



# ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

## *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  
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January 21, 2024



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Tuesday, January 23**

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

**Saturday, January 27**

3:30 p.m --Sacrament of Penance-Church

**Sunday, January 28***Catholic Schools Week begins*

## MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Hosts, Sacramental Wine, Sanctuary candle, and Icon candle, are all offered in memory of Raymond Sherwood by his wife, Deloris, for the week of January 21, 2024.

## IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Joseph Along  
William Quinn



## PRAYER PLAQUE FOR THE SICK:

The prayer plaque listing the names of persons who have asked for our prayers is posted across from the bulletin board.

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.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS

**First Reading:**

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, He repented of the evil that He had threatened to do to them, He did not carry it out. (John 3:10)

**Psalms:**

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

**Second Reading:**

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

**Gospel:** Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mk 1:14-15.



Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

I imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as He began His ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to Him to introduce myself. But on that day when He passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

—Tracy Earl Welliver,



Due to inclement weather conditions and school closings on January 9th the scheduled Wounded Healers gathering was cancelled. At this meeting we planned to have our yearly memorial sharing. This memorial sharing will now take place at our February 13, 2024 meeting.



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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

The past two weekends have seen us return to the Sundays in Ordinary Time, which will continue to Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, which this year falls on February 14th. Each year, these middle weeks of January invite us to recall three distinct themes. This past Monday's national holiday invited us to prayerfully remember the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In addition, this past Thursday began the annual **Week of Christian Unity**, when the Church invites us to pray for greater unity among all Christian churches, as well as a greater respect for all **human life**.

Ever since his death, we are reminded of the legacy of **Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Dr. King stood for the equality of all people, especially speaking of his "dream" when all would sit at one table, when all would be able to ride the same bus, when all would be looked upon and identified by their gifts and talents and not by the color of their skin. His tragic and violent death, like modern day terrorism, violence, and war are hard reminders that human nature can act in terrible and tragic ways. Dr. King's death, as well as any act of terrorism, violence or war are sobering reminders that we have yet to achieve Dr. King's dream. Recalling the life of Dr. King each year affords us an opportunity to address any personal prejudice that we might have, and to recognize the common integrity of every human person.

The Supreme Court's decision of **Roe vs. Wade** fifty-one years ago to legalize abortion in the United States met its critical crisis in defending human life as beginning with natural birth, not at conception. If the child in the womb is a person, by American standards, that person has individual rights. The theology of the Catholic Roman Catholic Church defines human life as beginning at conception. While this definition has caused many painful decisions to be made on part of parents, it is a starting point for conversation about the understanding of human life. Jesus' own life is defined from the moment of the Annunciation, when Mary said "yes" to the angel. Mary's own life began at the Immaculate Conception, as the sinless vessel of God. Though the Supreme Court recently overruled the decision of **Roe vs. Wade**, leaving the decision on the legalization of abortion to individual states, this anniversary serves as a reminder that we need to re-affirm our belief in human life as beginning with conception and ends with natural death.

Since the days of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has set aside eight days in January--specifically January 18-- 25--as a week of **Prayer for Christian Unity**. It is a time when we acknowledge our common bonds with our Christian sisters and brothers, as well as people of all faith traditions. We worship a common God, we find our religious foundations in common traditions. For the most part, we utilize the same scriptures for our prayer, worship, and faith formation. For many, our ritual of worship is somewhat similar, often using the same hymns and prayers.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>January 22, Day of Prayer for the Protection of Children</b>
6:45 A.M.	Mary Amisano--husband, Guy
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>January 23, Weekday</b>
6:45 A.M.	Bernie Matterazzo--Mary and Tom Sweet
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>January 24, St. Francis DeSales, Bishop and Doctor</b>
6:45 A.M.	Deceased members of the Curtin family-- family
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>January 25, Conversion of St. Paul</b>
6:45 A.M.	Robert MacBlane, Sr.--Cathy and Ed Jadoski
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>January 26, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b>
6:45 A.M.	Raymond Winieski--JoAnn and Steve Cowulich
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>January 27, Weekday</b>
5:00 P.M.	Claire Navone Pitts--Mom, Mary and family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 28, Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 A.M.	Bill Dominikoski--his family
10:30 A.M.	Edward J. Linsler

## Pastors Perspective Continued:

This annual week of Prayer for Christian Unity is our commitment to our Lord's prayer at the Last Supper, "*that all may be one.*". (John 17:21). Since the Second Vatican Council, which issued its own decree on Ecumenism, we have come to realize that our unity can be expressed in a variety of ways. An example of this locally is the annual Service of Lessons and Carols, held each December.

Is there a common bond which unites the violence in our world, to the observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, to a greater awareness and respect for human life from the womb to the tomb, to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity? It is the fact that we are a people of the same God. Each person has the responsibility to see others as sisters and brothers, offering respect and dignity to each other. It is this responsibility that enables us to address the issues such as life beginning at conception, those who live in the grip of poverty, those who find themselves in prison, those who are close to death. We need to acknowledge the common bond that unites us not only as the Church as the Body of Christ, but to realize that the presence of God resides and can be found in each and every person.

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

Fr. L

## NOTRE DAME H.S. , OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 7-12 PERSPECTIVE STUDENTS.

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12 is hosting an **Open House on Monday, January 29, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 pm for prospective students and their families.** **Check-in begins at 5:45 p.m.** The evening begins with a brief presentation in Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium with campus tours to follow. Open House is your chance to meet the faculty, administration, and students, tour the campus, learn about the benefits of a Notre Dame education, and explore the many opportunities your student can have as a student of Notre Dame. Notre Dame is a college preparatory school offering an inclusive environment that is rich in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and academic excellence. Notre Dame offers a competitive athletic program, many opportunities to participate in the performing, visual, and language arts along with a variety of extra-curricular activities. such as FTC & FRC Robotics teams, Science Olympiad, The Notre Dame Spotlighters, MaryLeaf (school newsletter), Yearbook, and Quiz League. Notre Dame H.S. is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. A visiting option to ND is available. To determine eligibility, contact the transportation office of your home school district. To RSVP for the Open House, visit <https://tinyurl.com/NDHSOpenHouse2024>. Notre Dame is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2024-25 school year. To apply visit [notredamehighschool.com](http://notredamehighschool.com). Questions? Please contact Brett Moore, Director of Enrollment at 607-734-2267. We hope to see you at our Open House!

## ST. MARY OUR MOTHER FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS:

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

There has been interest in beginning *Children's Liturgy Of The Word* again during the 10:30 am. Mass on Sundays. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Amanda or Lily at the parish office by calling 607-739-8214 or emailing [amanda.reeves@dor.org](mailto:amanda.reeves@dor.org) or [Lily.barr@dor.org](mailto:Lily.barr@dor.org).

### FAITH AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER:

If you have not been receiving the "Faith & Family" newsletter from Faith Formation and would like to be added to our email list, contact Amanda Reeves at [amanda.reeves.dor.org](mailto:amanda.reeves.dor.org).



## JANUARY 21ST SPOTLIGHT ON CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

In October, a 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck Herat province in western Afghanistan, killing more than 2,000 people, leveling buildings, and devastating communities. In our name Catholic Relief Services and local partners continue to provide humanitarian relief to families impacted, deploying medical and trauma support, shelter, and food assistance in affected areas. Our Afghan brothers and sisters are struggling in the aftermath of the earthquake, mourning their family members who died in the earthquake, but our prayers and support bring them help and comfort. Please pray for the people of Afghanistan and CRS workers. To learn more visit: [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

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