



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
(607) 739-3817

January 28, 2024



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole
region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Tuesday January 30, 2024**

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

Saturday, February 3

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

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of January 28--Feb 3, 2024 have been donated in memory of Bill Dominikoski by Fran Beering.

Sacramental wine, Sanctuary Candle, and Icon Candle for the week of January 28--February 3, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Francis Meade and Crete St. Louis by Sheldon and Alan Meade.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Kate Benson
Michael Cesare
Jeffrey Hafler
Genevieve Orlousky

**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.

CHRISTMAS CARING PROJECT THANK YOU!

The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your tremendous support of our Christmas Caring Project. Your donated food items over-flowed the pantry cart in November and December. Our "giving trees" were stripped each week of the beautiful ornaments and passed on to the clients of the pantry. Your monetary donations to purchase meat and fresh food totaled \$3,795.00. A special thank you to the students of our Catholic school who donated over 1,000 items of food most needed by the pantry.

Thank you all for giving a helping hand and spreading joy and love to our neighbors most in need. You certainly made it a "caring Christmas".

**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

A central theme in today's Gospel reading is the nature and extent of Jesus' authority. The people were astonished, "for He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Jesus' authority brought blessings to people including healing and comfort. His authority possessed an irresistible power that drew people not through manipulation, but simply by the person that He was and the gifts that He gave. Good stewards reveal the power and authority of Christ through the words they use and deeds they perform every day. At times their stewardship leaves them open to ridicule and scorn. But having the courage to imitate Jesus invites others to imagine a different world. What can we do this week to reveal Christ's authoritative presence in the world?

**FOR THE FOOD PANTRY**

Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching. Once again, Social Ministry, with the help of volunteer youth, will be taking up a collection at the doors of the Church after the Masses on Super Bowl Sunday weekend, February 10 and 11. The donations will go to the Horseheads Food Pantry for the purchase of meat, dairy and produce items for distribution to their clients.

However, this year there will be two marked bags at each of the church entrances - one for each team. Please place your donations in the bag of the team for whom you will be rooting. We will let you know in two weeks the winning team of the Pantry Bowl.

So, in reality, no matter who wins the Super Bowl on the field, the clients of the Horseheads Food Pantry will be the winners. You, too, will be a winner for your generosity to those in need.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

This coming week, St. Mary Our Mother School joins other Catholic Schools throughout the nation in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is-- Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service. This week is a time to reaffirm our support of Catholic School education, to affirm the spiritual welfare of every student, to encourage them on their academic development, to recognize parents for the commitment to Catholic School education, and to recognize our teachers, staff, and administration for their dedication and professionalism. It is a time to offer a word of gratitude to the people of St. Mary Our Mother for their continued interest and support of our school as a "parish-based" school since 1959. I consider our school as a vital part of our parish's responsibility in serving our children, the next generation of Catholics.

The church as the primary teacher of our faith has the responsibility to its people that our faith life is not only preserved, but that people be given the opportunities for their faith life to be nourished and grow. From its founding days, Catholic Schools in the United States have provided a solid-based education where the truths of our Catholic faith are not only taught but lived. The challenge of every Catholic School today is to meet the needs of our young people who live in a society and world where cultural values are often contrary to the teachings of the Gospel. Catholic Schools continue to be important vehicles by which Christ-centered values and virtues are taught and lived. In doing so, each school epitomizes this year's Catholic Schools theme of being sources where the virtues of faith, excellence, and service are lived each day.

St. Mary Our Mother School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many of the usual Catholic Schools Week activities. If you know of a family with children, or you have friends who might consider a Catholic School education, please encourage them to contact the school for further information and to take a tour of our school. Registrations of students for the 2024-2025 school year has begun. We need your help to get the good news about St. Mary Our Mother School "out there" to the greater community. Tuition assistance is also available, and all students benefit from being in a school with smaller class sizes, more individual attention, and a school that has outperformed school districts on various state test scores.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	January 29, Week Day
6:45 A.M.	Samantha Dobek--her family
Tuesday:	January 30, Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Wednesday:	January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest
6:45 A.M.	Charly Graves--his wife, Jan
Thursday:	February 1--Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Friday:	February 2, Presentation of the Lord
6:45 A.M.	Bernie Matterazzo--Rosa and Ray Giammichele
9:00 A.M.	Students, staff and faculty, families and parishioners of St. Mary Our Mother
Saturday:	February 3, 2024, Weekday/St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
5:00 P.M.	Marie Scarselletta--Bill and Barb Limonceli
Sunday	February 4--Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M.	Teri Guardi--Bob & Julie Delia
10:30 A.M.	Deceased members of the Rossi and Navone family

Pastors Perspective Continued:

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2024, we thank all who are involved in our education efforts at St. Mary Our Mother School:

Mrs. Heather Bill, Principal
Mrs. Adriana Enright, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Jill Knuth	Mrs. Robyn Stowell
Mrs. Patricia Madison	Mrs. Amy Winkels
Mrs. Sandy Hoyt	Mrs. Sally Heffner
Mrs. Caitlin Disbrow	Mrs. Michelle Steed
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Mrs. Claire Thurston	Mrs. Barbara O'Brien
Mrs. Colleen Meehan	Mrs. Nancy Ruda
Michelle Card	Mrs. Michelle Procopio
Mr. Roger Williams	Miss Jenna Crandall

We thank them, as well as the people of St. Mary Our Mother, for their commitment, dedication, interest and support of Catholic School education in our parish.

Have a great week and 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 tomorrow, 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://thinyurl.com/NDHSOpenHouse2024>. Notre Dame is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2024-25 school year. To apply visit 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 or 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.



JANUARY 28th SPOTLIGHT ON CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES AT WORK ON OUR BEHALF AROUND THE WORLD.

Sudan's armed conflict has caused a humanitarian crisis, threatening million of lives. About 24.7 million people (half of Sudan's population) are in need of humanitarian aid and protection. Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. Catholic community's official humanitarian relief and development agency, works with local partners in Sudan to provide food, emergency health care, nutrition, water, sanitation, hygiene, and medical supplies despite the danger and challenges.

Please pray for the people of Sudan and CRS workers. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher E. Linsler, Pastor
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The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St. Horseheads. **This will be our annual service of remembering.** You may wish 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.

REGIONAL EVENT:



2024 Lenten Sessions

Held at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Faith Formation Center, 1010 Davis St., Elmira. For more information and to register: www.ElmiraCatholic.org/The-Rescue-Project/.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

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