



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 20, 2022



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, November 22**

3:45 p.m.-Religious Education– school

Saturday, November 26

3:30 p.m.- Sacrament of Penance

FLOWER MEMORIALS:

The main flowers for the week of November 20th-26th have been donated in loving memory of Carol Farr, by her children.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Joanne Garrity
Joseph Seeley

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:

Sign –up sheets for Christmas flower memorials are posted on the church bulletin board and will be available through **December 7th**.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 23rd at 11:00 a.m.**, and will remain closed on **Thanksgiving Day, November 24th**, and **Friday, November 25th**. The parish office will re-open on **Monday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m.**

THANKSGIVING DAY:

Our **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be at **9:00 a.m.** We invite you to join us for this Eucharist of Thanksgiving and ask that you bring some nonperishable food items with you to this Mass. These food items will be used by our Social Ministry Committee's Christmas Giving program in partnership with the Horseheads Food Pantry. In addition, the collection on Thanksgiving Day will be used to support the outreach efforts. Of our Social Ministry Committee. You may place all donations in the receptacle at the entrances to the church.

**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20-26, 2022:**

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4- 5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4,5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6,7ab/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-,7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- Saturday:**
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent

LESSONS AND CAROLS IS BACK!

The 31st annual Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Horseheads, on December 4th, at 5:00 p.m. The church is located at 1034 West Broad Street. The choirs of St. Mary Our Mother and First United Methodist Church of Horseheads and friends, will be joining together to present a wonderful evening of song, carols and readings. This service is guaranteed to put your heart and soul in the right place for Christmas. Mark your calendars and plan to spend an hour reveling in the joy of the Advent-Christmas season.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of **Christ the King**. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and celebrates an aspect of Jesus' identity rather than an event in His life, and is thus categorized among the "idea feasts." Another example of an "idea feast" would be that of the Holy Family. This feast was originally celebrated each year on the last Sunday in October, but with the revision of the Roman Missal after the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to the final Sunday of the liturgical year. By instituting the feast of Christ the King, Pope Pius XI hoped to renew and strengthen the faith of the people of his time. It was Pius XI's hope that this annual celebration would serve as a powerful sign of Jesus' reign in our midst, that its celebration would speak powerfully of our belief in God's triumph over evil. Christ our King continues to empower us to be His living presence in today's world.

Thursday of this week we celebrate the American feast of **Thanksgiving**. It is an annual event that invites us to go back into our history. We may think of the traditional story of the pilgrims and the Native Americans sitting down to a meal of turkey, corn on the cob, potatoes, squash and wonderful pies. We may think of the excited dreams that our colonial forefathers had as they ended their first year in this new land; the opportunities that they saw opening up for them, and how they rejoiced in the opportunity to make dreams come true. We may think of our more recent history and what it is for which we need to thank God. We may revisit Thanksgivings past and those who sat at table with us and now sit at God's table. We may simply look around our family table at home and see familiar faces and hear familiar stories and simply be grateful that we are a part of it all. Wherever our mindset might be, Thanksgiving gives us a moment to pause and not achieve anything but to simply be grateful for who we are.

Some years ago, I remember attending a kindergarten Thanksgiving Dinner. When I asked the children what the pilgrims ate on Thanksgiving, they, of course, responded "Turkey!" Then a little boy put his hand up and said "They had popsicles!" I smiled and asked the child "Why do you think they had popsicles?" He responded, "My teacher said that the pilgrims and Native Americans had their favorite foods—popsicles are my favorite food, so they must have had popsicles!" I told him that I didn't know if they had popsicles or not, but his logic was flawless! We then gathered in this huge circle and we were asked to name what we were thankful for. The usual answers were spoken: "Mom and Dad; Grandma and Grandpa; my sister; my brother; and the pet dog." Then I heard a little voice which said "I thank God that my Mommy is still alive!" A profound silence filled the room. I knew that this child's mother had been battling cancer and the tiny voice of a child spoke volumes of what was in her heart—it was a true prayer of thanks.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, November 21—The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
6:45 AM Dennis Graumann—6:45 Mass Friends

Tuesday, November 22—St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
6:45 AM Chester Wawrzusin—Ray Wawrzusin

Wednesday, November 23—Weekday
6:45 AM Maria Sidari—Caterina Ruggiero

Thursday, November 24—THANKSGIVING DAY
6:45 AM No Mass
9:00 AM For the People of St. Mary Our Mother

Friday, November 25—Weekday
6:45 AM NO Mass

Saturday, November 26—Weekday
5:00 PM Teri Guardi—Bob

Sunday, November 27—First Sunday Of Advent
8:30 AM Christopher Stedje—The Matteredazzo Family
10:30 AM Marguerite and Charles Gedatus and Kathleen Tierno—The Skelly's

Pastor's perspective continued:

I extend a special invitation to you and your family to begin your **Thanksgiving Day** by joining us for Mass at **9:00 a.m.** It is a wonderful way to begin this American holiday, and to thank God for the many blessings we are grateful for! Many blessing to you and your family this Thanksgiving!

Fr. L.

**CHRIST THE KING
REFLECTION AND PRAYER:**

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we close out one liturgical year and prepare to begin another. How have you grown in faith in the past year? Where is Christ calling you to draw closer? Try praying this prayer on Christ the King Sunday and share your God moments from the past year with your family or friends!

O God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things, we pray in gratitude for your steadfast presence in our lives, even when we fail to see you at work. We offer, at the close of another year, our deepest thanks for the fatherly care with which you have watched over us during the past, for the many times you have protected us from evil, and for the countless blessings, you have showered upon us. Please God, accept the praise of our grateful hearts which we offer in union with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



CHRISTMAS CARING PROGRAM

Over the years, St. Mary Our Mother parish has reached out to help the needy of Horseheads and its many surrounding rural areas. We have done this in partnership with the Horseheads Food Pantry, which serves these families by providing food assistance. Parishioners have generously been supporting the pantry year-long by donating grocery items to the vestibule food cart and clean, empty deposit bottles and cans to the parish office. Furthermore, 25% of the Rice Bowl proceeds that are returned by CRS are then given to help with the expenses of our local pantry.

As the Christmas season of giving and caring approaches, we, at St. Mary Our Mother, will be reaching out to the clients of the Food Pantry in **three** special ways.

- **Making a monetary donation so the pantry can supply meat and fresh food for the Christmas meal** and the holiday week. Envelopes will be provided for this purpose.
- **Increasing our donations of canned and dried food** to the vestibule food cart so the pantry clients have healthy and adequate food for the Christmas holidays.
- **Bringing a Christmas ornament that you offer to a needy family.** You will hang the ornament on our Christmas Caring Tree in the back of the church. The ornaments will be taken to the pantry so the families and children can pick an ornament for their tree as a reminder that we care for them.

This program will kick off on the weekend of November 19-20, when donation envelopes will be available in the vestibule and the Christmas Caring Tree will be standing proudly in the back of the church awaiting your ornaments. The program will conclude the weekend of December 10/11th.

The Social Ministry Committee invites and encourages all parishioners to participate in our Christmas Caring Program, in any one or more of the three ways listed above. Please be involved in spreading joy and showing love and concern for our neighbors in need.



SAINT CECILIA, NOVEMBER 22:

Saint Cecilia’s story, like many of the earliest saints’, is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was “singing in her heart to the Lord” at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her.

(CONNTINUED IN NEXT COLUMN)

Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian’s brother, Tiburtius.

Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate her by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn’t break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died.

The saint’s body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.



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THANKSGIVING REFLECTION:

Giving thanks warms the soul and reminds us that life is an extraordinary privilege. Joy doesn't come from having, but from appreciating what we have.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Some riddles for your family Thanksgiving celebration.

- 1. What do you name a turkey that is running? A. Fast food.
2.. A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they are dead."
3. About two weeks into November, the head turkey turns to his second-in-command and says, "I have a feeling something's going down. The farmer just unfriended me on Facebook."
4. What's a popular Thanksgiving dance? A. Trot! The turkey trot.

THE FOOD

PANTRY



Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry. Following is a list of canned items requested for the months of October-December.

Creamed corn spinach, asparagus, beets, canned potatoes, pork and beans, creamed soups of all kinds. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Youth Group will be meeting this Sunday, November 27th, from 5-7 p.m. We will be having a Thanksgiving potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to pass. Turkey and refreshments will be provided.

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