



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018

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:

It's not just the name of God, it's a movie! In his homily last Sunday Deacon Terry talked about Jesus' use of the name of God revealed to Moses on Mount Horeb, "I Am Who I Am." In St. John's Gospel there are numerous "I Am" statements Jesus uses to talk about who he is and what he does, and in doing so draws an intimate connection between himself and the God of Moses. A 2011 Hollywood movie also presumed to use that holiest and most powerful of names as its title, to make a point about the power and importance of our lives as well. A successful and wealthy filmmaker suffered a near fatal accident that turned him from his life of excess and greed to one of simplicity and service. The movie explores two questions: *What's wrong with the world? and What can we do about it?* The movie didn't get the best of reviews, but its answer to the problems of the world and their solution has stayed with me over the years since I saw it. *What's wrong with the world? and What is the answer to the problems of the world? I Am!* *Fr. Dan*

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Mass Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	8:00am	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

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 www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm

Masses

Wednesday, May 2

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

Thursday, May 3

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

First Friday, May 4

8:00am St. Mary †Bill Ross

Saturday, May 5

5:00pm St. Mary †Roberta Angel

Sunday, May 6

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †Dan Murphy

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

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study

Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 23 & 30, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturday, May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, May 17, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Cross Ministry Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 11:00am-12:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: Wednesday, May 16, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, May 20, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2

Tara Hantrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

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!

The Little White Book...the Easter Season

These books are available in the vestibule to help you enjoy six minutes a day in quiet prayer for the three weeks remaining in this Easter Season. Let God speak to you through these words of Scripture!

Final Altaration Workshop

Please join us for our last session in the Social Hall after 10am Mass today, Sunday April 29.

Senior Citizen's Breakfast

Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to this breakfast this Friday. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 8:00am Mass. RSVP to the Parish Office by this Tuesday 1 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.

Parish and Plant Community Garden

Our workday at St. Mary is this Saturday, May 5 from 9:00am to Noon. Come rain or shine to help keep everything in working order and looking good! This is a great opportunity for kids to earn service hours. (Holy Cross workday is Saturday, May 19.) We will also do some planting in the garden on the west side of the Church at 9:00am. We will need a couple of hoes and a spade. Come lend a hand!!

Riders and Passengers, Forward!

There will be a Blessing of the bikes and riders this coming Saturday, May 5, in the parking lot after 5:00pm Mass. We ask for God's blessing and protection for motorcycles and those who ride them. Weather permitting, ride your bikes to the Church that day. Feel free to invite anyone who rides to Mass and the blessing, or just to the blessing. Commemorative stickers provided.

**BLESSING
OF THE
BIKES**

Coming Events

- †**Sunday, April 29:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass — Altaration Workshop, 11:00am - Noon, Social Hall.
- †**Senior Citizen Breakfast:** Friday, May 4 after 8am Mass
- †**Friday, May 4:** Office closed
- †**Saturday, May 5:** Work Day at St. Mary, 9am to Noon (May 19 at Holy Cross) — Blessing of High School Seniors during Mass — After Mass: Wine and cheese, Social Hall and Blessing of Motorcycles & Riders, parking lot.
- †**Sunday, May 6:** Blessing of High School Seniors during Masses
- †**Blood Drive:** Thursday, May 31, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

At 10:00am Mass Sunday, May 13, we'll have some special music for Mother's Day! If we have any young people who would like to join us in the final song, we'd love to have them! We are singing "Go Out, Go Out" by Steve Angrisano. We'll meet at 9:45 that morning and run through the song. If you'd like to join us, please email me so I can have music ready.

The Gift of Life!!

Our Blood Drive is Thursday, May 31 from 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Bring your friends!! Please make your vital donation of life saving blood! An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 / kautza@netins.net, to make an appointment. Please give your email address as well so a reminder can be sent. Please also let Tim and Lisa know if you are able to assist with set up, tear down and/or help during the drive.

A Note from the Cemetery Committee

You are asked to please remove your grave flowers, etc, by Saturday, May 19th. Thank you.

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.*

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876

Vacation Bible School (PreK-4th): June 18-21. Please let me know if anyone would like to help with VBS this summer. It is such a fun experience to be part of with the kids. Sign up forms can be found in the vestibule and on the website for those that have not signed their children up yet.

Registration for classes: We have received registration forms for approximately half of the families that are expected to register. Please send in registration, along with \$50 minimum payment, as soon as you get a chance. Extra forms can be found in the vestibule and on the website. Simply knowing how many kids will be in class and preferred times allows us to do the appropriate planning for volunteers and supplies.

If you have a child who is four by September 15, they can be enrolled in the PreK-K class. The children love attending and classes are filled with teachings as well as a lot of hands on activities for the younger children.

Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator
ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014- texts welcome!

Sunday, April 29 - Altaration workshop after 10am Mass, followed by regular Confirmation session 11:00am - 1:15pm

Sunday, May 6 - Final session, after 10am Mass, 11:00am-1:00pm


Saturday, June 9 - Confirmation Liturgy Rehearsal and Dinner, 6:00pm at St. Mary

Sunday, June 10 - Confirmation Liturgy at 2:30pm. Students to be there by 2:00pm.

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*
 Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

Holy Cross Cemetery Avenue of Flags

 Memorial Day Weekend is right around the corner! We will be flying the flags again soon and would like to extend an invitation to the parish to install new flags to add to the 128 already being flown for the four holidays (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day). We will prepare the holes and bases, purchase and prepare the flags and install a memorial label on the flag pole, install them for each holiday, and store them in our newly purchased trailer for the same \$150 price as last year. **If you wish to purchase a new flag please find an order form in the vestibule or on the parish website and turn it in by next Sunday, May 6 to Barb in the office, in the collection basket, or mail to Lynn Schreurs.** If you have questions call Lynn at 515-577-8147.

It's A Parade!

The Elkhart parade is Saturday, June 23 and our Parish is participating! We are having a parade planning meeting on Sunday, May 20 after 10:00am Mass. If you are interested in participating in some fun this summer, please contact Nicole Cory. If you want to help, but can't attend this meeting, please also let Nicole know that.

For movie reviews see www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 22 Week 43

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 3,012	\$ 5,234

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$223,659	\$225,047	\$220,727

Food Pantry Collection: \$690.00

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are in the pews and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office, or you may donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>.

Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 53,806	\$ 29,450	\$ 24,575	\$ 29,231

Pastoral Assistance †

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 515-669-6158, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

