



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

March 3, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:17

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Tuesday, March 5**

3:45 - Faith Formation classes - school

Thursday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10*Daylight Savings Time begins**Collection for Catholic Relief Services***MEMORIALS:**

The Eucharistic Hosts for the week of March 3 - 9, 2024 have been donated in loving memory of Sue Beering by her husband, Fran.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Robert Janowsky
Alexi Navalny

**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 in the church.

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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD :**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin today, March 3rd, during the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Adult volunteers are needed to make this successful. Also, if you are in 8th grade or above, you can volunteer as an assistant helping the adult leader. Please contact Amanda at the faith formation office 607-739-8214 or email amanda.reeves@dor.org.

**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**

St. Mary Our Mother School is accepting student registrations for the 2024/2025 school year for grades pre-k3 through grade six. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents or guardians who are new to St. Mary Our Mother School will need: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a completed parish commitment form for members of the parish. The non-refundable registration fee is \$200 per family. Both before and after school care are available. For further information, call St. Mary Our Mother School at 739-9157 during school hours from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL
FUND RAISER EVENT:**

Beat the winter blues and join St. Mary Our Mother School families at the Corning Museum of Glass for the 2024 Gala "Saturday Night at the Disco" on Saturday, April 6th. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$50 each and include admission, silent auctions, cash bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a DJ serving up some of the grooviest tunes of the disco era.

Tickets for the 2024 Gala may be purchased in the main office of the school between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. during school hours. Tickets may be purchased with cash or check. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

Unable to attend and still want to support the event? Purchase a Big Money Raffle Ticket for \$100.00. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased in the school office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A total of 3 monetary prizes will be awarded. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win. For additional information, please contact the school office at 607-739-9157 or visit www.SMOMS-gala.com. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

PASTER'S PERSPECTIVE:

One of the disciplines we are called to embrace during the season of Lent is that of almsgiving. It is a word that can bring to mind people who might approach you asking for an occasional handout. In our part of the world, these occasions can be rare, after all, we have social service agencies which deal with these matters. So what significance does "almsgiving" hold for us, especially during the Lenten season?

The daily scripture readings in Lent make it clear that we are talking about the works of mercy and justice. References that are found in Isaiah 58: 1 - 9; Leviticus 19:

1 - 2, 11 - 18; and Mathew 25: 31 - 46. Almsgiving is not just about contributing your loose change to the poor. It is the sharing of our financial and material gifts with others, "paying it forward," as you might say, our blessings and recognizing that everything we think we have and own really belong to God. One bishop in the early Church would remind his people that almsgiving is the responsibility of everyone, no matter how great or small our resources might be. We can be equal in generosity of the heart for the benefit of our sisters and brothers in need.

As a parish, St. Mary Our Mother is blessed with financial, volunteer, and spiritual resources. A decision was made years ago to "tithe" our Sunday collections, setting aside a certain amount each week, and to designate those monies for some charitable cause or service. We actually don't take a tenth (a true tithe), but we set aside five percent for charitable causes. For example, four times a year we make a donation in the name of our parish to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier to support the Back Pack program, which helps provide nutritious food for at-risk children on weekends. These monies also help support our Social Ministry Committee's Christmas Sharing efforts each year. In addition, each week our parishioners are extremely generous in bringing food to help support the various food pantries in our area. A few years ago, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier recognized our parish as one of the top ten contributors to the Food Bank. So your contributions to St. Mary Our Mother include not only the support of the ministries of our parish and school, they also reach beyond to help unknown numbers of people who are in need.

In addition, each Lent we offer the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls during this season, asking you to participate in helping to feed hungry people throughout the world. For a second consecutive year, we were honored to have Deacon Kevin Carges, who is a Global Fellow for Catholic Relief Services, with us as our guest homilist, sharing with us his insight on the wonderful work being achieved throughout the world by Catholic Relief services. Many families put money in their rice bowls at meal time as they say grace and pray for the poor of the world. Others put money in their bowls when they find themselves using inappropriate language, or when they are gossiping or saying unkind words about another. These rice bowls are returned to the parish on Easter.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	March 4, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Charly Graves - wife Jan
Tuesday:	March 5, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Arline Corcoran - Bob & Becky
Wednesday:	March 6, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Deceased members of the Curtin family - family
Thursday:	March 7, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Charles Dickinson - daughter Jan Graves
Friday:	March 8, Lenten Weekday:
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Saturday:	March 9, Lenten Weekday
5:00 P.M.	Katherine Reilly - Family
Sunday:	March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
10:30 A.M.	Joseph Along - Judi & Bob Pichette

Pastor's perspective continued:

The season of Lent is a good time for us to examine our level of almsgiving and charitable giving not just during Lent, but also throughout the year. I remain grateful for your generous financial stewardship to our parish. When you do so, you not only support our parish ministries, but also our school and the countless ways we as a parish demonstrate our concern for the less fortunate.

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

Fr. L

**RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY:**

Nowadays, in El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit crsrice-bowl.org to read this week's "Story of Hope".

GOSPEL MEDITATION: 3rd Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time - if not the greatest - was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

Father John Muir



CEMETERY CLEANOUT AND CLEANUP:

Twice a year, a cleanout and a cleanup of our cemetery is done. Please remove all winter decorations at this time. If you have items you do not wish to have discarded, please remove them by March 15th.



EASTER FLOWER SIGN-UP:

Have you noticed? Our flower sign up form has returned to the bulletin board in the church.

If you wish to remember intentions for Easter, please check out the sign up sheet. All Easter flower intentions must be submitted by March 18, 2024.

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REGIONAL/DIOCESAN EVENTS:

PLEASE JOIN THE CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK: The Catholic Action Network (CAN), an arm of the New York State Catholic Conference, gives us all a voice in the halls of government. Through email and social media alerts, CAN reaches tens of thousands of Catholics across New York State to provide educational updates on the important issues being debated and to provide the tools to simplify the process of contacting our elected officials. At present, you will find information on Catholic community efforts to stop the legalization of physician assisted suicide and state aid to Catholic schools. Please consider signing up for the Catholic Action Network: nyscatholic.org/action-center/.

EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON: Sponsored by Catholic Charities - Chemung & Schuyler.

This Event is scheduled for: **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Note Dame High School.** All proceeds from this annual event will benefit the **Elmira Community Kitchen.** Advance tickets required. Tickets can be purchased at www.catholiccharitiescs.org.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

“CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB”

St. Mary's Church, Elmira

Presented by Rev. Fr. Robert Kennedy

Monday, March 4th , 6:30 pm, Eucharistic Presence: Consider how the triune God and God's beloved people make themselves truly present to each other.

Tuesday, March 5th , 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm - Eucharistic Sacrifice. Reflect on how the sacrifice of Christ and our “acceptable” sacrifices are joined at the enter of the Eucharistic action.

Wednesday, March 6th., 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm - Eucharistic Living. Moving in solidarity with Christ from the Table to the world, we are called to eventually move outside the Eucharistic Liturgy into the realities of Human Life.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:

Please remember that **Daylight SavingsTime** begins next Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring on Saturday

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