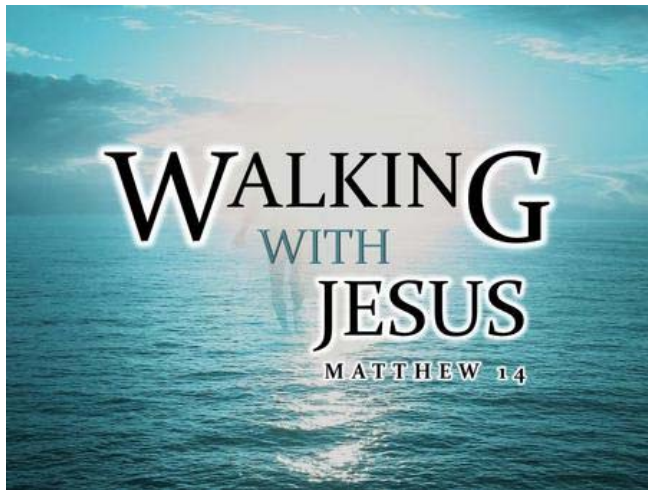




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
August 13, 2017



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
August 20, 2017

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*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.*

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Dear Friends in Christ:

Speaking of deacons... This past Thursday was the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. Lawrence was a deacon in Rome in the early third century, during the persecution of the Church by the Roman Empire. Little is known for sure about his life, other than that he had responsibility for the material goods of the Church and care of the poor, and that he was martyred for being a Christian. The best known story about Lawrence is that, when the Roman Prefect ordered him to turn over all the "treasures of the Church," Lawrence gathered together a great number of the blind, lame, maimed, lepers, orphans and widows. When the Prefect arrived, anticipating golden candlesticks and silver cups, Lawrence presented the people to him saying "*These are the treasures of the Church.*" Of course the Prefect was infuriated, who then had Lawrence executed by famously roasting him on a gridiron. As noted, little is known for sure about Lawrence's life. But his recognition of the value of the poor and outcast is the most important fact to know about him, what we honor and celebrate to this day. May we be blessed with an increase of that grace and holiness of St. Lawrence. *Fr. Dan*

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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](http://www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm)

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## Masses

### Tuesday, August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

*Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven*

6:30pm St. Mary †Mike Lacey

### Wednesday, August 16 Communion Service

5:30pm Holy Cross

### Thursday, August 17 Communion Service

8:00am St. Mary

### Saturday, August 19

5:00pm St. Mary *For the Parish*

### Sunday, August 20

8:00am Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

10:00am St. Mary †Robert Nemeth Sr.

### Wednesday, August 23

5:30pm Holy Cross †Bill Cook

### Thursday, August 24

8:00am St. Mary †Betty Thornton

### Saturday, August 26

5:00pm St. Mary †Phillip McCarthy

### Sunday, August 27

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †Joy Fujita

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesdays, August 23 & 30, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, August 19, & 26, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 17, **Holy Cross**, 7:00pm

— note location change.

Pastoral Council

Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 7:15pm, Conference Room

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, August 20 with 1st Degree, 6:30pm

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

## Coming Events

†**Tuesday, August 15:** *Let's Chat*, after 6:30 Holy Day Mass, Social Hall

†**Thursday, August 17:** Crafts, Games & Conversation, 9:30am, Social Hall — Adoration, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

†**Pool Party, Friday, August 18** at Slater, 7:00-8:30pm

†**Weekend of August 19/20:** Food Pantry collection for St. Mary Family Shelter

†**Thursday, August 24:** Confirmation Core Team meeting 6:30-8:30pm, Social Hall

†**Thursday, August 31:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, 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!




## Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven


This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation; our Mass will be at St. Mary on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30pm.

## Let's Chat!

What's on your mind? Bring it for discussion Tuesday, August 15 in the Social Hall after 6:30pm Mass. The topics open for discussion are endless. Have a question about anything Catholic, liturgical, or something affecting our world today? Join us and see where the discussion goes!! As for past meetings, we have free popcorn!! Hope to see you there!!

## Thursday, August 17!

 YOU are invited to join us for conversation, fellowship, and/or playing games or working on crafts at 9:30am in the Social Hall And.....

We extend an invitation to you to join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Take this time to listen in the quiet to what the Lord has to speak to you. 

## RSVP for Our Pool Party!

Friday, August 18, 7:00-8:30pm at the Slater Pool!! Join us for lots of fun! It's free!! **RSVP with the number attending** to Barb at the Parish Office, [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org)/515-367-2685, so the pool can be properly staffed with lifeguards. *It will be a splash of a great time!!*

## † 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. *Fr. Dan is gone to a meeting August 14-17.*

## Music News

**Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler**  
515-577-9394 / [celestemu@msn.com](mailto:celestemu@msn.com)

We will be singing gospel style music on August 20 at 10am Mass. Please contact me & I'll get you the music and details. Looking forward to seeing you!

## Becoming Catholic

People come from many different backgrounds and levels of belief to learn more about the Catholic way of life. Some have extensive experience with the Church through a family member or friend. Others have been attracted through the witness of Catholics in their daily life or through a service offered in a time of need. Some have little experience of connection with the church, but have a yearning or longing that nothing else has satisfied. All are welcomed into an inquiry community where they may ask questions, discuss experiences and discover more about who we are as Catholic people. If you, or someone you know, want to learn more about the Catholic way of life, please contact Deacon Terry Schleisman, [tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org)/515-669-6158. Participation does not require you to commit to joining the Church; we ask only that you be open to learning more about God, the Catholic tradition and yourself.

## Religious Education

### REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES

Please register your children for RE classes! Forms are available in the vestibule and on the website. Please return your form with the \$50 reservation fee to the Parish Office ASAP. We ask that all forms to be returned by August 20.

**September 13:** First class for PreK-6, EDGE & Life Teen  
**September 24:** Confirmation Student/Parent gathering

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

I have been blessed with many volunteers to be catechists for PreK-6th but I am still left with a number of open slots. We are currently short 6 catechists. A number of the classes have a lead and are just in need of a second teacher. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who has not done this before and would like to be paired up with a veteran! If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me via email or cell listed above. God Bless!

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

Confirmation Core Team meeting, Thursday, August 24, 6:30-8:30pm, Social Hall

**Confirmation: Sessions for 9th & 10th grades will begin on Sunday, September 24** with a small retreat for teens AND parents after 10:00am Mass.

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

Welcome Parents and Teens of SMHC to our 2017-2018 year of EDGE 7th & 8th grade, and Lifeteen 9th-12th grade! Please note the following important dates. I look forward to another wonderful year of faith formation!

**Wednesday, Sept. 13: MANDATORY EDGE PARENT & 7th & 8th grade STUDENTS meeting:** 6:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. During this meeting we will introduce the team and share with you this year's schedule, review the class rules and expectations, and sign up for meals. It's important that ALL attend. Light snacks will be served. Please contact me, 515-290-2830 with any questions!

**EDGE: 7th & 8th Grade:** Wednesdays, Sept. 20 & 27, 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Social Hall

**Youth Ministry Kick Off:** Wednesday, Sept. 13 all 9th-12th grade teens are invited to our first gathering, from 7:45-9:30pm in the Youth Area (downstairs of St. Mary's). We have a FUN night filled with games, prizes, fellowship and faith sharing! Friends are ALWAYS welcome. Let me know if you have questions or need a ride, 515-290-2830.

**LIFE TEEN/LIFE NIGHTS: 9th-12th Grade:** Wednesday, Sept. 20 & 27, 7:45pm-9:30pm in the Youth Area.

A very dirty little boy came in from playing  
 in the yard and asked his mother,  
 "Who am I?"

Ready to play the game she said,  
 "I don't know! Who are you?"

"WOW!" cried the child. "Mrs. Johnson was right!  
 She said I was so dirty,  
 my own mother wouldn't recognize me!"

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### Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$6,278	\$5,234	<b>July 30/Aug 1</b>
Youth/Guests	\$3,411	\$5,234	<b>Aug 5/6</b>

#### Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$33,177	\$31,402	\$28,350

Redemptorist Mission Collection To Date: \$3,409.75

### 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Pledge cards are available in the vestibule and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or you can donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>. Many thanks to those who have already pledged.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 56,442	49,521.64	\$ 46,171.64	<b>\$ 10,270.36</b>

### Sharing God's Gifts Diocesan Campaign

Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate your timely payments for this Campaign.

<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>	<u>SMHC Rec'd</u>
\$443,909.35	\$372,139.54	\$71,769.81	\$180,069.77





## Cemetery Avenue of Flags

We are taking orders for flags now through August 16 for display on Labor Day and Veterans' Day. Cost and installation is still \$150. An identification tag on each pole will designate the "Honoree" and the "Donor". Flags may be purchased for those living or deceased, whether buried at Holy Cross or not. Order forms are in the vestibule and on the Parish website, and must be **returned to the Office by August 16!** If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147.



## Do You Have?

We are looking for some fencing including a gate for our Parish garden. Might you have some around you could spare? Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to provide any. If you would like to get involved with this garden in another way, please contact Tim Kautza, 515-967-7687 / [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net).

## Food Pantry Collection



Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of August 19/20; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist St. Mary's Shelter in Des Moines.



## The Gift of Life!!

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



## Join Pope Francis September 1 in a Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis declared September 1 a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015. He said in his 2016 day-of-prayer message, "This day offers "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." Find out what you can do to celebrate the Season of Creation from Sept. 1 – Oct. 4 (Feast of St. Francis) at <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>.

## Refugees ... Why Them And Not You?

"I could have very well ended up among today's 'discarded' people. And that's why I always ask myself, deep in my heart: Why them and not me?" Pope Francis poses that question to us all in an 18 minute presentation at a TED (technology, entertainment, design) Conference earlier this year. You are invited to hear the Pope and dialogue with fellow parishioners about "Why the only future worth building includes everyone" after Masses at St. Mary Church September 23 & 24 and at Holy Cross Church October 1. View the presentation beforehand at [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com) and search for POPE. "The future is ... in the hands of those people who recognize ... themselves as part of an 'us.' We all need each other, he says". Join "us!"

## S.T.O.R.M

(Spiritual Teen OutReach Ministry)

This is the name of the ministry program for grades 7th-12th here at St Mary-Holy Cross. Think of S.T.O.R.M. as the umbrella that covers all the areas of teen ministry like EDGE and Life Teen. We are always praying and searching for adults of all ages who would be willing to help our ministry in various ways! We would love to have YOU! Our team informational, planning/training meetings are Wednesdays August 30 & Sept. 6 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Youth Area. If you are a high school student and would like to help lead the EDGE 7th & 8th graders please plan to attend as well, we LOVE to hear your ideas and have your leadership! Please contact Melissa Kahler, [mkahler@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:mkahler@saintmaryhc.org) / 515-290-2830, if you'd like to attend. Please prayerfully consider helping the young church this year! *"Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10

## We Like Our Feet Wet!



We're seeking new volunteers to lend a hand in watering the 13 trees planted at St. Mary Church grounds last spring. A group of 8 parishioners have helped them through the summer and we're looking for others who might help them make it through the fall (September – October). We ask volunteers to water (at least 1 gallon per tree) once during an assigned week. Fr. Dan has set up a watering system that allows us to reach all but two trees with a hose. Find a friend (spouse, kids, organization, community) to help. Please notify Tim Kautza (515-964-7687/[kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net)) by August 18 if you're willing and able to help. These gifts of God's hand (and Tracy Kangas sweat and treasure) now need additional hands to help them through the fall so they can grow to be enjoyed by, and for the benefit of, future generations of St. Mary – Holy Cross parishioners and all others on Earth who breathe the oxygen they produce.

Need a lifeguard? Ours walks on water.

## Clothing Drive

Do you have clothes that you haven't worn for awhile? Now is the time to gather them to donate to our drive being held September 9 - 22. Please pack them in plastic bags or boxes with lids. We will have a trailer available in the parking lot at St. Mary's. Thank you to Nick Volz for providing the trailer. Your donations assist Hope Ministries.

## New Blessing Box Hours & Needs

The Blessing Box Food Pantry, located at 252 South Washington Avenue in Elkhart, is now open the first Saturday of every month with donations of fresh produce (and other food items) accepted from 9:00-9:30am, then open for food distribution until 10:30am. The Blessing Box remains open the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:00-7:00pm. Clients enjoy homemade foods (especially breads) distributed fresh and frozen; packaged individually and dated. Current special food needs are canned meats, breakfast cereals, jelly, and syrup. Please spread the word about the food pantry to friends and relatives who may be in need of food supplements. Donations can be delivered to the pantry when open or placed in the box by our Parish Office to be delivered by Parish Youth, and tax deductible checks can be made payable and sent to The Blessing Box, c/o Elkhart Christian Church, P.O. Box 97, Elkhart, IA 50073. We thank the many parishioners of St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish for your financial and food support and volunteer work.

