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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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September 18, 2022

25th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**WEEKLY CALENDAR:****Saturday, September 18, 2022**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—Church

Sunday, September 25, 2022

5:00 p.m.—Confirmation orientation—Year 1 and 2, in the church.

**MEMORIALS:**

The main altar flower arrangement for the week of September 18-24, 2022 has been donated in thanksgiving for the priestly ordination of Father Aaron Kelly by his parish family of St. Mary Our Mother.

The Sacramental hosts, Sacrificial wine, Sanctuary candle and the Icon candle have been donated in thanksgiving to Father Aaron Kelly for his deep faith and dedication to the Priesthood.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Queen Elizabeth II
John Bernas
Eva Annetta Coher
Marlene Faroni
Brian Kasonic
Patricia Kerbein
Susan Lynch
George Pribulick ,Sr.
Bruce Sprague



Today we welcome **Father Aaron Kelly** as our presider at today 10:30 a.m. Mass. Father Kelly was ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Rochester on July 2nd. We offer our very best wishes to Father Kelly and his family and offer our prayers as he begins his ordained service to the priesthood. Following Mass, there will be a reception in O'Brien Hall sponsored by the Parish Life Committee, to which all are invited.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18th, 2022.**

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and
17/Lk 9:43b-45

Observances for the week of September 18, 2022

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul
Chõng Ha-sang and Companions,
Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday:

Friday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National
Migration Week.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country, including two in our own diocese! In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo or check out your parish' online giving options for designating your gift to CCHD. Please be generous. Thank you.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Today we welcome **Father Aaron Kelly** to St. Mary Our Mother as he joins members of his family and friends as he presides and preaches today's 10:30 a.m. Mass. Father Kelly was ordained to the priesthood on July 2nd of this year, which makes him the most recently ordained priest for our diocese. Following Mass, there will be a reception for Father Kelly in O'Brien Hall. All are invited to attend.

Today is Catechetical Sunday, a day when we acknowledge and affirm the many dedicated people who serve as teachers and catechists in the various faith formation programs of our parish. This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday selected by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is "***This is my body given for you.***" Today is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the teaching role each of us plays in being a faith role model for others. Today is also a time to acknowledge and affirm all parents who are the first and best teachers of Catholic faith to their children.

Today I have asked our new Faith Formation Coordinator, **Amanda Reeves**, to offer her reflections and to offer you an update on the various faith formation programs offered at St. Mary Our Mother.

As catechists we work together as a community of disciples to share our faith with others. The word catechist comes from the Greek word "to echo." In order to echo God's word, we as catechists must possess certain characteristics and lead by example. God gave each one of our catechists gifts, and they have answered God's call to minister to the youth of our parish. According to the "Guide for Catechists," issued by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, there are six characteristics a catechist must have:

1. Openness to God
2. Openness to the Church
3. Openness to the world
4. Authenticity of life
5. Missionary zeal
6. Devotion to Mary

The catechists of Saint Mary Our Mother possess all these characteristics and more. As strong people of faith, these catechists have selflessly dedicated their time to share their faith with the youth of our parish.

I am excited we can continue to have in-person Religious Education classes that will be held on Tuesdays 3:45-5:00p.m. for grades K-6. We will continue to offer our Home Study program for parents who wish to take the responsibility of the catechist at home. Sacramental preparation will continue to be a hybrid model, with work being completed at home and meeting with a catechist in person. Please continue to check the bulletin for updates regarding Religious Education and Faith Formation.

I would like to thank those who graciously volunteer their time and talent serving the parish as catechists. Please join me in thanking Lily Barr for her administrative support. I thank Amy Barr, Meadow Barr, Karen Fracchia, Shirley Lant, Jean Oshetski, Tina Mitchell and Jacquelyn Shope for their time, talent, and dedication to the youth of our parish.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, September 19-Weekday
6:45 AM Elma Haddad—Nancy Kosalek

Tuesday, September 20-Weekday
6:45 AM Mary Amisano— 6:45 Mass friends

Wednesday, September 21-Weekday
6:45 AM Elizabeth and George Bartosch

Thursday, September 22-Weekday
6:45 AM Deceased of the Curtin family—family

Friday, September 23-Weekday
6:45 AM The faithful departed

Saturday, September 24-Weekday
5:00 PM Mom and Dad Maio— Suann, Steve, Art, and Rich

Sunday, September 25— The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mario Botero-St. Mary Our Mother faculty & staff

10:30 AM Sharon Jadoski Fletcher— Bruce and Diane Elston

Pastors perspective continued:

I would also like to thank Father Chris and Barbara Matterazzo for welcoming me into the parish community. Thank you also to all our brothers and sisters in Christ, for your financial support and prayers as we are all called to serve Jesus Christ and the Church in our daily lives.

"Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and are able to revive it in others." - Pope Francis I

Thank you, Amanda.

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In Jesus' parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master's wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God-given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God's favor.



Catechetical Sunday: Sept. 18th, 2022

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel.

Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the on going spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

This years slogan is *“This is my body given for you”*. With these words from the Gospel, the Lord Jesus offers us the gift of Himself in the Eucharist. This theme reminds us that the object of all catechesis is Jesus Himself. The role of the Catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple and one who draws close to Jesus in the Eucharist, and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus and to encounter Him in the sacraments. May we who aspire to be effective catechists, have unwavering faith in the real presence of Christ, that we lead others by teaching and example to encounter Jesus with us at the Eucharistic table.

Faith Formation start-up schedule for all programs:

Confirmation– Year 1 and 2, Sept. 25, @ 5:00p.m. in the church.

Tuesday religion class: Sept. 27, @3:45-5:00, Classes are held in the school.

Reconciliation parent/candidate meeting, Oct. 2, @ 12:30 in the church.

Home Study– Oct. 4, @6:00 p.m., in the church.



• PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

- Loving Father, we pray four our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.
- Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.
- Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.
- We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Rev. Christopher E. Linsler**, Pastor
- Rev. Richard F. Kajiru**, In Residence
- Mrs. Amanda Reeves**, Coordinator of Faith Formation
- Miss Lily Barr**, Faith Formation Assistant
- Mrs. Cathy Peckham**, Director of Music
- Mrs. Heather Bill**, School Principal
- Mrs. Adriana Enright**, School Secretary
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THE FOOD PANTRY



Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry. Following is a list of canned items often requested but not often received for the months of October –December. Canned vegetables, especially:

- creamed corn
- spinach
- asparagus
- beets
- canned potatoes
- pork and beans
- creamed soups of all kinds

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