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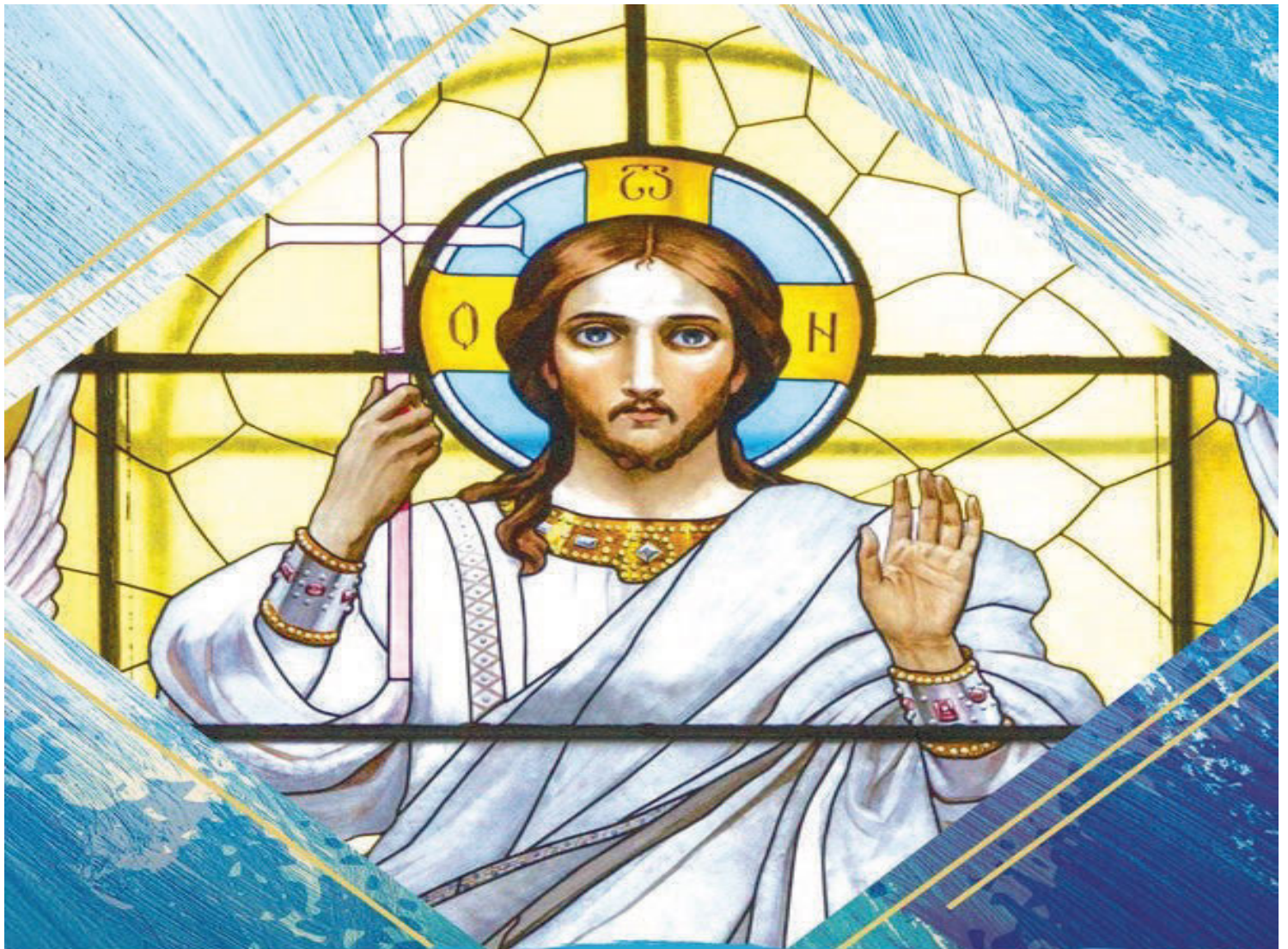
MISSION STATEMENT

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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October 8, 2023



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:43

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Monday, October 9th:**

parish offices Closed

Tuesday, October 10th:

3:45 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes—school

Wednesday, October 11th:6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.—St. Mary Our Mother
School Open House**Thursday, October 12th:**

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

Saturday, October 14th:

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

FLOWER DONATION:

The main altar arrangement for the week of October 8th.—14th. has been donated in memory of Judy Lynch by her husband, Ben.

The Blessed Mother arrangement in the church for the week of October 8th.—14th is in loving memory of Sue Beering—husband, Fran.

MEMORIALS:

Eucharistic hosts and sacramental wine for the week of October 8th.—14th, 2023 are in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her children and grandchildren.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Roy Griffin
Rita Kruckow
Joel Beaton
Stan Youmans

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY:**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of the Columbus holiday weekend. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m.

BULLETIN NEWS:

A representative from Liturgical Publications (our bulletin company) will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of our community, we invite you to expand your reach with a printed ad in our weekly bulletin. For information, please call 585-208-0678.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023:

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8
/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Gifts Given to Share:

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Each year during the month of October, the Diocese of Rochester conducts an annual appeal for financial support of its many ministries known as the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The theme of this year's appeal is "Go Forth With Christ."

You should have received materials concerning the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and a pledge card inviting your support of this year's appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$91,000.00; which is a reduction from last year's goal of \$95,000.00.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal is joined with thousands of other people throughout our diocese as an investment in the future: the future of our church. Each gift is also an investment in our own future, as we put our faith into action. Your generosity to this appeal will:

Help fund ministries that help parents raise their children and our youth in the Catholic faith. Teaching values they will carry with them into adulthood, which will service them throughout life's challenges.

Help educate our seminarians on the road to priestly ordination, providing the next generation of priests to share the sacraments and bless our parishes and people.

Ensure we can help struggling families be lifted out of economic crisis, restoring them to stability again.

Prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage, creating strong families.

Educate and prepare those who wish to become Roman Catholic for the fullness of life in the Church through the RCIA process.

Enable us to promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life, helping to give voice to the voiceless.

Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection with the church.

Provide important services to our parish that we would find difficult, inefficient, or wasteful to orchestrate on our own.

Support ministries that are a true blessing for the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned.

Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves families and individuals in need, more than 250,000 annually. We share blessings with them, they are a blessing to us.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

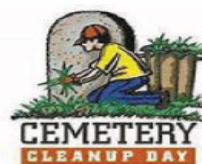
Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 9 Weekday George Foray—Marianne & Bob Kosty
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 10—Weekday Mary Amisano—husband, Guy and family
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 11—Weekday Deceased members of the Mills family—family
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 12—Weekday: Faithful departed
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 13—Weekday Raymond Sherwood—Deloris and the Alsworths
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Oct. 14—Weekday Anthony Dandrea—his wife, Ida
Sunday: 8:30 A.M.	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deceased members of the Mills family—family
10:00 A.M.	Nicolina Difasi—John and Therese Brennan

Pastors' perspective continued:

If you have not already done so, I would invite you to visit the diocesan website at dor.org for further information on this year's appeal. I also invite you to join me in supporting this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. With the generous participation of all, we can make our parish goal.

Have a great week, and enjoy these October days. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L



Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 5th. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Spring and summer decorations/flowers are allowed from March 15th. through November 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 5th.

WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:



The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, October 10th, 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. It's a time to discuss "Coping with the Holidays" as Halloween begins a new season. Each one has a personal grief journey so we are open to listen, and are careful to not dogmatize. 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."

Christine Lloyd, LCW



The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. By now, you should have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card. If you have not received a mailing, pledge envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge.

If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services, and ministries that strengthen our whole church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the church, and comes back to help our parish. Thank you! Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.



All our Faith Formation classes have begun and are off to a great start. If you have not registered your child, or have questions, please reach out to the Faith Formation office by email (amanda.reeves@dor.org) or by phone (607-739-8214).



Years 1 and 2 Confirmation candidates will meet on Sunday, October 15th, from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in O'Brian Hall. We encourage students and families to attend mass before class.

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Religious Education Office

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Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value up to and including his own son. Weird!

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice, and here is where the weirdness deepens, Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. *Continued next column*

Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game, one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.—Father John Mui

PRAYERS AND SQUARES QUILTING GROUP:

St. Mary Our Mother Prayers and Squares quilting group is back. Our group meets to make lap quilts for our ill family members and friends. Once the quilt is made our St. Mary Our Mother School's 5th grade students help us tie the quilts and our 4th grade students pray the rosary over the finished quilts.

We meet twice a month and would welcome anyone who would like to help make the quilts. No experience is necessary.

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