



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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March 10, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Tuesday, March 12**

3:45 - Faith Formation classes - school

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

5:15 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - chapel

Saturday, March 16

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

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of March 10-16, 2024 have been donated in memory of Manuel and Leticia Macapinlac by their family.

The Eucharistic wine, icon candle and sanctuary candle have been donated in memory of Joseph Higgins for the week of March 10 - 16, 2024 by Joe and Jane Gallagher.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Gary Brouse
Frank Greco
Vincent Gordner
Ruth Hrasdzira
Elizabeth Mosher
Frank Troccia
Rudy Veruto

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word is now being offered at 8:30 a.m. Mass to all parish children K-5th grade. The children will be dismissed from the general assembly to O'Brien Hall after the Introductory Rite and before the Liturgy of the Word. A trained catechist will share the Sacred Scripture from the children's lectionary, and will offer child appropriate commentary on the reading. All catechists are certified CASE trained. We will welcome two teen helpers each Sunday. If you have a teen who wishes to volunteer to assist the catechist during the Liturgy of the Word for children during the 8:30 a.m. Mass, please contact Amanda Reeves at the Faith Formation Office, 607-739-8214 or amanda.reeves@dor.org

**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.

**WOUNDED HEALERS BEREAVMENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING:**

Our next meeting will be offered on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary Our Mother School, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads, NY. You may want 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. You may share or you may just listen. We encourage you to be sensitive to your own needs. 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."

PASTER'S PERSPECTIVE:

Today, we arrive at the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, oftentimes referred to as **Laetare Sunday** or Rejoice Sunday. Lent 2024 is at its midpoint, which makes this a good time to give ourselves a little mid-Lenten checkup. The following are some thoughts that we might like to ponder.

How Faithful have I been to the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving?

Have I taken the time, or made the time, to watch and pray during this Lent?

Have I taken advantage of the many opportunities for spiritual growth this Lent?

Daily Mass, reading of scripture and Lenten literature, clearing my schedule to participate in some Lenten activities, making the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, joining in the public praying of the Stations of the Cross each Friday in our chapel?

How has the season of Lent helped me to grow in greater awareness of God's special love for me?

On Ash Wednesday, I mentioned that Lent is not only a time of "giving up," but a Season of "giving" as well. In that spirit, a common practice of many during the Lenten season is to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** include:

*Feeding the hungry
Giving drink to the thirsty
Clothing the naked
Visiting the imprisoned
Sheltering the homeless
Visiting the sick
Burying the dead*

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** include:

*Admonishing sinner
Counseling the doubtful
Comforting the sorrowful
Bearing wrongs spiritually
Forgiving injuries
Praying for the living and the dead*

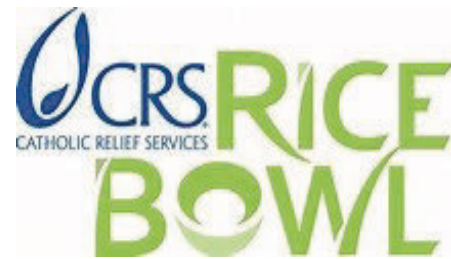
As you read through these works of mercy let the grace and power of God's grace and spirit touch your mind and heart, and help you to be creative in ways of practicing a number of these works of mercy during these days of the Lenten season.

Have a great Fourth Week of Lent. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

.....Fr. L.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	March 11, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Tuesday:	March 12, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Wednesday:	March 13, Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Thursday:	March 14, Lenten Weekday
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Friday:	March 15, Lenten Weekday:
6:45 A.M.	Our Faithful Departed
Saturday:	March 16, Lenten Weekday
5:00 P.M.	Michael Cesare - Joyce & Dick
Sunday:	March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30 A.M.	Jim Cronin - Barb & Bill Limoncelli
10:30 A.M.	Deceased members of the Patrick H. McCarthy family.



INCREASING DISASTER, INCREASING RESILIENCE:

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how - with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours - Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsrice-bowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



A LITTLE HUMOR: During the sermon on Jesus' teaching that we should love all our enemies, the pastor asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies. Everyone did so except "Mrs. Watson" in the front row, who had just turned 95. "Mrs. Watson, the pastor asked, "how could you live for 95 years and have no enemies?" "That's easy," the senior citizen replied, ***"I just outlived them."***

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SPRING RETREATS AND EVENTS:

March 18: Lenten Changemaker Series:

Free evenings supper and one hour presentation. (5:30 p.m. Supper and 6:30 p.m. presentation). "Ethical Purchasing" with Grace Adams, Catholic Ethical Purchasing Alliance

April 5-6: Solar Eclipse Retreat - Options of Friday only/ Friday-Saturday/Saturday only.
"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" (Michelle Franci)

April 12-14 and May 3-5: "Just as you Are" - Women's Weekend Retreat- encountering God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

April 16th: Fill Your Soul Days:

9 a.m. - 3 p.m., includes lunch and retreat. Fee-\$35.00

April 16th: "Light and Life: The Easter Workings of God". (Fr. Robert Kennedy)

For more information contact Notre Dame Retreat House at 585-394-5700.

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— *Father John Muir*



FILL-IN HUMOR:

What did one ocean say to the other?
(*nothing it just waved*)



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:

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Catholic Charities is seeking a mission-centered, strategic and results-oriented individual to serve as Executive Director of our agency serving Steuben and Livingston counties. More details can be found at: <https://ccdor.org/join-our-team/>

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. We never saw them as children.

We're often feel the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin, He's all-good," He doesn't understand temptation, He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

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