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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 26, 2023



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Tuesday, November 28**

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

Thursday, November 30

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 2

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

‘Dorthy Sgro
Jean Jones

**PRAYER PLAQUE FOR THE SICK:**

The prayer plaque listing the names of ill persons who have asked for our prayers will return to the Church soon.

If you wish to be listed or know of someone who has asked for our prayers, please call the parish office at 607-739-3817.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

WEEKLY READINGS FORTHE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023.

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:**SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS****Sunday, December 3**

5:00 p.m.—First United Methodist Church
1034 West Broad Street, Horseheads

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**Thursday, December 7**

5:30 p.m.—Mass

Friday, December 8

6:45 a.m.—Mass.

9:00 a.m.—Mass

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

6:30 p.m.—Wednesday, December 20

9:00 a.m.—Thursday, December 21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES**Saturday, December 23**

5:00 p.m.—Mass—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24

8:30 a.m.—Mass—Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Note: No 10:30 a.m. Mass***CHRISTMAS MASSES****Sunday, December 24, 2023**

3:00 p.m.—Christmas Family Mass

5:00 p.m.—Christmas Mass

9:30 p.m.—Adult Choir Choral Concert

10:00p.m.—Christmas Mass during the Night
(formerly known as 'Midnight Mass')

Monday, December 25, 2023

9:00 a.m.—Christmas Mass

*Blessing of Christmas gifts Christmas Morning
Mass. No Mass on December 26th.*

HOLY FAMILY & SOLEMNITY OF MARY**Saturday, December 30**

5:00 p.m.—Mass of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m.—Mass

10:30 a.m.—Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

An early bulletin deadline due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend finds this column being written on Monday, November 13th, in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday. One of the liturgies I look forward to each year is the Mass on Thanksgiving Day. It is a wonderful time for many to come together to offer their personal gratitude to God for the many blessings we enjoy. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Today, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, and with it the final week of the Church's liturgical year of prayer for 2023. Unlike the feasts which are centered around an actual event in our Lord's life, the Feast of Christ the King celebrates an aspect of Jesus' identity, and this is categorized as an "idea feast." This feast was originally celebrated each year on the last Sunday of 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 and to a world where the influence of totalitarian forms of government such as communism, Nazism, and fascism were gaining a stronghold in many countries, particularly in Europe. It was Pius XI's hope that this annual celebration would serve as a reminder to all of Jesus' reign in our midst, and would speak powerfully of our belief in God's triumph over evil. Christ our King continues to be the source of grace for each of us of being His living presence in our world.

The preface for the Solemnity of **Christ the King** summarizes this day so well:

*For You anointed Your Only Begotten Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness
As the eternal Priest and King of all creation,
So that, by offering Himself on the altar of the
Cross
As a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace,
He might accomplish the mysteries of human
redemption
And, making all created things subject to His
rule,
He might present to the immensity of Your
majesty
An eternal and universal kingdom.
A kingdom of truth and life,
A kingdom of holiness and grace,
A kingdom of justice, love, and peace.*

It was in October, 1962, that **St. Pope John XXIII** convened the opening of the **Second Vatican Council**, reminding the world's bishops of their special role in bringing the presence of Christ to the world.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 27 Weekday Jeanne Langan—Doug Madison family
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 28 Weekday John Charles Cook—E.M. Pfaff and sons
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 29 Weekday Intentions of the 6:45 Mass family
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle Faithful Departed
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Dec. 1 Weekday The Gee family—Carol and Jim Bramble
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Dec. 2 Weekday Anthony Dandrea—wife, Ida
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent Joseph Blide Jr.—Ruhmel family Eileen Lynam—Raymond Wawrzuizen

Pastor's perspective continued:

He challenged them "We are not on earth as museum-keepers, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life, and to prepare for a glorious future."

One of the documents which came from the Second Vatican Council was the **Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World** (December 7, 1965) Paragraph four is worth noting: "*At times the Church carries the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel, if it is to carry out its tasks. In language intelligible to every generation when people ask about the meaning of this present life and of the life to come, and how one is related to the other. We must be aware of and understand the aspirations, the yearnings, and the often dynamic features of the world in which we live.*"

We believe that through baptism all people are called to be disciples of Christ and to proclaim the gospel. Today's celebration of **Christ the King** is an opportunity for each person to renew his or her baptismal calling to live each moment of their lives with faith, hope, and love. This witness is the foundation as we proclaim the gospel message to family, friends, neighbors and society. Our witness to God's kingdom is strengthened by participation in the celebration of the Eucharist, daily prayer, scripture study, the celebration of the sacrament, and direct service to all people, especially our friends who are most in need.

Have a great week. Next week, we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Advent season is only 22 days this year; so plan to use these days to your best advantage in preparing your mind and heart for Christmas!

Fr. L

CHRISTMAS CARING PROGRAM 2023

Over the years, we, at St. Mary Our Mother, have 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 supported the pantry year-long by donating grocery items to the vestibule cart and clean, empty deposit bottles 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:

1. **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 on the tables in the back for this purpose.
2. **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.
3. **Bringing a Christmas ornament that you offer to a needy family.** You 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 this weekend, 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. This program will conclude the weekend of December 9th and 10th.

NOTRE DAME Retreat House Upcoming Retreats

1. **“Advent, a Season of Darkness and Light”**-given by Sr. Karen Dietz, SSJ, Tuesday, Dec. 5th from 9:00-3:00 pm. Fee of \$35.00 includes lunch
2. **“Keep Hope Alive”** Men’s Retreat weekend, December 8-10 given by Fr. Mike Cunningham, C.Ss.R., Fr. Daniel Ruiz, Deacon Jonathan Schott, Jodie Scordo and Nancy Lynch.
3. **“A Time for Every Purpose”**-A time management workshop given by Dr. Mike Wischnowski, Wednesday, January 10th from 9:00am—3:00 pm. Fee of \$35.00 includes lunch.

For more details on each retreat, the presenter and how to register please visit our website at

www.notredameretreat.org. or like us on
www.facebook.com/ND_Spirituality/

November 26 2023: Memory Bible Verse:

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you do for one of the least brothers of mine, you do for me. Mt. 25:38-40—



The annual Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Horseheads, on December 3rd, at 5 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 calendar and plan to spend an hour reveling in the joy of the Advent-Christmas season.

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A VERSE FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL READING TO MEMORIZE: *Stay awake, be ready, for you do not know neither the day or the hour that the Lord will come.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE HORSEHEADS FOOD PANTRY



With the holidays quickly approaching, our thoughts turn to those in need, especially our neighbors who are assisted by the Horseheads Food Pantry. The pantry is located at the Horseheads Presbyterian Church right here on Westinghouse Road. Its services are open to all Chemung County residents as well as nearby residents in Schuylar County.

For Thanksgiving, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier will be supplying the Horseheads Food Pantry with turkeys for their clients. Throughout the year, we as a church, have been donating food items to the pantry. With the coming of Thanksgiving, we urge our families to consider increasing their donations of non-perishable food items. A wooden cart is in the vestibule of the church for receiving your donations.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and hope we can depend on your continued generosity in this season of Thanksgiving.



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