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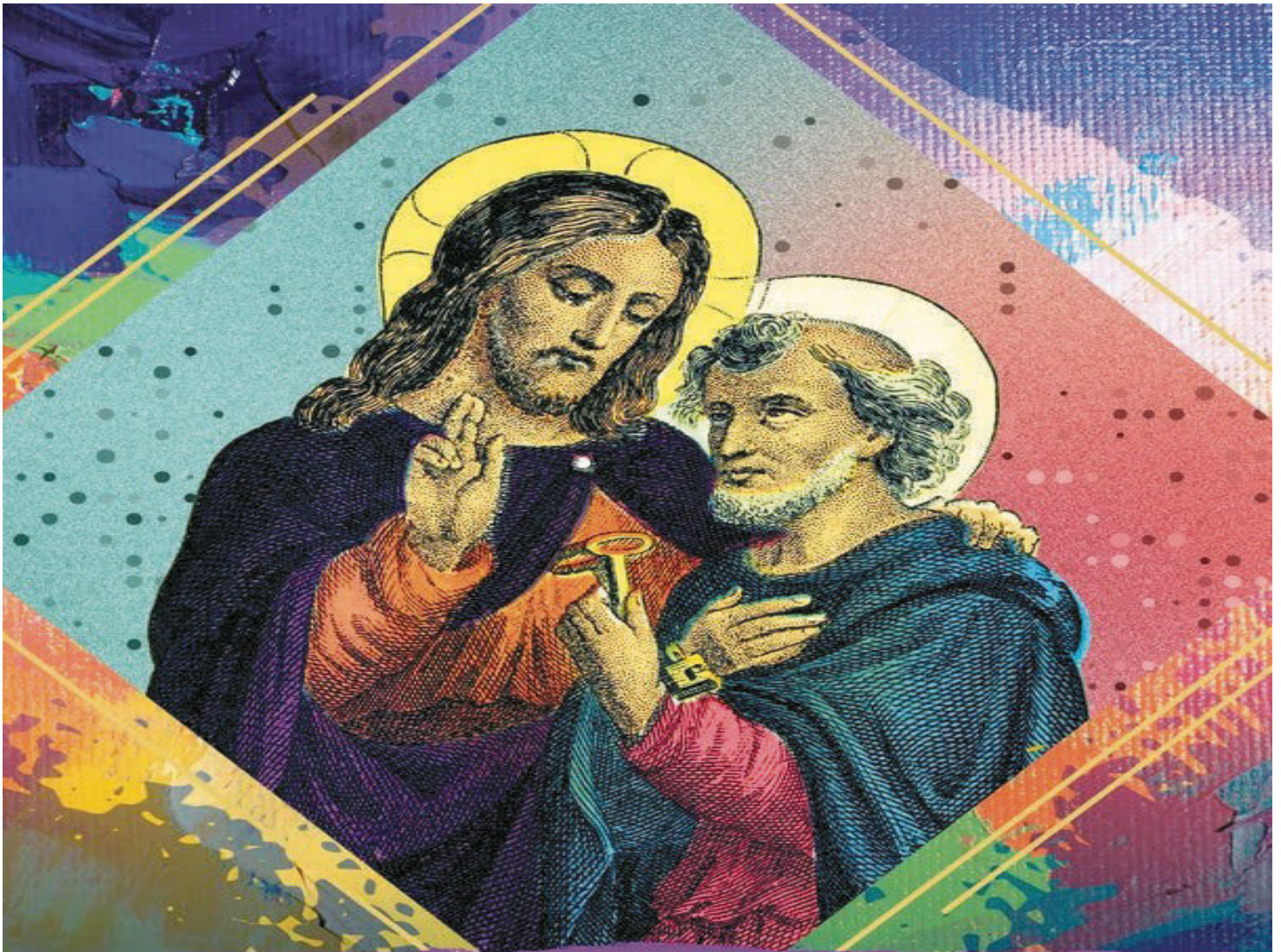
MISSION STATEMENT

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

August 27, 2023



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Saturday, September 2, 2023:**

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

FLOWER DONATION:

The main altar flowers for the week of August 27th — September 1st have been donated in loving memory of John Gough by his wife, Ellie and family.

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of Aug. 27– Sept. 1, 2023 have been donated in loving memory of Christopher Stedje by the Matterazzo family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Ryan Coghlan
David Root

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

In accordance with the laws of the State of New York every parish corporation is to have an annual meeting to supply information to the parish at large with regard to financial and legal issues. The annual meeting will take place on Sunday, September 10th, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in church. At this meeting a summary of the 2022-2023 financial statement will be reviewed, as well as the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

In addition, the chairperson of our Finance Council, **Shane Alsworth**, our Operations and Finance Manager, **Michelle Card**, our regional finance director, **Donna Haraty** and **Father Linsler** will be present to answer any questions or concerns.

. All are encouraged to attend this meeting.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2023:

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

A SACRAMENTAL SEAL AND WHERE IT COMES FROM:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person; Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal “by which the Christian shares in Christ’s priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible” (#11221).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It’s a spiritual “point of no return” whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit, and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be His people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

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

Join us on September 17th, 2023 for the 18th Annual Golf tournament. We have sponsorship opportunities so please spread the word.

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.

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

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

The following is the second of a series of articles from the **August 2023** newsletter from the International Catholic Stewardship Conference, taken from the 2018 book **Stewardship: A Life-Giving Spirituality**, authored by **Reverend Joseph D. Creedon**. The article coincides for us as the American church observes these days of Eucharistic renewal.

I firmly believe that the spirituality of Stewardship is the best solution to the declining Sunday Mass attendance. Eucharist means thanksgiving and the first step on the road to becoming a good steward is "to receive God's gifts gratefully." If we have an "attitude of gratitude" in our lives and in the lives of the people we love then we will be on the road to recovery. Once we rediscover that "everything we have is a gift from God," then we will be forever vigilant in our search for the ways we thank God for all that He has given us.

There is no better way to thank God than to gather with our fellow believers, admit our sinfulness, give glory to God, open our minds and hearts to the Word of God proclaimed, offer our gifts, pray together for those gifts to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, receive communion and then be sent forth to a waiting world with the message that God gives us the gift of His love.

The Second Vatican Council, in the decree on the Liturgy, reminds us "liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fountain from which all her power flows." (#10) It has been 50 years since the Council issued its first teaching on the liturgy. Much has been done to restore liturgy to its central role in the life of the Church. More remains to be done until the vision of "full, active, conscious" participation in the Mass becomes the norm rather than the exception.

It is impossible to actively join in the celebration of the Mass and not have our hearts filled with gratitude. Whenever we gather to celebrate the Mass, we come to give thanks to God for all His gifts and a miracle happens. We come to give thanks, we receive more gifts and we go forth with even more for which to be thankful.

Perhaps the best way to explore the miracle, the mystery of the Eucharist, is to take part in an extended meditation of just what happens when we gather to break bread as the People of God.

Part III and IV of these articles will be published in upcoming editions of this bulletin. Stay tuned!

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

Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Aug. 28—St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
6:45 A.M. Our Faithful Departed

Tuesday: Aug. 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist
6:45 A.M. Deceased members of the Curtin family—family

Wednesday: Aug. 30—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Pudgie Cleary—Navone family

Thursday: Aug. 31—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Eddie Jadoski—his family

Friday: Sept. 1—Weekday
6:45 A.M. Denis J. Amisano Sr.—sister, Adele Lanahan

Saturday: Sept. 2—Weekday
5:00 P.M. Donna Berry—Morris family

Sunday: Sept. 3—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Theresa Ketchum—Mary Ann and Chuck
10:30 A.M. Paul Mack—Mark, Eileen, and Daniel Ruppenthal



"So you want to become Catholic?" RCIA FOR ADULTS IS FOR YOU

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you are married to a Catholic and are bringing your children up in the faith, and you would like to participate fully in the Mass as well. Or you attended a wedding or funeral of a friend or loved one and would like to explore this faith tradition more deeply. Maybe it is an interest in Catholic Social teaching or an experience of the sacraments; or maybe you have a friend or family member who is Catholic and their presence in your life is an inspiration.

Whether you have never been baptized, or attended Sunday school, or were baptized in another Christian faith and are now interested in the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) could be for you. The RCIA is a process in which the faith journey of an individual is honored and together we talk about God and faith and the core beliefs of the Catholic faith.

For more information please call the parish office at 607-739-3817. Please provide your name and contact information for our RCIA coordinator who will contact you.

For more information on our RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children), contact—Amanda Reeves at 607-739-8214.

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WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:



The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in person, at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. After entering the school driveway and bearing left (the length of the school on your right), drive to the parking lot. Use the door of the school across from the playground. You may want to bring a picture or two of your loved one who died, or a memento of significance. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen, and are careful to not dogmatize. We welcome those who are grieving the death of a loved one to this sharing; as you are each hoping to find encouragement, insight, and normalization from each other. ALL are welcome. We strive to provide a safe, confidential, and open place where our motto remains, "We see healing in the very act of helping."

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace.

Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion, and justice of God and His gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God, and give our lives over to Him completely for this purpose



Our programs for Faith Formation are beginning soon. This includes our Tuesday Program, Home Study, First Penance, First Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Please check the bulletin board in the back of church or our church website for registration forms. Below you will find important dates for each program.

Tuesday Program: September 19th, 3:45-5:00 p.m.—pick-up and drop off at the church.

Confirmation Yrs. 1&2—Saturday, September 23rd., at 6:00 p.m. (following mass) in the church.

Home Study Kick-off meeting (all must attend): Sunday, September 24th, at 11:45 a.m. in the church.

First Penance Kick-off Meeting (all must attend): Sunday, October 1st, at 12:00 p.m. in the church.

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U.S. FARM BILL 2023

Every five years the U.S. Congress authorizes the national farm bill that covers a variety of domestic and international food and agricultural programs. While most of the Farm Bill funding covers programs in the U.S. (like crop insurance, forestry and conservation programs, rural development, SNAP food, etc.) a small amount funds international food and development assistance. The International programs include Food for Peace, Food for Progress, McGovern-Dole Food for Education, and the Farmer to Farmer Program. Catholic Relief Services is especially concerned that the Congress reauthorize and expand the flexibility and efficiency of these lifesaving international programs that work toward ending hunger and building self-sufficiency for the world's most vulnerable people. Pope Francis teaches us that sooner or later, we will all encounter a person who is suffering. Today there are more and more of them. Each day we must decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders. Our faith calls us to care.

Email or call our Congressman Nick Langworthy today. Ask him to work to sustain funding and flexibility for the Title II international food programs in the US Farm Bill. To support the Food for Peace, Food for Progress, McGovern-Dole Food for Education, and the Farmer-to-Farmer program, *e-mail—langworthy.house.gov or call-607-377-3130*

St. Mary Our Mother School News:

On Tuesday, Sept. 5th, we will welcome back all of our students and families as we begin the 2023-2024 school year. Our current enrollment for Pk3-6th grade is set for 180 students.

The summer has been extremely busy at St. Mary Our Mother School. We have installed air purifiers, cleaned and waxed all classroom and hallway floors. We have added new desks, chairs, and classroom supplies, which have been generously donated.

We have also added additional staff who came to us from Holy Family School. We welcome Mrs. Bridget Hallinan as the new 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Michelle Steed who will work alongside Mrs. Hoyt in our kindergarten class. To round out our staff changes, Ms. Stephanie Pelkey will join our staff as a part-time Academic Intervention Services Teaching Assistant working with Mrs. Jamie Lewis who will take over as a full-time Academic Intervention Services Teacher.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, students, staff, and families. We are extremely blessed to have your prayers and support.

Blessings always, Mrs. Heather Bill, Principal



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