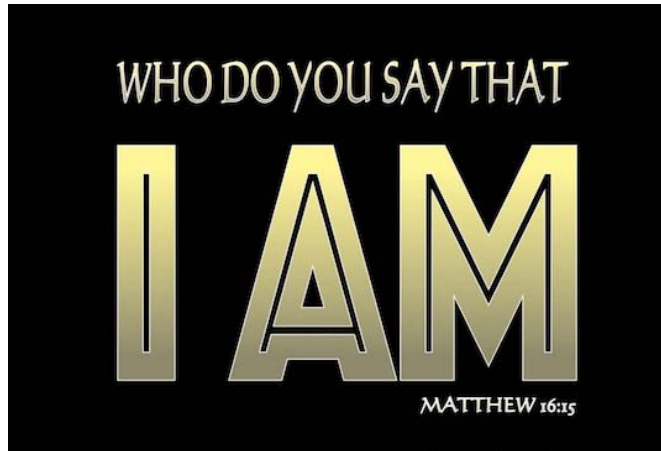




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 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,

How in the world did we get where we are in our own spiritual life? That is something for each of us to ponder. We certainly did not get where we are on our own! For most of us, we are Catholic because our grandparents and parents were Catholic and we sort of inherited the faith as it were. After we were baptized and brought into the faith, we most likely encountered a lot of people on our journey through life who encouraged us and were good role models to us as they lived their own Christian Catholic lives. At the time, we probably would not even be aware of listening to those people, not consciously aware that we were watching how they lived their lives and subtly imitating their goodness. Many of us were encouraged by the actions and words of priests and nuns, RE teachers, and other religious that we may have encountered. What a blessing they were to us!

Now is a good time for us to step up to the plate and become one of those guides, mentors, encouragers and sharers of our faith. Now is a good time to pay it forward in terms of our faith. We always have the opportunity to live and share the values and teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Many came to the faith through a conversion to Catholicism and they did it with the help of many people previously unknown to them who shared their beliefs through words and actions. We all are called to be those guides and mentors and share our faith with others. We all are also called to grow in our faith to come to know the will of God better and to be more obedient to His will. Think RCIA. Blessings, Deacon Terry

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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, August 30

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ashley Carpenter

Thursday, August 31

8:00am St. Mary †Lucille Tasset

Saturday, Sept. 2

5:00pm St. Mary †Catherine Richardson Fanion

Sunday, Sept. 3

8:00am Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

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!

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 / 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*

Give the Gift of Life this Thursday!!



3:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. Bring your friends!! Each blood donation saves up to three lives and more than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly. An appointment sign up is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687/kautza@netins.net, to make an appointment. Please give your email address 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.



Our Catholic Faith!

Kids, (all of us), it is that time of year to start thinking about RCIA and how we might personally be involved in that process. Actually, "that time of year" is always, but traditionally, RCIA has begun at the same time as the start of the school year. 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 yourself 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 tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org / 515-669-6158.

- Deacon Terry

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, Aug. 30, Sept. 5, 13, 20 & 27, 7pm, Conf. Rm

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, Sept. 2, 9, 16 & 30, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September, 21, St. Mary, 7:00pm

Pastoral Council

Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council

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

Stewardship Committee

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

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 17, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

Coming Events

†Weekends of August 26/27 & Sept. 2/3: ISU & Iowa
Bucket Vote Fundraiser by Youth

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

†Weekend of Sept. 2/3: Wine and cheese after 5:00pm
Mass and coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass

†Clothing Drive: Sept. 9-21

†Sunday Sept. 10: Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass
at Holy Cross, sponsored by K of C

†Thursday, Sept. 14: Friends of St. Francis meeting,
6:30pm, Social Hall

†Sunday, Sept. 17: *"Our Gifts and Needs – What are
they? Where are they?"* presentation by Fr. Dan regarding
the Pastoral Council, 11:30am, Ed Center

Help with Avenue of Flags for Labor Day!



Could you assist with putting up and/or taking down
the flags that we have for the Labor Day holiday?

We will gather at 9:00am on Saturday, Sept. 2nd to
put them up and will retire the flags at 6:00pm on Monday,
the 4th. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147 /
lschreurs@msn.com, to volunteer or for more information.



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.

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/>.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Schmitt, father of Bill Schmitt, who passed away August 16, and for his family as they mourn his passing.

✠ Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, ✠
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Religious Education



Forms are available in the vestibule and on the website. Please return your form with payment to the Parish Office.

We ask that all students be registered before the first class.

Wed., Sept. 13: First class for PreK-6, EDGE & Life Teen
Sun., Sept. 24: Confirmation Student/Parent gathering

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

First and foremost we want to say thank you so much to all that volunteered to be catechists. At this time, it appears all classes are covered with two catechists!!!

In addition, we have gotten more registrations in but assume there are more to come so please turn in forms and payment as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct number of materials for students coming in. Classes start September 13th so it is just around the corner.

There will be a catechist kickoff Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 6:00-7:00pm. We will meet downstairs in the RE area.

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

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). 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.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

August 19/20 Week 8

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$7,771	\$5,234	
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$43,953	\$41,869	\$39,825
Food Pantry Collection:	\$715.68		

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

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

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

Wondering about Friends of St. Francis?

Join us Thursday, Sept. 14, 6:30pm in the Social Hall and learn where things are headed with the Parish Community Garden, upcoming updates from Pope Francis On Care for Our Common Home, and new activities you'd like to see this fall and winter. Bring a friend and a snack if you'd like.

Our Gifts and Needs – What are they? Where are they?

What and where are the gifts and needs we have here in St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish, gifts that can help us be ever more faithful friends of Jesus, and the needs of others both near and far that Jesus would have us care for? Asking and answering these questions is the work of our Parish Pastoral Council. Might you be interested in helping ask and answer them? Or, do you have your own questions and curiosity about just what the Pastoral Council and its important work are within the Parish? If so, please plan to listen attentively to my short announcement about the Council at Mass the weekend of September 9-10, and attend a longer session at 11:30AM on Sunday, September 17. Or, please contact me personally, or any of our current Council members, with your questions and expression of interest (all our names and contact information are listed in the Bulletin). Fr. Dan

Bucket Vote Fundraiser!

Parish Family, it's S.T.O.R.M.'s 4th Annual "Cast your vote for your favorite Team" NCYC 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 a "Cast your vote for your favorite Team" event following all Masses this weekend and next. Please show your support for your favorite team by dropping your money donations into the "IOWA, IOWA STATE OR I DON'T CARE" bucket. After we count the "votes" the team's bucket with the most \$ is the WINNER! So even if your team isn't favored to win the BIG game, they still have the chance to be the WINNER here! The SM-HC's WINNER will be revealed in the vestibule and in the bulletin on September 9/10. Your voting will support those attending NCYC later this fall. THANK YOU, for your continued support!

Solidarity, Harmony or Conflict, Discord?

"How wonderful would it be if solidarity... became...the default attitude in ... the relationships among individuals, peoples and countries." Pope Francis rebukes the prominence of conflict and discord among politicians, countries and neighbors in an 18 minute presentation at a TED (technology, entertainment, design) conference earlier this year. Listen to 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 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!"

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study

These sessions will be a time to pray, study, and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Fr. Dan will prepare a copy of the text of the readings and a set of study notes for the session and email them to anyone who would like to receive them, even those who will not be at the session itself. To receive these notes, send an email to Fr. Dan at dfkrettek@gmail.com.

Next scheduled sessions are Wednesdays, August 30, Sept, 6, 13, 20 & 27, 7:00pm in the Conference Room.

**A Sunday School teacher asked her class
why Joseph and Mary took Jesus
with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied:
"They couldn't get a baby-sitter."**

Just Married!!

Congratulations to Connor Johnson and Alyna Harrington who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on August 19 at St. Mary. Our blessing and prayers for them that their lives always be filled with God's presence, and they grow stronger, day by day, in the bonds of love and fidelity.

We Like Our Feet Wet!

We're seeking a few more new volunteers to lend a hand in watering the 13 trees planted on 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. Please notify Tim Kautza (kautza@netins.net / 515-964-7687) by September 15 if you're willing and able to help. These gifts of God's hand 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 our parish and all those who breathe the oxygen they produce.

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 - 21. Please pack them in plastic bags or boxes with lids. We will have a trailer available in the parking lot at St. Mary. Many thanks to Nick Volz for providing the trailer. Your donations will assist Hope Ministries.

Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, please contact the Office 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 their permission to be on our prayer chain.*

Auto Debit for Tithing

You are encouraged to consider using the convenient service of automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. This method is a simple and practical way to consistently tithe. You designate a specific amount of money to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on a monthly basis on a pre-determined date. Questions? Contact Peter Relyea, parish bookkeeper, 515-367-2685 or prelyea@saintmaryhc.org.

