



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

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:

I am happy to announce that Stacie Hergenreter has accepted the position of Director of Religious Education for the Parish, beginning next year, succeeding Tammi McClain and Sonya Staudt who have served in that capacity for the past 5 years. Stacie has been a volunteer catechist in our elementary Religious Education program, and is very excited to continue the program as it has been developed, working with our youth to help them grow in their experience and understanding of our Catholic faith. Her two children, Alexis and Luke, are students in our R.E. program, so Stacie has a very personal interest and motivation in making the program the best it can be. In addition to ministering to our young people as a catechist, Stacie also serves as a cantor and song leader at Mass. A lifelong Catholic herself, Stacie and her family live in White Oak, and have lived in the area for 14 years. Her husband Joel works at John Deere, where Stacie also used to work. Some particular Hergenreter family interests are agriculture, showing horses, and swimming. I am grateful for Stacie's enthusiastic interest in serving as our new R.E. Director!

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 3

5:30pm Holy Cross †Dean Moreland

Thursday, May 4

8:00am St. Mary †Mary Wilson

First Friday, May 5

8:00am St. Mary †Jim Campbell

Saturday, May 6

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, May 7

8:00am Holy Cross †Will Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary †Billie Clemens

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

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

Find these books in the vestibule to help you celebrate the 50 days of the Easter season. Simply let God speak to you through the words, guiding you to reflection. Also available is *The Word Among Us* for this Season.

Rice Bowl

Thank you to those participating in this year's Rice Bowl. Please return your donation next weekend. You are encouraged to count your donation and make a check out to the Parish with "Rice Bowl" on the memo line. Thank you.

Last Chance at This Price!!

Join us in purchasing a flag for our Cemetery Avenue of Flags at Holy Cross. Flags are nylon reinforced 5' x 8' on a 15 foot pole and cost \$150; installation with permanent ground mount, identification tag and storage included in this price. Flags may be purchased for those living or deceased, whether buried at Holy Cross or not. Order forms are in the vestibule and on our website; and must be **returned by April 30** to have your flag installed by Memorial Day. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147.

Senior Citizen's Breakfast



All Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to breakfast this Friday! Join us in the Social Hall for food and fellowship after 8am Mass. RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, if possible. Come even without an RSVP; we'll have plenty of food!

† Blessing of Motorcycles and Riders

Ride your bike to Mass and take part in this blessing after Mass next Saturday. Scooters welcome too! We have a decal to hand out to commemorate the blessing. All are welcome; spread the word to all your riding friends!

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 Thursday to let us know which Mass you will be attending.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roberta Angell, who passed away last Sunday, and for Kenny and their family as they mourn her passing.

† Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, †
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, May 10, 17, 24 & 31, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, May 13, 20 & 27, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, May 18, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Pastoral Council

Meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Finance Council

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

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, May 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

*The Office is closed Friday May 5 & Monday May 8,
and closes at Noon on Tuesday, May 9.*

Coming Events

†**Friday, May 5:** Senior Citizen Breakfast after 8am Mass

†**Weekend of May 6/7:** Blessing of High School Seniors at all Masses — After 5:00pm Mass: Wine & cheese and Blessing of motorcycles and riders — After 10:00am Mass: Pancake Breakfast (Hall) and NCYC informational meeting (Youth Room)

†**Weekend of May 13/14:** Blessing of Mothers-to-be and Mothers at Masses

†**Parish Work Day:** Saturday, May 20, 9am - Noon

†**Blood Drive:** Thursday, June 1, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Parish Picnic:** Saturday, June 10 after 5:00pm Mass

Confirmation Program Needs

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

We are in need of 2-4 ushers for our Confirmation Liturgy this Saturday at 10:00a.m; contact me to help out.

Core Team: We are still looking for more volunteers!! Contact me if you'd like to attend our next meeting to see what it's all about! Students in 11th & 12th grade who have been confirmed are also encouraged and welcome to join!!

Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Father Dan, 515-423-2888 or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, if a family member is in a care facility, homebound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

Parents of Teens currently in grades 8-12th: If you think your child might like to attend NCYC, please join us for a meeting next Sunday in the Youth Room after 10:00am Mass. All commitment letters/registration deposits are due by May 15 to Melissa Kahler. Questions? Call/text her at 515-290-2830.

Please keep these students in your prayers;
they will be receiving the
Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday.

Nora Aschoff	Ashley Kahler
Parker Baumberger	Erik Ledet
Kylie Cory	Ryan Ledet
Julia Fisher	Thomas Ledet
Jackson Fogarty	Caleb Lomica
Kayla Gass	Luke McCoy
Thomas Geren	Alexander Montgomery
Amber Halligan	Emily Schmeiser
Chad Ihnken	Sarah Stolte
Kyle Jones	Amy Theulen



Religious Education

PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

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Sonya Staudt, sstaudt@saintmaryhc.org, 515-710-4583

A BIG thank you to parents and catechists for making the R.E. year so enjoyable!

VBS...it takes a village and it cannot happen without help from all of you. Please look over volunteer opportunities below and let us know which one fits your talents. You will be contacted after registration is complete with more details.

Supper prep	Pre-VBS prep	Crew leader	Theater
Supper server	Music	Storyteller	Snacks
Supper clean up	Games	Imagination Station	

VBS is June 19-22, meal begins at 5:30pm and the fun learning begins each evening at 6:00pm! Registration forms were sent home and are available on the website.

The sculptures that the RE classes completed with a bible verse and recyclables will be on display in the Ed Center. Please check them out!

Catechists (teachers) are volunteers who share their time and faith stories with our children. Each year new volunteers are needed as catechists/substitute catechists. If you would like to learn more, please contact one of us.

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

C1 & C2: Last session: Sunday, April 30, 5:30 - 7:30pm

C2 (10th Grade Only): Confirmation Rehearsal - Friday May 5, 6:00pm, Students and sponsors only. Confirmation Liturgy - Saturday, May 6, please arrive at St. Mary at 9:15am; Liturgy begins at 10:00am. Professional photographer & picture forms will be on hand. For \$20 you get a flash drive with a group picture and any pictures your family would like to take after the Liturgy.

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

EDGE Families! Thank you for an awesome year; it has been a blessing and a gift to minister along with you! We welcome our current 6th graders to our program next year and extend a welcome and invitation to current 8th graders to attend Life Nights and Lifeteen most Wednesday evenings during the school year and on 1 or 2 *continued...*

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 23 Week 43

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$4,018	\$5,469

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$220,727	\$235,177	\$235,439

Food Pantry: \$567.40

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and return a pledge card in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the Parish Office. Pledge cards are available in the pews. Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 56,442	\$ 37,971.64	\$ 30,908.67	\$ 25,533.66

Wednesdays a month and occasional Sundays during the summer. Watch the bulletin for our upcoming activities or contact me at 515-290-2830 if you would like to be added to our text group for reminders for Life Teen.

Lifeteen/Life Nights:

May 3: Current 8 - 12th graders are invited and encouraged to attend this Summer Life Nights! Bring a friend and have some fun as we plan our activities and summer gatherings!

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, May 6, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Jack McDermott
Lector Kris Sexton
Cup Bearers JoAnn Meusburger, Kris Sexton
Host Distributor Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers Hunter Halligan, Lauren De Costa
Sadie Kuehn
Ushers Dawn & Mason Reynolds,
Tom Bowman, Jim Hudson

Sunday, May 7, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer Anne Davis
Lector Jeff Ruden
Cup Bearer Tom Morris
Altar Server Brock Lewis
Ushers Mike Phelan, Mike Veasman

Sunday, May 7, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Lori Dunham
Lector Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers Marion Panyan, Lori McQuiston
Host Distributor Mike Nehring
Altar Server Bridget & Grace Johnson
Ushers Thom Hamm, Bill & Kelly Dunbar,
Dave Pottebaum, Jerry McClain

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Money Counters

May 1: Brenda Nehring, Sue White
May 7: Dawn Reynolds, Lisa Kautza

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Thank You!!



A big "thumbs up" to Nick and Todd Volz for providing the trailer for our Clothing Drive and for transporting all the donations to Hope Ministries!



Hey Graduating Seniors!

Our parish is pleased to announce a scholarship to be granted to a high school senior pursuing higher education! Money used to fund the scholarship was donated by the RE bake sale and the Women's Altar and Rosary Society. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact Tammi McClain at tmccclain@saintmaryhc.org.

If you are interested in donating money for future scholarship opportunities, please contact Tammi as well.

Prayer Chain



If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, contact the Parish Office so members of our Parish may offer prayers for those in need. For requests or to participate in our prayer chain, please contact Barb at 515-367-2685 or bliske@saintmaryhc.org.

If the request is not for you, please ask their permission to be on our prayer chain.

Catholic Youth Camp

Details/registration at www.stmcenter.com. CYC is open those entering 3rd grade through High School. *Our Parish contributes \$100 per child toward camp fees!* Contact Barb (bliske@saintmaryhc.org / 515-367-2685) with the dates your child is attending, to have this portion of their fee paid.



Prayer at Planting Time

Adapted from the Rural Life Committee, Diocese of Sioux Falls

Thank you, God of generosity, Creator of all things,
for everything that grows on the earth.
Thank you for the people who tend the land
and who make it fruitful.

In our age we may forget our dependence
on wind and weather, on sun and rain,
without which nothing would grow.

In this seedtime of the year,
make bright in us an appreciation for farmers
and all who help bring forth the fruits of the earth.
Keep us always in mind of the things that matter most.
Help us to bring rural America together,
and to fulfill our responsibilities in glorifying your earth,
that this world may fulfill your will
for the land to sustain your creation until the end of time.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



A ton of paper made from recycled paper saves 7,000 gallons of water, between 17 & 31 trees and 60 pounds of air pollutants.

Using recycled glass uses 40% less energy than making products from all new materials.

Interested In Us? Find Out More!

Does your heart burn within you when you worship with us, or socialize with us or do you long to be one with us in our Catholic faith tradition? Have you been away from the church and are now compelled to get "caught up" on what you've forgotten or missed; or maybe want to get something "off your chest?" Have you been Catholic all your life, but have not celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and yearn to do so? If so, find out how we can help you on your faith journey by contacting Deacon Terry Schleisman at 515-669-6158 or tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org. Or, if you know someone who might answer "yes!" to any of these questions, suggest they contact Deacon Terry to find out how they can learn more about Catholicism and our community. No commitments, just inquiry and opportunities to explore questions.

See Diocesan events at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjeciowa.org

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Third Sunday of Easter, April 30

Theme: When we share meals, Christ sits among us

Reading I: Acts 2:14, 22-33 • My heart has been glad.

Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21 • It is through him that you are believers.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 • Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke?

Question for Children: What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

Question for Youth: The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

Question for Adults: Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.