



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

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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,

In the Psalm for this Sunday, the writer prays, "To do your will, O my God, is my delight." What delight indeed and peace we too can have when we know and do God's will. According to the first reading and the Gospel, the first step is listening to His call. The next step is acting upon it like the apostles. They leave what they are doing and follow Jesus. As evidenced by Jesus' renaming of Simon to Peter, we are changed forever. Even though vestiges of the old life may remain, there is no going back.

Parents have the responsibility and privilege to provide the name by which even God Himself calls each of us for life. It begins with our baptism and echoes each time we celebrate the sacraments. These are encounters with Jesus Christ that insofar as we allow ourselves to be moved by him, we are converted. There are about 28 children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this year and the religious education staff and myself would like the children to have a sponsor who will pray for them. In addition to this commitment, the sponsor would donate \$30 for a personalized bible with which their child will be gifted at their first Communion. At the end of Scripture readings at Mass, the reader concludes by saying, "The Word of the Lord." This bible with their name on it will serve as a reminder to the child that he or she is personally called with our Lord's words to serve him and others. More information including a sign-up is coming next weekend. If you are interested in helping and/or have questions, contact Tracy or Geneveve.

If you are interested in serving as a sponsor couple for those preparing for marriage, please contact me. ~ Fr. Andrew

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## Parish Information

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| <b>Mass Schedule</b> | Tuesday      | 6:00pm  | St. Mary   |
|                      | 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 4:00-4:30pm in **Cry Room**, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew for a preparation program

**Marriage:** Contact Fr. Andrew at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

**Priesthood and Religious Life:** See Diocesan website at <http://www.vocationsonline.org>.

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## Mass and Adoration

### Tuesday, January 19

6:00pm St. Mary †Doris Olson  
~ followed by Adoration and Reconciliation

### Wednesday, January 20

5:30pm Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

### Thursday, January 21

8:00am St. Mary The Lebon Family

### Saturday, January 23

5:00pm St. Mary †Rita Smith & Mary Newell

### Sunday, January 24

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen & 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 or Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

## Masks Required at Mass

Bishop Joensen requires masks to be worn by everyone (unless medically exempt) at all Masses in every parish. This shows our love for others by protecting them. Our faith calls us to be Good Samaritans and to be mindful of the common good.

For Diocesan updates, livestream Masses and resources, please go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>

✠ For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew at 515-367-2685 or [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

## Save Lives while Savoring Homemade Soup!!

Our blood drive is Thursday, January 28, 3:00 to 7:00p.m. in the Social Hall. What safer and easier way to serve others than to donate your life-supporting blood that will help save or sustain the life of three others. LifeServe Blood Center provides a disinfected and sanitized environment. Blood is always in short supply and especially now. The whole process (registration, confidential health history interview, donation, and post-donation rest in our canteen) will take less than an hour with the actual donation taking only about 10 minutes. LifeServe personnel and donors are required to wear a mask. Appointments are required for added safety. To schedule your appointment sign up in the vestibule of St. Mary or use this link [https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/169798](https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/169798) to choose your donation time and then log in or create an account. If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 and mention you would like to sign up for the Elkhart Community Blood Drive on January 28. **AND** for this particular blood drive we're offering "a pint for a pint" so come donate a pint and enjoy homemade soups at the canteen! Contact Lisa or Tim Kautza ([kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687) if you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen or can provide cookies, bars or other snacks.

## Looking for Additional Lectors!

Would you be interested in being a lector for our Masses? If so, or if you have questions, please contact Fr. Andrew.

## Prayer of Peace and Comfort

Heavenly Father,  
release Your peace into my life.  
Let it infiltrate into my heart,  
into my soul  
and into my mind.

Father,  
the noise that surrounds me  
is unbearable at times.  
It exhausts me to the point  
where I feel uneasy  
and spiritually drained.

Rescue me  
from the darkness of this world  
that attempts to drown You out.  
Pierce through the walls  
of deception  
and speak to me, Lord.  
I yearn to hear You!

Fill me with all joy and peace  
that by your Holy Spirit  
I may abound and grow  
in hope and love.

Amen.

### Finance Council

Meeting: January 19, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Parish Council

Meeting: January 26, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship Committee

Meeting: February 9, 6:00pm, Social Hall

*The Parish Office will have varied hours January 21 & 22. Please call or email to be sure someone is here before stopping by. Fr. Andrew will be available and in the office off and on those days, so please call or email him first. Always contact him in an emergency – no matter day or time.*

## Snow Removal

Thank you to those who have signed up to help with snow removal of sidewalks, etc. at St. Mary! We are asking for volunteers for weekend and/or week time frames. Please help out by signing up for a time slot(s) at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ea4a722a2fb6-snow>. Thank you! For more information please contact Bill Schmitt, 515-291-8005.



## 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, please contact Barb, [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto: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

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150  
Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981

It was so wonderful having the children back last week! Watching the wonder and discovery on their faces is so rewarding and a reminder of why we love this work!

If your child is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist and you were unable to attend the parent meeting please contact one of us.

**Please note the diocese has required masks, unless physically or psychologically exempt, at all church functions (which includes RE Classes) until February 2, which at that time will be reevaluated by the Bishop.**

#### Upcoming dates

January 19/20: Regular Sessions  
January 26/27: Regular Sessions  
February 2/3: Regular Sessions  
February 9/10: Regular Sessions

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, [afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org), 515-240-5059

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

What a blessing that we were able to meet face to face this past week! We had about half our EDGE teens in attendance and most of our high school and adult leaders. We kicked off our new year by reflecting on 2020 and discussed goals we have to become better versions of ourselves in 2021. It was truly refreshing watching the youth engage in their community of faith! Hope to see everyone next week for EDGE at 6:00pm in the social hall and Youth Group to follow at 7:30pm in the youth area.

*Blessings, Andrea & Melissa*

**Masks are required per diocesan policy.**

**No EDGE or Youth Group on January 27.**

### Purpose (Confirmation Program)

Our next Confirmation session is Wednesday January 27th. This session will be in person at St. Mary in the social hall from 6:00-8:00pm. **Masks are required to be worn per the instructions from the diocese unless they cannot be worn due to medical reasons.**

10th Grade Saint Displays are due Wednesday, January 27.

Please watch your email with more information on the last half of our year of Confirmation prep.

Thank you. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

## End-of-Year Statements

In order to save on postage, paper and printing expense, we will not be mailing year end donation statements to everyone. If you would like a statement, please email Sarah at [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org) or contact the office, 515-367-2685 with a request to print and mail (or email) a statement to you. Thank you.

Most things wrong in your life  
started by forgetting the things that were right.

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## PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

January 10 Budget Week 28

| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund | Received | Budget  |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
|                               | \$7,071  | \$4,860 |

Year to Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund

| Received  | Budget    | Last Year |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| \$154,899 | \$136,080 | \$171,834 |

## 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Information and a pledge card have been mailed to each household. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and mail your pledge to the parish or donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal-giving>, being sure to designate our parish for proper credit. Each gift is vital to reaching our assessment. Thank you.

| Parish Goal | Pledge Total | Payments | Amt. Due |
|-------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| \$49,556    | \$47,852     | \$46,952 | \$2,604  |

Considering switching over to automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing? Please contact Sarah Baumberger, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org), for additional information or find the form in the vestibule or on our website's home page, <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/>.



## What is a Prayer Shawl?

A prayer shawl is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that you are not alone and that we are praying for you. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl or are interested in helping make them, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or [racefans@iowatelecom.net](mailto:racefans@iowatelecom.net).

## Jesus Asks Us to Feed the Hungry

Our parish has been preparing a meal for the families at the shelter on the second Sunday of each month for a couple of decades. We are in need volunteers for June, July and December 2021. One or more families can volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal. Covid precautions are taken; meal providers do not enter the shelter and masks are to be worn. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt for a tax deduction. Please share your love with some families who are experiencing unexpected and dire changes to their lives. To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687.

## Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Many of us know human trafficking exists, but you may be asking yourself:

- ♦ What can I do about it?
- ♦ Is it safe for me to intervene if I see someone being trafficked?

Catholic Charities Human Trafficking Specialist Taylor Hughes will explore this topic with you on **Monday, January 18, 6:00pm - Online screening and discussion of Gridshock which is a documentary created and filmed right here in Iowa about sex trafficking. Learn the reality from survivors, buyers and sex addicts, politicians, and advocates.**

Go to <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/events/> for more information. To register, contact Taylor Hughes at [thughes@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:thughes@catholiccharitiesdm.org) or 712-256-2059 ext. 116.

DO YOU NEED HELP? 24/7 helpline:  
712-328-0266 or 888-612-0266

## CYC Registration Open



Campers will see new cabins, a renovated Dingman Lodge and increased number of staff for enhanced safety precautions. We're planning for the most amazing summer ever! Camp is open to 3rd-12th graders. For more information and to register, please go to [stmcenter.com](http://stmcenter.com). *Our Parish will contribute \$100 of the fee to CYC for each child of our Parish who attends. Please notify Barb in the office when you have registered your child.*

## Radix

This is a three-day weekend retreat for high school seniors to step out of the hectic nature of their last semester for a relaxing and prayerful experience that prepares them to be more fully rooted in Christ as they go forth from the lives they've come to know so well. Seniors will be given the chance to focus on the foundations of our faith and ways to nourish those that lead them to a deeper love with Jesus Christ, while destroying those that are not. Registration is available for this March 5 – 7 retreat at St. Thomas More Center from 5:30pm on Friday and ending at 4:00pm on Sunday. All necessary COVID protocol will be followed during this retreat. Go to [www.dmdiocese.org/Radix](http://www.dmdiocese.org/Radix) to register/more information. Financial assistance is available.



100,000 sea creatures and 1 million seabirds die each year from being tangled in plastic.

## Winter Weather Cancellations



If North Polk School is in session and cancel, dismiss early, or cancel evening activities due to weather, events here at the parish are cancelled. In most instances, Masses - both daily and weekend - will not be cancelled, so please use your own judgment. If we need to cancel weekend activities it will be on the three major TV networks and WHO radio.

## Timothy, Bishop and Martyr, d. c. 97

Timothy was the son of a Greek father and Eunice, a Jewish mother who, together with her mother, Lois, converted to Christianity. These two women were responsible for Timothy's early instruction in the faith and were commended by St. Paul in his second letter to Timothy.

Timothy was living in Lystra when St. Paul visited there around the year 47. He joined that saint for the second and third of his missionary journeys. Timothy was with Paul at the founding of the church in Corinth. He was probably with Paul when Paul he was imprisoned in Caesarea and, later, in Rome. Timothy was himself imprisoned, but was later set free.

We can learn something from the two letter of St. Paul to Timothy, his chosen successor. Paul charges Timothy to use his gifts well, to select his bishops and deacons carefully, to take care of widows, to preach only sound doctrine, and "no longer drink only water, but take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments." In the second letter, the most personal of all his writings, Paul is nearing the end of his life. He gives Timothy further advice on how to conduct his ministry, and tells him to "be strong in the grace which is ours in Christ Jesus." He also speaks of his loneliness in prison, and his great friendship for Timothy, and his desire for Timothy to visit him.

Timothy became the first bishop of Ephesus and was stoned to death there when he opposed a pagan festival.

We celebrate the Memorial to St. Timothy on January 26.

*Jesus asks us to do the same as Timothy did;  
to use our gifts well and be strong in the grace  
that God gives us.*

*How are you using the gifts that God gave to you?  
Do you sometimes forget that Jesus is with you,  
giving you the grace that will help you to be strong?*

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 17

*Theme: God calls us to follow Christ.*

*Reading I:* 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 • Here I am. You called me.

*Reading II:* 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 • You belong to Christ.

*Gospel:* John 1:35-42 • We have found the Messiah!

*For Children:* What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

*For Youth:* Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

*For Adults:* In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?