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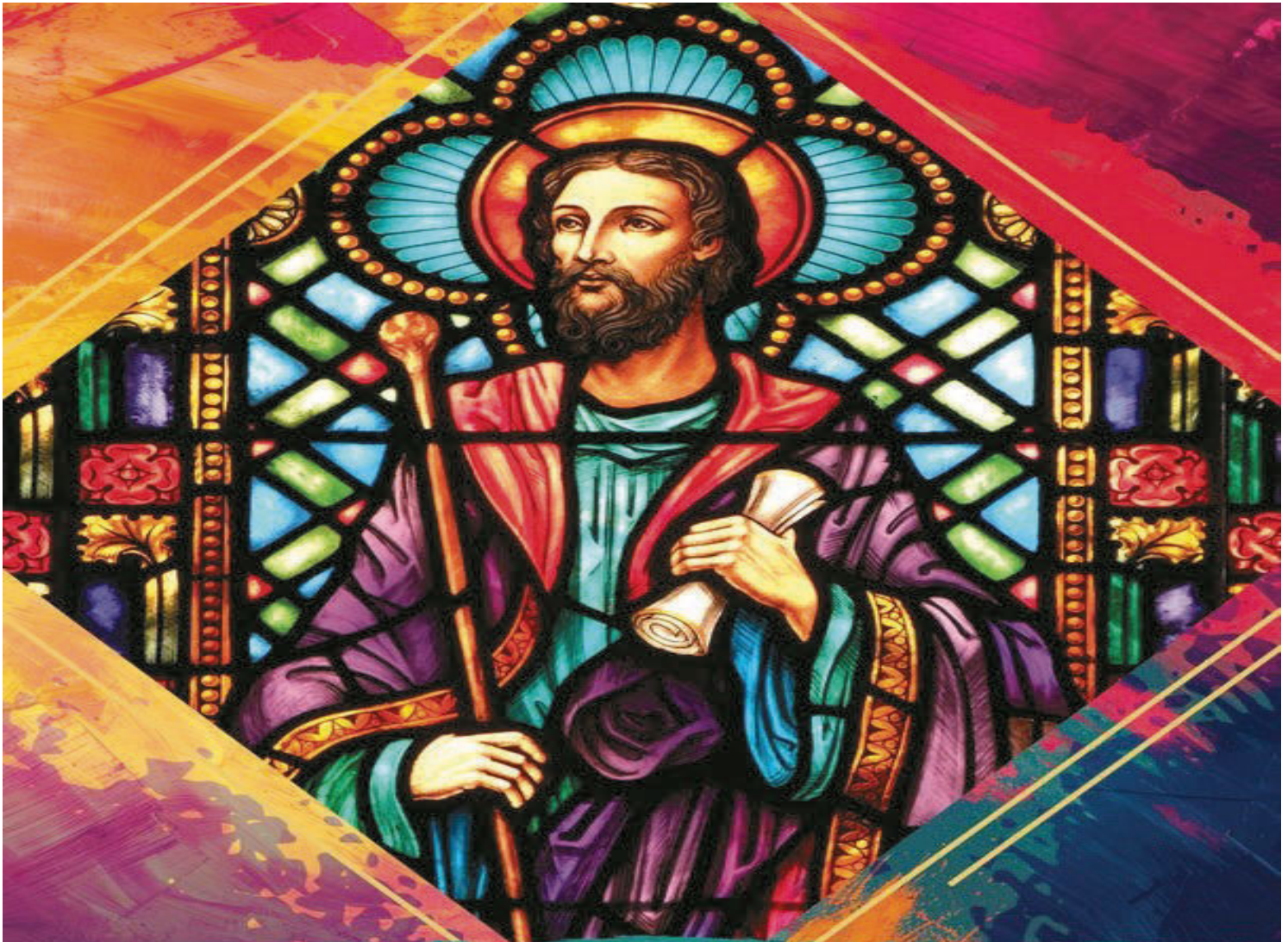
MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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January 26, 2025



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
- Lk 4:18

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, January 28**

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

Thursday, January 30

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

Saturday, February 1

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

Sister Sienna Cameron
Kingston Warren-Carrier
Thomas Francis Good
Louise Lordi

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Our main altar flower arrangement for January 26 — February 1, 2025 has been donated in loving memory of Bill Dominikoski by his wife, Diane and family.

The Eucharistic Breads or Hosts for the week of January 26—February 1, 2025 have been donated in memory of Bill Dominikoski by Fran Beering.

Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention—in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, for a special birthday or anniversary or other occasion.

Arrangements may be made by contacting the parish office at 607-739-3817.



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A SUPER BOWL FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

Super Bowl Sunday is soon approaching. Once again, Social Ministry will be taking up a collection at the doors of the church after the Masses on Super Bowl weekend, February 8th and 9th. The donations will go to the food pantry for the purchase of meat, produce, and dairy items for distribution to their clients.

Again, there will be a separate bag at the two church entrances for each team. Please place your donation in the bag of the team for whom you will be rooting. We will let you know in two weeks the winning team of our “Pantry Bowl.”

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as He begins His public ministry. The words reflect His understanding of His Spirit-anointed mission. His words are His “Mission Statement.” Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have “glad tidings” to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which He has placed us, using the gifts He has entrusted to us?



The Wounded Healers' Bereavement Support Group meeting will be offered on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M., in person, 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 not to dogmatize with “should.” 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.”

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

This coming week, Saint Mary Our Mother School joins other Catholic Schools throughout the nation in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week is **Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community**. This week is a time to reaffirm our support of Catholic School education, to affirm the spiritual welfare of every student, to encourage them in their academic development, to recognize parents for their commitment to Catholic School education, and to recognize our teachers, staff, and administration for their dedication and professionalism. It is also 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 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. For 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 loved. 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, but we will be following the protocols that are in place to insure the health and safety of all students. 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 2025–2026 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.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025, we thank all who are involved in our Catholic School efforts at St. Mary Our Mother School;

Mrs. Heather Bill, Principal

Mrs. Adriana Enright, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Jill Knuth

Mrs. Caitlin Disbrow

Mrs. Sandra Hoyt

Mrs. Jamie Lewis

Mrs. Angela Langendorfer

Mrs. Robyn Stowell

Mrs. Amy Winkels

Mrs. Sally Heffner

Mrs. Michelle Steed

Mrs. Julie Lawson

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	January 27— Weekday Robert Kosty—Mary Jamison
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor Our Faithful Departed
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	January 29— Weekday Our Faithful Departed
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	January 30—Weekday Our Faithful Departed
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	January 31—St. John Bosco, Priest Special Intention of the 6:45a.m. Mass family Mass for Catholic School Week
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	February 1—Weekday George and Ruth Johnson—their family
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	February 2—The Presentation of the Lord. Wilfred Ross—Cornelia Ross Amelia Woodruff—son Chris

Pastor's Perspective continued:

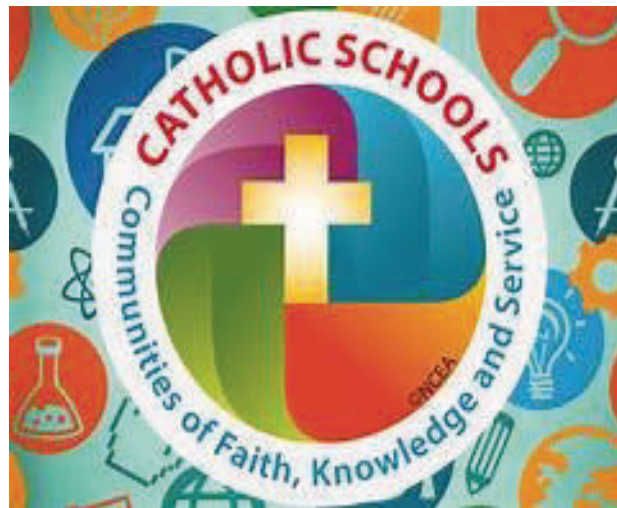
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We thank them as well as the people of St. Mary Our Mother, for their commitment, dedication, interest, and support of Catholic School education in our parish.

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

Fr. L.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

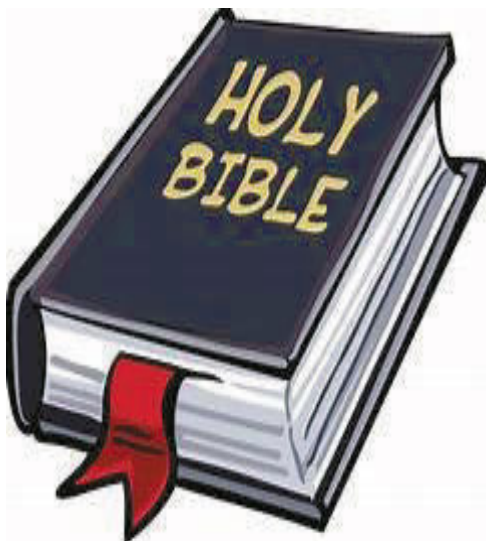
January 26, 2025
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister*!" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in His hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, His fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling His promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how He wishes to give them. God is fulfilling His promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir



Notre Dame H.S. Grades 7-12 Open House
Notre Dame H.S. Grades 7-12 Open House For Prospective Students & Families.

Notre Dame H.S. Grades 7-12 is hosting an Open House tomorrow, Monday, January 27, from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm for prospective students and their families. Registration begins at 5:45 pm followed by a brief presentation in the Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium. 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 that await your student at 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. Additionally, Notre Dame offers a competitive athletic program, many opportunities to participate in the performing, visual, and language arts along with a variety of extracurricular activities such as FTC & FRC Robotics teams, Climate Crusaders, The Notre Dame Spotlighters Group, MaryLeaf (school newsletter) Yearbook, and Quiz League. Notre Dame H.S. is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira and transportation is available from many of our local school districts. To RSVP for the Open House or to submit your application to ND for the 2025-26 school year, visit notredamehighschool.com. Questions may be directed to Mr. Nick Weirmiller, Director of Admissions at 607734- 2267. We hope to see you at our Open House.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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During this holy Jubilee Year, we are alert to the opportunities to be a tangible sign of hope for brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. One distressing reality is that in a world with enough food for all, millions of children (in the United States and globally) suffer from severe hunger and nearly half of all preventable deaths among children under age five worldwide are attributed to malnutrition. This is intolerable. Let us use our voices to speak up for the children.

Contact our US House Representative, Nick Langworthy (Corning office 607-377-3130) and leave this message: *I ask you to pass legislation in the Congress that fully funds the WIC program (Women, Infants, Children Supplemental nutrition); expands the Child Tax Credit to cut poverty in families with children; increase funding for global child nutrition programs; help reduce food insecurity on college campuses. Be sure to leave your name and county. This phone call will take a minute or two, but can make a big impact.*

Thank You—Social Ministry Committee

PRACTICING CATHOLIC—These evil days

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

Continued in next column :

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

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By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

When I went into the office this week to create the bulletin I found that someone had left the following humorous sayings. I hope you enjoy the humor:

1. This year our Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals!
2. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
4. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
5. Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.
6. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break forth Into Joy."
7. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
8. Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
9. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
10. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday after noon.



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