



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2022

*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:

Sometimes Jesus says something very perplexing. This Sunday seems to be one of those. He advises Simon Peter, who is a fisherman by trade, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." What is that supposed to mean? Simon Peter does not ask the question and Jesus does not explain. We are told that Simon Peter and the others who were with him "left everything and followed him" [Jesus]. Not often does Jesus give us quick answer. That is when the faith that he offers us picks up the slack of our meager thought and help us trust him so that we move on and serve him. ~ Father Andrew

### Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	Tuesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Wednesday	5:30pm	St. Mary
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	9:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
	4th Sunday	10:00am	St. Mary
		12:00pm	St. Mary

**Reconciliation:** St. Mary: Wednesdays 4:45 - 5:15pm; after 9:00am First Friday Mass and Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30pm; or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew

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

**Priesthood/Religious:** www.vocationsonline.org

## Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration

### Tuesday, February 8

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

### Wednesday, February 9

4:45 - 5:15pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Lowell & Charlie Brendeland  
~ followed by Adoration

### Thursday, February 10

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Rita Smith & Mary Newell

### Saturday, February 12

4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Ethel Stillmunkes

### Sunday, February 13

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Craig Hand

10:00am Mass, St. Mary For the Parish

## Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome the following who have joined our Parish:

*Adam and Madison Whisney and daughter Sadie,*  
who live in Elkhart.

*Nick and Kristen Schramm* who live in Ankeny.

## 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!

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

## Buildings and Grounds Fund

We are pleased to announce the parish Knights of Columbus have provided the rest of the funds needed to cover the purchase and installation of the water softener for St. Mary's. Arrangements have been made to get the softener installed this month. The next need we would like to apply the second collection funds to is purchasing a defibrillator for St. Mary's. A defibrillator has already been purchased by a parishioner for Holy Cross and we are in the process of ordering one for St. Mary's. Thank you for your support.

## Snack Packs

Last chance to sign up is this weekend! Order forms are in the pews. Snack Packs will be ready for pick up following Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued support for the youth in our parish!

## Covid Reminders

The Diocese continues to strongly encourage masks at all indoor liturgies and other events, especially for those who are unvaccinated and without natural immunity, as a small sacrifice that can assist our health care professionals and help all members of our community feel comfortable worshipping together. Masks are required for all clergy and ministers distributing Communion. **If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please receive from Fr. Andrew (he sanitizes after each).** We have masks and hand sanitizer available. Go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus> for Diocesan updates.

## A Prayer For Renewed Strength

*O Lord, my God,*

*Please give me the grace to maintain my hope  
in you through all of life's changes  
and to taste and see your goodness.*

*I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me.  
Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit.*

*Please bless me with good health,*

*and inspire me to be a good example to others.*

*For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Stewardship Committee

Meeting: February 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall

## Finance Council

Meeting: February 15, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## Knights of Columbus

Feb. 20: 6:40pm Rosary, Church, 7:00pm Meeting, Hall

## Parish Council

Meetings: February 22, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## Coming Events

†**This Weekend:** Collection for Building & Grounds Fund

†**Snack Packs:** Order this weekend; pick up and pay  
after all Masses next weekend

†**Weekend of Feb. 19/20:** Collection for Catholic  
Charities Food Pantry

†**Weekend of Feb. 26/27:** Religious Ed Bible Fundraiser  
after Masses

## Happy 90th Birthday!!

Parishioner Kay Ross will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on Saturday, February 12. If you'd like to send her a card, her address is Prairie Vista Village, 2785 1st Avenue South, Room #176, Altoona, Iowa 50009.

## Thank You's

To My Parish Family:

Thank you for the beautiful wreath. It was a kind and thoughtful gesture that helped during a difficult period.

~ Mary Jane Nehring

To all Parishioners of SMHC Church:

Thank you so much for your prayers and kind words of support. I'm slowly getting better and back to normal. Thanks again.

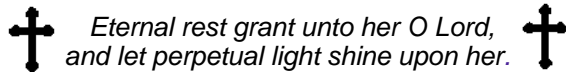
~ Jack Sabol & Family

## Help Us Put the *Word of God* in Our First Communicants' Hands

Cost is \$30 to sponsor one Bible and we have 28 that need sponsored. If you wish to sponsor a child please mail or drop off a check with Bible written in the memo to St. Mary's or Geneveve and Tracy will be available after Masses the weekend of February 26/27 with envelopes for those who wish to contribute in person. Thank you for prayerfully considering this lifelong gift to the children.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Fisher, mother of Patty Devereux and John Fisher, who passed away Wednesday. Please pray for her family that they know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.



## 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

We welcome parishioners to come observe our RE sessions. If you are interested in observing please email us and we can arrange a time for you to come see what our program is all about.

Remember to check the email you registered with for any cancellations; we also report weather related cancellations to the news stations.

Please let us know if have any questions or concerns.

Feb. 9 & 11- Regular Sessions  
Feb. 16 & 18- Regular Sessions  
Feb. 23 & 25 - 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

### EDGE

**Feb. 9, 16:** Sessions, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

### Purpose Confirmation Program

**Session:** Wednesday, February 23, 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

### Youth Group

**Feb. 9, 16:** Gatherings, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Area

## Meet Our New Bookkeeper!

Please welcome parishioner Candy Zidon who has taken over the bookkeeping duties for our parish. She and her husband John, have been members here since 1991. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to Sarah Baumberger for her time with us and for all of her diligent work for the parish!

## 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.*



## Lenten Fish Fries

The SMHC Knights of Columbus are looking forward to our upcoming Fish Fries on March 4, March 18, and April 1. More details to follow as the time approaches.

## Church Sign

It's all about how you handle Plan B.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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## End-of-Year Statements

To receive your year end statement, please email Sarah, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org) or contact the office, 515-367-2685, with a request to email or mail your statement. **We do not automatically mail out these statements to everyone.** Thank you.

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$9,516	\$5,642	<b>January 23</b>
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$6,560	\$5,642	<b>January 30</b>

Charitable Hearts Disaster Relief Collection: \$765

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$180,700	\$174,902	\$168,461

## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Payments	Unpaid Pledges	Refund
\$51,038	\$56,580	\$850	<b>\$5,452</b>

Additional monies received from those paying on their pledges will also be refunded to the parish!

## Blood Drive Update

**We exceeded our winter goal. Thank you! Our January 27 pint (of soup) for a pint blood drive** collected 35 blood products, slightly above our average, which will sustain or save up to 105 lives. Of the 33 people who registered to donate (eight more than our goal), 32 were able to do so, including three first-time donors. Thank you to the following who came to donate blood or provided treats and/or volunteered at the drive: first-time donors Diane and Lee Coles and Mike Nehring; and returning donors Angela McClannahan, David and Patricia Thomas, Susan Pratt, Rita McClain, Renee Spratt, Lori Churchill, Judy and Gary Sesker, Glenda Oberender, Patrick Cory, Scott Schaeffer, Kathy Petersen, Craig Ellyson, Tim and Lisa Kautza, Sue White, STORM leaders and teens, Pat Hand, Jeff Ruden, Teresa Kaltenheuser, Benjamin and Ana Kautza, Angie Gilligan, Lori and Andrew Cory, Darren and Janean Struthers, Pat O'Connor, Lorrie Hanlon, Sue Schmidt, Bill Schmitt, Abigail Bruce, Kalee O'Connor, JoAnn Meusburger, and Bill Dunbar.

**Please schedule an appointment (required, no walk-ins yet) for our May 26 (3:00 – 7:00pm) drive** either by signing-up on the bulletin board in the vestibule at St. Mary Church or visiting [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/). If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center 800-287-4903 and tell them you wish to sign-up to donate at the Elkhart Community Blood Drive. **Volunteers and treats for the canteen are also needed.** Please contact Lisa & Tim Kautza if you wish to help (515-964-7687 / [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net)).

## Winter Weather Cancellations

Whenever North Polk School is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening school activities are cancelled due to weather, classes, meetings and activities here at the Parish will be cancelled as well. In most instances, Masses - both daily and weekend - will not be cancelled, so please use your own judgment. If the need to cancel weekend activities arises, this information will be on the three major TV networks.



Over 90% of all products shipped in the U.S. are packaged in corrugated boxes, which makes up more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard.

## Equipment Provided - People Power Needed!

We have all the equipment you'll need to help with snow removal of sidewalks, etc. at St. Mary. We have weekend and/or weekday time frames. Instructions/schedule of events provided. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA4A722A2FB6-sidewalk>. Please contact Bill Schmitt with questions, 515-291-8005. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Thank you also to those who have recently signed up to help!



## Catholic School Enrollment 2022-2023

**St. Joseph School:** Enrollment is open for the next school year. To schedule a tour please email Principal Jodi Halligan at [jhalligan@stjosephcatholicdsm.org](mailto:jhalligan@stjosephcatholicdsm.org) or call 515-266-3433. Come see the difference at St. Joseph!

**St. Luke the Evangelist School:** Kindergarten openings are available for the next school year. St. Luke's offers:

- Small class sizes
- School boundaries remain constant
- Teacher aides in the classroom
- Religion incorporated into the daily curriculum.
- Technology in the classroom

Call 515-985-7074 for more information and a tour!

## Women's Ignation Retreat

Prepare for Lent with the Spiritual Exercises. This retreat will be conducted by Father Andy Alexander, SJ. Join us for a weekend silent retreat, based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It will be a time to grow in Our Lord's love for us and to deepen your personal relationship with him, preparing your heart for the journey through Lent with Christ. Held at the Creighton University Retreat Center outside Griswold, Iowa beginning at 4:30pm on Friday, March 4 and ending at 2:15pm on Sunday, March 6. Retreat cost is \$225. Visit [creighton.edu/curc](http://creighton.edu/curc) for more information and to register.

# Germany and Austria

Visit [CollinsTravel.biz](http://CollinsTravel.biz) and click on "Pilgrimages"

or contact Jason at [Jason@CollinsTravel.biz](mailto:Jason@CollinsTravel.biz) or call 309-781-5757

Space limited to 20 people



Cost: \$4,699 includes airfare, hotels, Passion Play tickets, all travel in Europe, entrance fees, breakfast, supper and tips

Hosted by Father Andrew Windschitt pastor of St. Mary / Holy Cross Parish, Elkhart Celebrant of trip's daily Mass

Jason Collins, Founder of Collins Travel and Pilgrimages and member of St. Francis Parish, WDSM Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus

## Join us for this Incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure to Germany and Austria July 15-25, 2022!

### Things we'll see in Germany:

- World-renowned "Passion Play" - held every 10 years
- Historic Munich city center named after the Blessed Mother
- Beautiful, ornate Catholic Churches, many of which survived WWII
- Dachau Concentration Camp and Hitler's Eagle's Nest
- Neuschwanstein Castle

### Things we'll see in Austria:

- Eucharistic Miracle location, Seefeld
- Salzburg Cathedral, survived bombing during WWII, and other churches
- Ancient salt mine on tour
- Spots of filming and inspiration on "Sound of Music" Tour
- Take tram ride into Austrian Alps
- ... and much more!

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb. 6

*Theme: We are continually invited to follow Jesus.*

*Reading I:* Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 • Here I am! Send me.

*Reading II:* 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 • The grace of God is with us always.

*Gospel:* Luke 5:1-11 • The apostles were called and so are we.

*Children:* What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

*Youth:* Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

*Adults:* When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?