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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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August 6, 2023



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

**Saturday, August 12,**

3:00 p.m.-Sacrament of Penance—church

## FLOWER DONATION:



The main altar flowers for the week of August 6-12 have been donated in loving memory of Raymond Sherwood by his wife, Deloris.

## MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic hosts and the Sacramental wine for the week of August 6—12 have been donated in thanksgiving on the 50th wedding anniversary of Keith and Kathy Willes.

## IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Bryan Samson

Paul Wyak



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

## WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2023:

**Sunday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9  
**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mt 14:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14  
**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps  
106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn  
12:24-26  
**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/  
Mt 16:24-28  
**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt  
17:14-20  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD:

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who He said He was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus’ divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true; Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal Himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today’s epistle. Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, “We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it.”

Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an “eyewitness” to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of hearers.

So, although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.





**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

It's hard to believe that the first weekend in August is upon us! I hope that you are enjoying these summer weeks, and that your travels have been enjoyable. Wherever your travels take you, be sure to include Sunday worship. And in your travels, if you see any different local liturgical traditions or practices in the places you attend, I would love to hear about them. I do enjoy the fact that many of you pass on a Sunday bulletin to me from the parish you attended during your travels.

As I write this column for this week's bulletin, I realize that just one day short of a month—September 5th to be exact—will be the first day of school for our students. (Not that I am wishing summer away!) While our children may be on their "summer break," and involved in many activities, our parents are not afforded such a luxury. I have found the following very wise advice for parents:

**TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS**

1. *I will always love and respect my children for who they are and not for who I want them to be.*
2. *I will not burden my children with emotions and problems that they are not equipped to deal with, remembering that I am the parent and they are the children.*
3. *I will, when discipline is necessary, let my children know that I disapprove of what they have done, not who they are.*
4. *I will set limits for my children and help them find security in knowing what is expected from them.*
5. *I will make time for my children and cherish our moments together, realizing how important—and fleeting—they are.*
6. *I will create a loving home environment and show my children that they are loved, whenever and however I can.*
7. *I will be sure to give my children space to grow, to dream, to succeed, and even to fail.*
8. *I will encourage my children to experience the world and all its possibilities, guiding them in its ways and taking pains to leave them careful, but not fearful.*
9. *I will take care of myself physically and emotionally so that I can be there for my children when they need me.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Aug. 7—Weekday</b> Mike Bonsignore—Diane Dominikoski
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Aug. 8—St. Dominic, Priest</b> Teri Guardi—Bob
<b>Wednesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>Aug. 9—Weekday</b> Mary Woodard—daughter, Evelyn and family
<b>Thursday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>Aug. 10—St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</b> Bill Dominikoski—his family
<b>Friday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>Aug. 11—St. Clare, Virgin</b> Faithful departed
<b>Saturday:</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>Aug. 12—Weekday</b> Ginny and Al Stanton, 61st wedding anniversary—Bob and Amy
<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>Aug. 13—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Norm Jarvis—Mary and Jim Carr and family
10:30 A.M.	Donna and Chuck Berry—the Morris family

**Pastor's perspective continued:**

10. *I will try to be the kind of person I want my children to grow up to be—loving, fair-minded, moral, giving, and hopeful.*

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

**18TH. ANNUAL ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

Join us on September 17, 2023 for the 18th Annual St. Mary Our Mother School Golf tournament. We have sponsorship opportunities so please spread the word. To register scan the QR code below to access the tournament's website.

If you are unable to join us for the tournament, please consider making a donation that will go directly to supporting St. Mary Our Mother School.

The tournament is held at Willowcreek Golf Club, starting at 10 a.m. (Shotgun start). Hotdogs will be available at the turn, with dinner and prizes to follow. We look forward to seeing you, and we appreciate your support!

For more information, please check our website—<http://smoms-annual-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com>

**ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT:**

Each year our parish partners with Catholic Charities to collect school supplies to help parents send their children back to school, ready to learn with the supplies they need. This year backpacks with supplies will be distributed to about 700 Chemung County students during the Strong Kids, Safe Kids (August 26th) event. Supplies needed for the backpacks include: colored pencils, wide-ruled notebooks, two-pocket folders, pencils, rulers, and blunt-tip scissors.

Donations will be collected until Friday, August 17th and can be dropped off at one of the following locations:

- Chapel Park (83 Personius Rd., Pine City) 9am-4pm
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Chemung County Department of Aging, Chemung County
- Samaritan Center (380 S. Main St. Elmira) Mon-Fri.  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.-back entrance
- Treu Office Supply, Lake Street, Elmira

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On Saturday, October 21, there will be a bus ride to the Congress. The bus will leave early in the morning and return in the evening with multiple pick-ups including Corning, Horseheads, Elmira, Sayre and Owego. The cost for the bus is \$65.00 per person. For more information on the bus ride, call (607) 687-1068.



Our programs for Faith Formation are beginning soon. This includes our Tuesday Program, Home Study, First Penance, First Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you have not already done so, please register as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the back of church, or online through our parish website. Completed forms along with payment can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office at 816 W. Broad St. or can be dropped in the collection box in the back of the church. Our Tuesday program will now offer in person classes for grades pk-7th.

Please contact Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr for more information by emailing [amanda.reeves@dor.org](mailto:amanda.reeves@dor.org), or [Lily.barr@dor.org](mailto:Lily.barr@dor.org), or calling 607-739-8214.

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**HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY:**

Non-perishable food and grocery items are being collected for the Horseheads Food Pantry each month. The Horseheads Food Pantry is in need of all food items. 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!

*Have a Wonderful  
and Blessed Week!*

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**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:**

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say "Praise the Lord!" to make him go and "Amen!" to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

**Brain teasers:**

I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy. What am I?

Brain teaser answers: 1. an "echo" 2. candle




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