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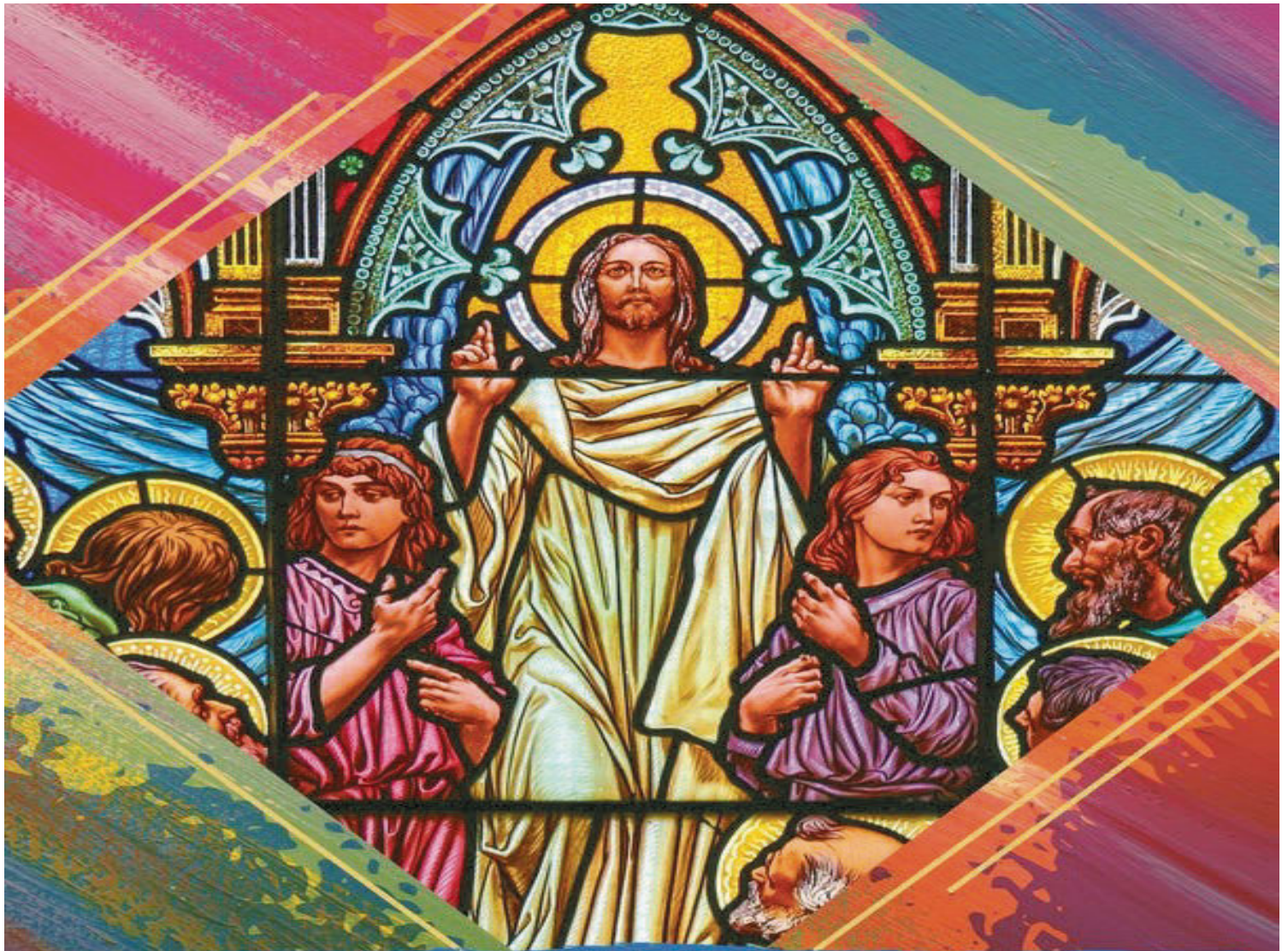
MISSION STATEMENT

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.



816 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York
(607) 739-3817

February 12, 2023



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:22a

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, February 14:**

3:45 p.m.-Religious Education-school
7:00p.m.-Wounded Healers Support Group-school

Saturday, February 18:

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

Sunday, February 19:

5:00 p.m.— Confirmation Classes Year 1&2-school

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Elizabeth (Liz) Maloney
Thomas L. Briggs

**MEMORIAL:**

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of February 12-18, 2023 have been donated in memory of Jean and Joe Sawester by Joan and Barry Sawester.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Any one of our regular scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention—in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasions.

Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

We are in the process of updating the names of those who have served as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist prior to Covid-19. If you have previously served as a Eucharistic Minister, either in church or to nursing and private homes, and wish to resume this ministry, please contact the parish office at 607-739-3817.

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2023.**

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2023.

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
Monday:
Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FAITH, ACCADEMICS, AND SERVICE**

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2023-2024 school year for grades pre-k 3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150.00 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call the school office at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

A good friend recently shared with me the following article, and I thought I would share it with you. The article is entitled "**Top Ten Reasons For Participating at Mass every Sunday**".

10. *Sunday is the Lord's Day (because Jesus rose from the dead on this day), not our day; we remember that the other days of the week hold us lovingly in God's care.*

9. *We keep up our membership in the Church—our friendship with God.*

8. *You will know what times Masses are when your mother asks you to go to Church with her on Mother's Day.*

7. *We will be able to hear some 'good news' (the meaning of the "Gospel") every week.*

6. *We will live more deeply in the mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and so gain a more complete focus of mind and heart, centered on God.*

5. *I will recognize you when your sister asks you to be a godparent and you ask me for a certificate saying that you are a member of St. Mary Our Mother and practicing Catholic.*

4. *You can give back to God in song the voice God gave you.*

3. *We are nourished by the full reality of Christ (in the Eucharist, with Christ's Body and Blood), to strengthen us in the virtues of faith, hope, and love—especially love.*

2. *We remember that we are not alone, but have splendid companions to walk with us in this world and a great company of saints praying for us in the next.*

1. *We give thanks and praise to God for ALL God has done for us in Christ, and for ALL God does for us each day and every week.*

Have a great week. Be sure to remember those special people in your life on Tuesday, Valentine's Day. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

"FAITH FLIGHT"

Scouts, youth and their families are invited to experience diverse Cultural Eucharistic Experiences while earning their "Duty to God" requirement and learning about differing cultural practices. The dates for these experiences are:

Sunday, March 5, 2023—Emmanuel Church of the Deaf @ 11:30 a.m.. (Rochester)-Sign.

Sunday, April 16, 2023—St. Stanislaus @ 11:00 a.m. Mass - 2:00 p.m. Adoration (Rochester)-Polish.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday,
6:45 A.M.
Tuesday,
6:45 A.M.

Wednesday,
6:45 A.M.
Thursday,
6:45 A.M.

Friday,
6:45 A.M.
Saturday,
5:00 P.M.
Sunday,

8:30 A.M.
10:30 A.M.

February 13—Weekday

Teri Guardi—Bob

February 14—St. Cyril & Methodius

Mary Ellen Carl—Jan Temple and Carol Clemens

February 15—Weekday

Our Faithful departed

February 16—Weekday

Francis Zielinski—Tom Kolonoski and family

February 17—Weekday

Mary Amisano—Husband, Guy and family

February 18—Weekday

Bob Vanburger—Barbara Gagnon

February 19—Seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Teri Guardi—Bob

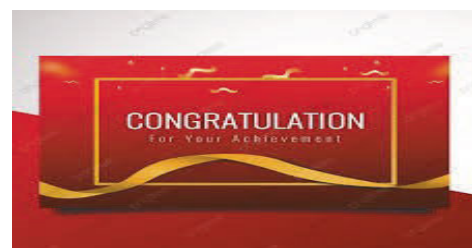
Happy Birthday, Mom!

**HANDS OF CHRIST RECIPIENTS-2023:**

Five of our high school seniors have been named recipients of this year's **HANDS OF CHRIST** recognition. These young people have been so recognized because they have consistently served God, their parish, and the greater community.

We congratulate this year's recipients of the Hands of Christ award from St. Mary Our Mother:

Aliya Alsworth
Meadow Barr
Allison O'Brien
Ian Ruhmel
Delaney Woodhouse



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:

I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment. Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me." No one can stop me, WOW!. My kids seldom read my reflection. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas!

Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy, ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like doing. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves. The laws of God and His Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's commandments break their relationship with their God and hurt others and diminish the Body of Christ.

A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with an increase to God is for God's sake. God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without the need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of His creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and His children. The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish. Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to real satisfaction in this gift of life.

(Tracy Earl Welliver-LPI)

GOSPEL REFLECTION: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

In today's Gospel, part of His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges His followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law", it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others.

In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Some Valentines Fun:

1. What flower gives the most kisses on Valentines Day?
2. What did the boy squirrel say to the girl squirrel on Valentines Day?
3. What did the paper clip say to the magnet?
4. "Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentines Day cards?"
5. Knock, Knock. "Who's there?" "Bea. Bea who?"



Answers to riddles: 1. Tulips, 2. I'm nuts about you. 3. I find you very attractive. 4. His heart wasn't in it. 5. Bea my Valentine

**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
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Religious Education Office

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HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry this month. They are in need of all food items, especially **canned fruits and canned soup, particularly creamed soups.**

For your convenience, please place all donations in the cart located across from the bulletin board.

Thank you for your generosity!



WOUNDED HEALERS' SUPPORT GROUP:

The Wounded Healers Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in person, at St.s, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. Use the door across from the playground after entering the driveway from Westlake Street and driving around to the left of the school. The February meeting happens to fall on Valentine's Day which may be a relief for those grieverers wondering how to cope with this special day. Perhaps you may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died or a memento of significance. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; hoping to find encouragement and insight from each other. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see healing in the very act of helping."




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