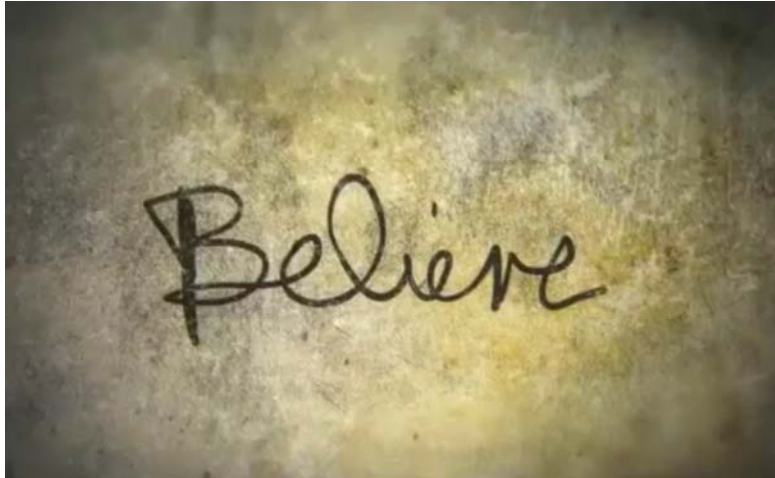




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

It is customary at St. Mary-Holy Cross after the final song, the assembly kneels and silently prays the "Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be" for the next person of our Parish who dies. Parishioners near death have expressed the comfort they experience knowing the Parish Community is praying for them. Please join us in this sacred prayer.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many thanks to everyone who facilitated all the festivities during Lent and the Triduum, helping to make the season and holy days so beautiful and fruitful. It was very meaningful to me personally since it was my first time here. Please let me know what ideas and/or constructive criticism you might have so we can do even better next year.

Though the busiest time of year has passed, we are not quite off the hook. On Sunday we celebrate first Communion followed by Confirmation next Sunday. Please pray for the children who will receive these sacraments.

As disappointing as it may have been to see Notre Dame in Paris on fire, remember that Jesus calls us to worship "in Spirit and truth" (John 4:23). This means that the practice of our faith is not bound by walls, even those of a church. Even more tragic was the murder of everyone in the explosions on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. Pray for the merciful and just repose of those souls. ~ Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Mary
	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	9:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30p.m. St. Mary, or by appointment

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office about a preparation program

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date

Priesthood and Religious Life: See Diocesan website at <http://www.vocationsonline.org>

Masses and Adoration

Tuesday, April 30

6:00pm St. Mary †Theresa Modtland
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, May 1

5:30pm Holy Cross †Terri Shaw

Thursday, May 2

8:00am St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt

First Friday, May 3

9:00am St. Mary †Mary Maxwell

Saturday, May 4

5:00pm St. Mary †George Meusburger

Sunday, May 5

8:00am Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

~ Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, May 13, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Monday, April 29, 6:30-8:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, April 28, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Parish Office: Closed Friday & Monday, May 3 & 6.

Upcoming Events

†**Senior Citizen Breakfast:** Friday, May 3, following
9:00am Mass, Social Hall

†**Blessing of High School Seniors:** At Masses May 4 & 5

†**Blessing of Riders and Motorcycles:** Saturday, May 5
in the parking lot after 5:00pm Mass

†**Sunday, May 5:** Coffee & donuts after 10am Mass, Hall

†**Saturday, May 11:** Wine & Cheese after 5pm Mass, Hall

Are You New To Our Parish?



We welcome you to our family of St. Mary-Holy Cross and invite you to become a member of our Parish! Please fill out a registration card found in the vestibule of St. Mary and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

Pastoral Assistance

Contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, for pastoral needs or if a family member in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, wishes a visit.

Easter Resources

We have *The Little White Books* and *The Word Among Us* available for your use during these 50 days of the Easter Season. You'll find them in the vestibule.

Seeking Parish PreK-6 Catechetical Leader

This is a great way to be involved in our Parish and help grow the faith of our children! If you are interested or know someone who would be, or would like more information, please contact Father Andrew, fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org, or Stacie Hergenreter, shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org / 515-491-3876, by this Wednesday, May 1.

Friends of St. Francis

We will meet Monday, April 29, 6:30pm in the Social Hall. All are welcome, especially newcomers. Interest has been expressed in Pope Francis' call to care for our common home with faith-based action. Other ideas are also encouraged. Contact Marion Panyan, panyan@mchsi.com or 515-321-6395 for more information.

Senior Citizen's Breakfast



All Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to breakfast this Friday, May 3. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 9:00am Mass. RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday, April 30 if you are able to join us.

High School Senior Recognition

During Masses next weekend, we will recognize and have a blessing for our students who are graduating from High School. —Seniors, please contact the Parish Office by this Wednesday to let us know which Mass you will be attending.



This is a shout out to motorcycle riders from St. Mary – Holy Cross, or friends of those riders. The blessing is next Saturday after 5:00pm Mass (6:00pm) in St. Mary's parking lot. Start your riding year out asking God to protect you, your passengers, and your motorcycle through this blessing. Be sure to invite all of your riding friends whether they are Catholic or not.

Volunteer to Clean Holy Cross

Only 1 to 1 1/2 hours required per week. Cleaning supplies and equipment provided. Laurie Phelan and Chris Schreurs would be happy to provide more details if needed. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

Parish Scholarship for High School Seniors

The Stewardship Committee and Knights of Columbus will offer a \$200 scholarship to two high school seniors attending college this fall and who have been directly involved in our parish. The application is on the parish website.

S.T.O.R.M. 7th-12th graders

Who wants to hang out with friends, play video games, bowl and play laser tag? If this sounds like fun then join us for a Lock-in at Perfect Games in Ames. **Details:** Parents drop their teens off at Perfect Games at **11:50pm** on Friday, May 3 and must be picked up Saturday, May 4 at **4:00am** from Perfect Games. Hey Parents- I know it's a wacky time but try to arrange with a friend for drop off and pick up duties! There will be hours of UNLIMITED video games, laser tag and fun! Pizza and pop will be served. **Cost:** \$35. Bring a friend! Permission slips located in the vestibule at St Mary. Place completed forms and checks (made payable to St Mary-Holy Cross - memo line LOCK-IN) in the bin labeled "7th-12th grade Perfect Games Lock-in". **Deadline to register is Sunday, March 28! Adult chaperones will be needed in order to make this happen!** Let us know if you would like to help out! Questions call/text Melissa, 515-290-2830 or Andrea, 515-240-5059.

**Congratulations to these students
who will be receiving Holy Eucharist
for the first time Sunday afternoon.**

Please keep them in your prayers.

Lily Clute	Lindsay Nehring
Callahan Coffelt	Averee Nerem
Hailey Conover	Brett Reiter
Cayden Drey	Grayson Segal
Drew Gilligan	Sullivan Smeltzer
Claire Hand	Jayson Volz
Kiernan Heaps	Jocelyn Waters
Caleb Huff	Julianne Waters
Connor McCoun	Kallen Westphal

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

EDGE/Youth Group Families and Friends,

Thank you for wonderful year of ministry! Despite our winter weather that hampered our Wednesday gatherings and 8th Grade Retreat, we were still able to have a pretty good S.T.O.R.M. year. We had an amazing group of young people and adults who participated in our sessions and activities of EDGE & Youth Group this past year. We got to know some very interesting facts about Saints, studied more about the Holy Spirit and learned about the importance of being part of a community of faith. We made care packages for soldiers and decorated valentines for our homebound parishioners and friends. We hosted Trunk or Treat, Christmas and Mardi Gras parties for the young people of our parish and community. We led our congregation in praying by putting on our Silhouette Stations of the Cross and through all of these opportunities we grew closer as a young church. With all these experiences we have also grown in our relationships with Christ! Andrea and I look forward to what summer and next school year will bring. Please watch the bulletin, social media, emails and SM-HC website for summer activities and fundraisers for the teens. Thank you parents for your continued support of S.T.O.R.M. and for encouraging your teens in their faith journey.

Blessings,

Andrea & Melissa, 7th-12th Youth Ministry Coordinators

C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades)

Sunday, April 28 - Last Confirmation Session, 11:00am to 12:30pm, 9th Grade: Lesson 12 10th Grade: Lesson 24

Please have sponsors attend with 10th graders if able.

Saturday, May 4 - Confirmation Liturgy Rehearsal Dinner after 5:00pm Mass at St Mary; for Sponsors, 10th graders and Small group leaders only.

Sunday, May 5: Confirmation Liturgy, 2:00pm at St. Mary. Those being confirmed should arrive 20 minutes early.

A professional photographer will be present and forms will be available for parents to order pictures. Cost is \$20.

Singers are still needed for the Liturgy, please let me know if you're interested.

CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

This team functions as the Pastoral Council for the parish. It consists of members from each ministry (e.g. RE, Stewardship, K of C, Liturgy, Finance Council, etc.), as well as others from the parish. For more information, please contact Fr. Andrew

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Week ending April 21 Budget Week 42

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/ Youth/Guests	\$10,518	\$5,311

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$243,140	\$223,062	\$214,521

Holy Land Collection: \$356.00 Rice Bowl: 68.60

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$25,990	\$20,740	\$28,057

Thank you to those who have made a pledge. If you haven't please consider doing so, each family's assistance is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and truly appreciated. Simply fill out the pledge card you received from Bishop Pates and mail it or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Thank you!

No Clothing Drive This Spring, But....

Our Youth who will be attending NCYC are having a garage sale this summer to help offset the cost of this conference. More information to come.

Liturgical Ministers For Next Weekend

Saturday, May 4, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Jack McDermott
Lector	John Zidon
Cup Bearers	Susan Stillmunkes, JoAnn Meusburger
Host Distributor	Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers	Alexis Hergenreter, Jessica Schoening, Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Bill Schmitt, 3 volunteers needed

Sunday, May 5, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Heidi Ackerman
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Dave & Char McHone

Sunday, May 5, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Kris Sturtz
Cup Bearers	Mike Nehring, Kelly Hoffmeier
Host Distributor	Garrett McClain
Altar Servers	Caleb Coffelt, Leah & Griffen Muth
Ushers	Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Jerry McClain, Gregg Richwine, Dennis Schmidt

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Money Counters

April 28: Carol Weber, Sue White

May 5: Lia Kautza, Dona Cowman

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Attention 8th–11th Graders and Parents

There will be a meeting for teens and parents Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-7:30pm in the Youth Area of the Ed Center at St Mary, regarding the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis November 21-23, 2019. This conference is an amazing leadership and faith growing opportunity for the teens of our parish. We will discuss all the important details, learn about fundraising, watch a short promo video, and hear brief talks from past participants! Please plan to attend!! Let us know if your teen is interested in attending NCYC by contacting Melissa, 515-290-2830 or Andrea, 515-240-5059.

Prayer Chain 🙏

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, please don't hesitate to contact us so members of our Parish may offer prayers for those in need. For requests or to participate in our prayer chain, contact Barb at bliske@saintmaryhc.org / 515-367-2685. *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for, to be on our prayer chain.*

Cards for Home-Bound and in Care Facilities

If you know someone who might like to receive cards from parishioners, please ask them if we may put their address in the bulletin so cards can be sent.

Prayer Shawls

A prayer shawl is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that you are not alone and that we are praying for you. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl or are interested in helping make them, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or racefans@iowatelecom.net.

SAYWHAT? Every ton of recycled steel saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,000 of coal, and 40 pounds of limestone.

Catholic Youth Camp

Register today, STMCENTER.com.
Our parish will pay \$100 of your camp fee.

Renovation of Notre Dame Cathedral

Many gasped in disbelief as they witnessed the leaping flames from Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Our Diocese is facilitating contributions to resurrect and rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral. Individual contributions can be remitted to: Diocese of Des Moines, Notre Dame Rebuilding Fund, 601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309. To make a credit card or “online” contribution, please call 515-237-5008. Donations received will be used totally and solely for the assistance of Notre Dame Cathedral and those affected by the tragedy. While mourning the loss of a significant icon of faith, we are grateful that much was spared and Notre Dame will continue to serve as a visible inspiration for us. Heartfelt thanks to all contributors for their generosity.

Thank You!

Dear Friends, on behalf of the Huxley Food Pantry, I thank you for your generous donation of \$628.63. We get food donations all the time, but with cash, we can buy food from the Food Bank of Iowa for 14 cents per pound. So, with your donation we could purchase over 4,409 pounds of food! It makes my back hurt just thinking about it! I also buy food from our local Fareway at great discounted prices. I can help feed our clients for a long time! Your generosity is very much appreciated. ~*Jacki Rasmussen, Food Pantry Director*

Healing Masses

All are invited to the St. Peregrine Solemn Healing Masses on Wednesday, May 1 & 8 at 5:30pm at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Des Moines. There will be Blessed St. Peregrine medals and anointing with blessed oil of St. Peregrine. A Novena will be said May 1 – 9. St. Peregrine is the Saint of cancer and serious illnesses. Download the Novena and Healing Mass Schedule at StAnthonydsm.org.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Second Sunday of Easter, April 28

Theme: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Reading I: Acts 5:12-16 • The number of women and men who came to believe increased steadily.

Reading II: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 • I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 • After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Question for Children: Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

Question for Youth: Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Questions for Adults: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.