal of **\$106,251.00**. We thank those who have given generously to the CMA and ask that all who have not yet given to this appeal to prayerfully consider doing so. Please consider all the ways God has blessed you and your family and how the Church has brought joy and goodness in our lives. The CMA is one way we can give back to God for the many blessings God has shared with us.



HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2021

The **Hands of Christ** is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their church, home, school, and greater community. You are invited to nominate a high school senior of the class of 2022 for the Hands of Christ recognition.

A nominated high school senior must meet the following criteria:

- ~ *Consistently demonstrates a Christian attitude by word and example;*
- ~ *has been actively involved in their parish as well as their school community;*
- ~ *has been a positive role model for peers and younger children;*
- ~ *is a participating member of St. Mary Our Mother parish and attends Mass regularly;*
- ~ *is currently a high school senior.*

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 the 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 **November 22, 2021**.

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CASE) MANDATORY TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In March 2021, the Diocese of Rochester updated its *Volunteer Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Policy* to include ALL volunteers, not just those who work with children or vulnerable adults. The training is offered in an easy to use online program. Volunteers will be required to sign a Code of Conduct and complete a background check prior to starting your volunteer service.

This mandatory CASE training must be renewed every three years (volunteers over 70 years of age who have previously completed CASE training are only required to complete the background check and Code of Conduct forms).

With the new policy, all **ushers, cantors, lectors, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, Faith Formation and youth group volunteers** are required to be CASE trained.

Volunteers can access the training at <https://www.dor.training> or by contacting the Faith Formation office at 739-8214 (Barbara Matterazzo or Maribeth Leipold) for information or assistance.

Since this training is mandatory, if a person does not complete it, unfortunately, he/she can no longer volunteer.

We greatly appreciate our volunteers and sincerely hope that you are looking forward to continuing your volunteer service/ministry to our parish.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

How would you spend your day if you knew it was the last day you would spend on earth? Undoubtedly, it would not be a normal day. The point of today's Gospel reading is that the end-time is always imminent. The good steward remains prayerfully alert, ready to give an accounting; and living each day in the awareness of the coming judgement and salvation.

How do we exercise stewardship over our daily lives? Are we prepared to give an accounting? How will we allow Christ to work in and through us to prepare for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth?

SCRIPTURE READINGS**SUNDAY - November 21, 2021****OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
 Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8
 Gospel: John 18:33b-37

STEWARDSHIP

October 3, 2021.....\$6,506.00
 October 10, 2021.....\$5,041.00
 October 17, 2021.....\$17,900.00
 October 24, 2021.....\$5,407.00
 October 31, 2021.....\$8,248.65

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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 John (Jack) Smith Ann Whitney

MEMORIALS**Sanctuary Candle:**

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FLOWER DONATIONS**Main Altar Arrangements:**

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IN OUR PARISH**Liturgical Ministers**

With the outbreak of the Coronavirus in March 2020, many of our liturgical ministries involving our acolytes, lectors and Eucharistic ministers were suspended. While we await permission to resume these ministries, we would like to be ready when that permission is received. If you previously served in one of these liturgical ministries and would like to resume serving in these ministries, please call the parish office. If you have not previously served but would like to serve in one of these ministries, please call the parish office. Appropriate training will be provided. Thank you.

Church Christmas Decorations

If you would like to have a poinsettia or a wreath in the Church this Christmas, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817.

All flowers for Christmas must be ordered by **December 8th**.

Advent/Christmas Booklets

As we are all aware, the parish is unable to have printed materials available in the Church during this time. The "Word Among Us," "Today's Missal" and "The Little Blue Book" for Advent and Christmas 2021 have arrived at the parish office.

If you would like to have copies of these booklets, please call the office at 607-739-3817.

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)

Psalm:

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

Second Reading:

For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

Gospel:

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:26-27)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of November 14, 2021**

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44
Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Observances for the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
 Wednesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
 Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
 Friday:
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
 Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Imagine that you are the main beneficiary of a distant relative's last will and testament. This relative was quite eccentric as well as wealthy. A great deal of money is left for you to spend, but there are certain rules. Every day for a year, your bank account would be credited with \$86,400. If you wanted to spend any of this money, you had to produce receipts showing why money was being withdrawn from your account. You could not save the money in another account. At the end of the day, whatever money you did not spend would be removed from your account. The next day, you would start with a fresh \$86,400. I am sure that you and I could find some creative ways to use the money.

Now back to reality! Every day we are given 86,400 seconds to use the best way we can. At the end of each day God writes off whatever portion of this time we have not used well or have wasted. In the bank of time, there are no balances and no overdrafts. Each day a new 86,400 seconds are given us; at the end of each day what remains is written off, lost, gone forever. Every day's 86,400 seconds has to be invested wisely in commodities that will hold their value from day to day, quarter to quarter, year to year, and beyond. Lasting values need to be found; values like justice, compassion, forgiveness and love.

The scriptures during these final weeks of the liturgical year present us with some challenging reflections on the final days. How much time do we have left? We really don't know. The proper Christian attitude is not to deny death, but to prepare for it. You don't prepare for the end by doing a lot of stuff, rather, you prepare by nurturing the proper dispositions, the Christian attitude. St. Paul reminds us to "*be transformed by the renewal of mind*", taking an attitude of life that is completely different from the world. Throughout the gospels, Jesus emphasizes the need for inner transformation. His complaints about the pharisees were that they were hypocrites. They appeared one way, but acted another. Many of the people who responded to the message of Jesus turned their lives around. Their devotion to the Lord was a reflection of the Christian disposition they had taken on.

So, the question remains for us. How do we form and nourish the Christian attitude of life? You cannot get virtue and character on a credit card; a person has to develop it on their own. You cannot live on another person's relationship with God; you have to develop and nurture it on your own. To the vast majority of people in society, success is often seen in proportion to the material goods and wealth that a person has accumulated. As Christians, we are called to "live fully" for the sake of God's kingdom, to take risks in order to love God and one another. We don't wait quietly and secretly for the coming of Jesus, but we proclaim Him and do His work while we wait.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 15 - Weekday

6:45 AM Norbert Schneider - the Welch family

Tuesday, November 16 - Weekday

6:45 AM Bill Dominikoski - Dorothy Bennett

Wednesday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:45 AM Jennie Joy - husband, Roger

Thursday, November 18 - Weekday

6:45 AM Celine Louisnathan - the Pauchard family

Friday, November 19 - Weekday

6:45 AM No Mass

Saturday, November 20 - Weekday

5:00 PM Carol Farr - her family

Sunday, November 21 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 AM Warren Taylor Young - Don & Sue Kick

10:30 AM Joseph O'Rourke - Joyce Matson

These last weeks of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to consider the end of earthly life, whenever that will be for each of us. While we await eternal life, we are expected to live our earthly lives fully, making use of the gifts God has given us to love God and our neighbor to the best of our ability. A wise man once said that we "*make sure that what we are living for is truly worth dying for.*"

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

Fr. L.

IN OUR PARISH CONTINUED...

Social Ministry Thanksgiving & Christmas 2021

Due to the continuing covid-19 pandemic, our Social Ministry Committee knows it is best for our parish to work through the Horseheads Food Pantry in providing assistance to needy families during the holiday season. The pantry already has safety precautions in place for food distribution to the needy. For Thanksgiving, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier will be supplying the Horseheads Food Pantry with turkeys and food to complete the holiday meal for the less fortunate families in our area. They are asking that we continue our food donations, as usual with an emphasis on canned vegetables, such as corn and beans.

At this time, plans for Christmas have not been finalized. The Food Pantry is considering hams for each family. There are several ways we, as a parish, can help with this. We will update you on specifics as soon as a plan is formalized. We are grateful to the many caring people in our parish who have supported our Christmas Basket program in the past. We hope that we can continue to depend on your generosity for our revised plans for the upcoming holiday season.

Updated Covid-19 Protocol

Due to the Covid-19 cases in our area, we are exercising extra caution to keep our parishioners safe, especially those who are not vaccinated. **Until further notice, masks are required whenever you are in a church building, including when attending Mass.** This applies to everyone old enough to safely wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. We are not at this time implementing any additional registration, social distancing, nor extra sanitizing procedures.

One half of the church seating will continue to be "open seating" with all rows open. The other half will be blocked off at every other row, for those more comfortable with social distancing. When you enter a pew row, please move to the furthest open seating area, so that others can fill in the row behind you. Thank you.

Prayers and Squares Quilting Group

The Prayers and Squares Quilting Group has blessed lap quilts available for anyone who is ill. We are no longer able to distribute them at the end of Mass. If you know anyone who would appreciate receiving a quilt, please contact 738-3699 (Maribeth) or 731-8085 (Wilma) to make arrangements to stop at the parish office for your quilt.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Horseheads Food Pantry

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items and especially asks for stuffing mix, corn, peas, gravy or cake mix for the month of November. For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board. If it is inconvenient to make a food donation, you may make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Horseheads Food Pantry and place in the collection. Thank you for your generosity!

Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention & Financial Fitness Services

Catholic Charities provides free, confidential mortgage foreclosure prevention services to help homeowners avoid the loss of their homes, and Financial Fitness services to help restore credit and financial stability. This program offers free credit counseling, financial management, and assistance negotiating with lenders. We work to find solutions for individuals and families, whether it's saving your home or rebuilding financial solvency, we are here to help. This program serves homeowners in Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, and Tioga Counties. These services are provided free through a grant from the New York State Homeowner Protection Program. For more information or to make an appointment to talk with a Catholic Charities housing counselor, please call Karen Wheeler at 607-734-9784, ext. 2132.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and

does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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