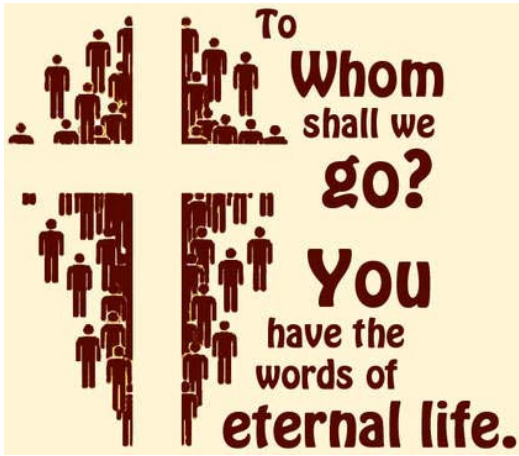




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 26, 2018



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 2, 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,

A couple of weeks ago, 17 men were ordained in the order of Permanent Deacon. I had the honor of vesting one of those men who was ordained. These men, and their wives, spent the last four years in formation to become Deacons. The formation process included one weekend a month at Conception Abbey in Missouri, one Saturday a month in training, usually in Des Moines or Council Bluffs. They have read quite a few books and written a greater number of papers describing their spiritual journey as they were being transformed.

At the ordination, they promised obedience to the Bishop. They will serve at a parish in the Des Moines Diocese as well as in a ministry of charity outside the parish per the Bishop's request.

Why are they doing all of this? They felt a call from the Holy Spirit to serve God and his people. All were actively involved in lay ministry before they began formation. We are all called to serve God in a greater way than just going to Mass and receiving the Sacraments. I would challenge each of you to consider what gifts and talents God has given you that you can use in service to the Church and his people!

Blessings, Deacon Terry

## Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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

**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)

## Masses

### Wednesday, August 29

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Mikey & Will Carpenter*

### Thursday, August 30

8:00am St. Mary †*Mike Lacey*

### Saturday, September 1

5:00pm St. Mary †*For the Parish*

### Sunday, September 2

8:00am Holy Cross †*LaMont Schreurs*

10:00am St. Mary †*Dan Murphy*

### Wednesday, September 5

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Jim Shaw*

### Thursday, September 6

8:00am St. Mary †*Leo & Rosemary Overmohle*

### First Friday, September 7

9:00am St. Mary †*Mary & Mark Ruppert*

### Saturday, September 8

5:00pm St. Mary †*Bill Ross*

### Sunday, September 9

8:00am Holy Cross †*Bill Davis*

10:00am St. Mary †*For the Parish*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, September 20, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Cross Ministry  
Next meeting to be decided.

Finance Council  
Meeting: Tuesday, September 18, 7:00pm, Conference Rm

Stewardship Committee  
Meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Friends of St. Francis  
Meeting: Wednesday, August 29, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus  
Meeting: Sunday, September 16, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2  
Tara Hantrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

## Coming Events

- †**Wednesday, August 29:** Friends of St. Francis meeting 6:30-7:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, August 30:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Hall
- †**Weekend of Sept. 1 & 2:** ISU/Iowa Fundraiser by Youth after Masses — Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 10am Mass
- †**Wednesday, Sept. 5:** Parish office closed 11:45am to 1:15pm for staff meeting
- †**Sunday, Sept. 16:** Pancakes after 8am Mass, Holy Cross
- †**Thursday, Sept. 20:** Crafts, games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, Sept. 22:** Parish Picnic after 5:00pm Mass
- †**Tuesday, Sept. 25:** *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Wednesday, Sept. 26: Evening With a Lost Boy of Sudan** presentation, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of Sept. 29 & 30:** Olive Wood Art sales before/after Masses — Christ Our Life Conference, Wells Fargo
- †**Sunday, Sept. 30:** Blessing of Pets, 1:00pm, Holy Cross

## 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 †

Please contact Fr. Andrew Windschittl, 515-367-2685, 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.

## Blood Drive

**Thursday, August 30, 3:00 - 7:00pm in the Social Hall.** You can still make an appointment or come as a walk-in! Sign up in the vestibule or contact Tim & Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 / [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) to make an appointment to give the gift of life!

We are also in need of assistance with set up and tear down, and help during the Drive. Please let Tim and Lisa know how you can help. Thank you!



## Help With Avenue of Flags for Labor Day

Could you assist with the raising of flags on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 9:00am and/or retiring them on Monday, Sept. 3 at 7:00pm? Each session lasts about an hour. If inclement weather, please call Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147. Thanks!

## Will YOU Be a Part of Our Team?

We are looking for small group leaders for our upcoming Confirmation year. Time commitment is 4-6 hours per month. Contact Nicole Cory ([ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-313-3014) if you are interested or if you know someone who would be a great leader! Join us for our training session on Thursday, Sept. 6, 6:30pm to see if this is for you! Our next Core Team meeting is Tuesday, October 2, 6:30pm at St. Mary. Please join us!



## Our Catholic Faith!

It's time to start thinking about Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and how we might personally be involved in that process. I am now calling out to each of you to invite anyone who may have a curiosity about the Catholic faith. If you recall having a conversation with anyone about religion, invite that person to inquire about the Catholic faith through RCIA. Those people may include coworkers, rideshare folks, fallen away Catholics, especially family, or just about anyone you might meet in any social situation. There is no commitment by inquiring! Come yourselves to learn more about your faith, especially the way that things have come about due to the Second Vatican Council. For more information, contact me at [ttschleisman@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ttschleisman@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-669-6158. - Deacon Terry

## World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Saturday, Sept. 1. *From Pope Francis:* "The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live." *Find out what you can do to celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, at <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>.*

## Religious Education PreK-6

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



**We ask that all students be registered as soon as possible and before the first class on September 19!**

Forms are available in the vestibule and on the website. Please return form with \$50 minimum payment to the Parish Office.

Hello everyone! Currently about 2/3 of our students are registered. For planning purposes we really need to have everyone registered ASAP to allow classes to start smoothly without having to fill out paperwork prior to class time.

**We are still in need of volunteers for classes. Is God calling you to work with the children of our parish? Please prayerfully consider sharing your faith with them.** One of many perks—your RE fees are waived! Please contact me with any questions you may have.

**September 12:** Catechist Kick-Off Meeting, 6:00pm in the Ed Center

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

**Welcome Parents and Teens of SMHC to our year of EDGE 7 & 8 grade, and S.T.O.R.M. 9th-12th grade! We look forward to another great year of faith formation!**

### EDGE (7th & 8th Grades)

Wednesday, Sept. 12: Mandatory Parent and 7th & 8th grade Students meeting, 6:00-7:30pm 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 Melissa or Andrea with any questions!

Sessions: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 6:00 - 7:30pm, Social Hall  
 Wednesday, Sept. 26: Attend *Lost Boys of Sudan* presentation, 6:30pm, Social Hall.

### C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades)

If you have not registered your 9th and/or 10th graders for Confirmation, please do so as soon as possible so we know what materials we need to order.

Parent meeting: Sunday, August 26, 6:00pm, Social Hall.

Sessions: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, 6:00pm, beginning in September.

We are still looking for volunteers to lead small groups, if you are interested please contact me.

Confirmation Core Team meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

## 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.*

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$9,432	\$5,157	<b>August 11/12</b>
Youth/Guests	\$3,423	\$5,157	<b>August 18/19</b>

### Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$40,757	\$41,254	\$43,953

Tanzania Mission Collection: \$7,504

Food Pantry Collection: \$741

## Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are in the vestibule 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	\$42,530	\$41,142	\$12,664

## Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Peter Relyea, 515-367-2685 or [prelyea@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:prelyea@saintmaryhc.org).

## Monthly Financial Update

	June, 2018			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 25,913	\$ 25,308	\$ 39,353	\$ 317,714	\$ 328,280	\$ 350,088
Operating Expenses	\$ 25,291	\$ 26,437	\$ 37,389	\$ 350,706	\$ 349,449	\$ 350,140
Net operating income (expense)	\$ 622	\$ (1,129)	\$ 1,964	\$ (32,992)	\$ (21,169)	\$ (52)
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 98,290	N/A	\$ 123,084			

### Liturgical Ministers

**Labor Day weekend Masses are by sign up. Please sign up at Church or call the parish office to volunteer.**

Thank you.

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#### Saturday, September 8, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Cory Schoening
Lector	Arlene Anderson
Cup Bearers	Delila Roberts, Diane Cronk
Host Distributor	Lisa Jones
Servers	Jessica & Daniel Schoening, Justin Anderson
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Mike Devereux

#### Sunday, September 9, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Dawn Beukema
Lector	Jeff Ruden
Cup Bearer	Mike Phelan
Altar Server	Aiden Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Lynn & Chris Schreurs

#### Sunday, September 9, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Joe Dunham
Lector	Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers	Matt Miller, Tim Loraditch
Host Distributor	Garrett McClain
Altar Server	Felicity, Peyton, Veronica Loraditch
Ushers	Jacki & Tom Ausman, Jerry McClain Tammi & Jackson McClain

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### Money Counters

**August 26:** Lisa Kautza, Dona Cowman

**Sept. 2:** Sue White, Carol Weber

**Sept. 9:** Sharon Morris, Lisa Kautza

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### Bucket Vote Fundraiser!

Parish Family, it's S.T.O.R.M.'s 5th Annual "Cast your vote for your favorite Team" Fundraiser! Who's ready for some football?! The big ISU vs. U of I game is quickly approaching and we want your "VOTE." S.T.O.R.M. teens will hold this event following Masses the weekend of September 1 & 2. Please show your support for your favorite team by dropping your monetary donation into the "IOWA, IOWA STATE or I DON'T CARE" bucket. After we count the "votes" the team's bucket with the most money is the winner! So even if your team isn't favored to win the game, they still have the chance to be the winner here! The SM-HC winner will be revealed in the vestibule and in the bulletin on September 8/9. Your voting will support youth activities. Thank you for your continued support!



Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.

### Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

Join the many lowans who will be enjoying this inspiring celebration of faith amid enlightening and entertaining speakers, storytellers and musicians on September 29 & 30 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Feel your spirit rejoice at this event! It's a way to search your soul in a fun and mindful way. You will listen, learn, laugh and feel the love of this glorious gathering. Attending all or part of this unique gathering can prove life-transforming.

Attendance pricing is \$25/person, \$15 for 6 years through college (\$5 more at the door) and children under 5 years are free. Vendors will be represented with their unique items.

It would be wonderful if our parish could be well represented! Group pricing is also available for ten or more attendees; contact Paula Garoutte by September 1st at 515-306-6633 or paulasongbird@msn.com to coordinate -- car pooling and lodging are also offered for those interested. For more details, visit [www.Christourlifeiowa.com](http://www.Christourlifeiowa.com) or call Paula with any questions.

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 26

*Theme: Jesus - the Bread of Life Eternal*

*Reading I:* Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b • We will serve the Lord!

*Reading II:* Ephesians 5:21-32 • Christ loves us as spouses love each other.

*Gospel:* John 6:60-69 • You have the words of eternal life.

*For Children:* Who and what help you believe in Jesus?

*For Youth:* Who do you know who really struggles with believing? How can you help them struggle through doubt?

*For Adults:* To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to life's questions?

#### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 2

*Theme: Your heart must be full of faith.*

*Reading I:* Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 • Hear the decrees which I am teaching you.

*Reading II:* James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 • Welcome the word which has taken root in you.

*Gospel:* Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 • This people pays me lip service.

*For Children:* What steps can you take to more humbly welcome Christ into your heart?

*For Youth:* Jesus warns about the things that will lead us away from God. What tempts you away from being the person that God created you to be?

*For Adults:* Based on this reading from James, what is the sign in one's life that faith is present?

See Diocesan events and parish job openings at [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org) and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)