



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Are You Coming?
Matthew 4:12-23

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 21/22, 2023



THE BEATITUDES
Living right-side-up in an upside-down world

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 28/29, 2023

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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Mass Schedule

Wednesday 5:30pm Holy Cross
Thursday 8:00am St. Mary
Saturday 5:00pm St. Mary
Sunday 8:00am Holy Cross
10:00am St. Mary

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

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Contact the office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Priesthood/Religious: www.vocationsonline.org

Mass, Rosary and Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 25

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Stephen & Michael Carpenter
-Rosary prayed at 6:00pm, St. Mary

Thursday, January 26

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Jack Housby

Saturday, January 28

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †People of the Parish

Sunday, January 29

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Bill Jorgensen

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †William & Caroline Polansky

Wednesday, February 1

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Jean Hurd

-Rosary prayed at 6:00pm, St. Mary

Thursday, February 2

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †John Ayers

Saturday, February 4

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, February 5

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross People of the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Mary Fisher

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!

† Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 515-669-6158, for pastoral emergencies or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

Calling All Interested 8th-11th Graders & Parents

NCYC 2023 will take place in Indianapolis November 16-18. We are excited to begin our planning for this amazing pilgrimage. Please join us on Sunday, January 22 following 10:00am Mass for a brief informational meeting about NCYC. The diocese has put an early bird deadline in place and we would like to be able to pass along the savings to any interested families. If you have questions or are interested but are unable to attend the informational meeting, please contact Melissa at 515-290-2830 or Andrea at 515-240-5059. We look forward to planning this wonderful faith filled experience.

Make a Difference!

Our blood drive is Thursday, January 26, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Are you able to donate? Please schedule an appointment (required, no walk-ins yet) by signing up on the bulletin board in the vestibule at St. Mary or visiting www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/. If you have difficulties signing up or have questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center, 800-287-4903.

Volunteers are needed for set up at 9:00am the day of the drive. Please contact Larry Sauer if you wish to help, sauerld@outlook.com / 515-710-2421.

A Prayer For Guidance

Lord,

*I'm here today with open hands and an open heart,
ready to depend on you to help me
through the day and all it will bring my way.
Help me come to you for guidance,
strength, provision, and protection.
As I face tough choices and hard situations,
help me remember I am loved,
help me remember that I am Your child
and Your representative to the world around me.
Help me live today in a way that brings honor
to Your holy name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

Office & St. Mary Church Building Hours

Monday, Jan. 23: Open 9:00am to Noon

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Open 9:00am to Noon

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Closed

Thursday, Jan. 26: Open 9:00am to Noon

Friday, Jan. 27: Closed

Monday, Jan. 30: Open 9:00am to Noon

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Closed

*If you need in the building at another time,
please contact Drew & Lorrie Hanlon
515-314-0717 or dlhanlon@windstream.net.*

Parish Council

Meeting: Jan. 24, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting, Feb. 28, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: Feb. 13, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

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

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 4 from Bondurant and Altoona

Coming Events

- †**Weekend of Jan. 21/22:** Collection for Huxley Food Pantry
- †**Saturday, Jan. 21:** Chili Cook off and Cinnamon Roll Baking contest and meal after 5:00pm Mass
- †**Thursday, Jan. 26:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Sunday, Jan. 29:** Hall in use, Noon-4:00pm
- †**February Wine & Cheese and Donut Sunday:** Moved to Feb. 11/12 to welcome Fr. Ross Parker to our parish.

Thanks for Supporting the Ignite! Campaign

Thank you to our volunteers and parishioners who helped with and donated to the Ignite! Campaign. We will have an update in the next bulletin. You can still pledge online: dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now.

February Parish Calendar

This will be included in the Feb. 5 bulletin so hang on to your January calendar which includes the first week of February.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150
Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

We have rescheduled the First Communion parent meeting, as there is just too much information to properly relay it over email. The meetings will be held during the RE sessions on January 25. You are welcome to attend the meeting that best fits your schedule. The meeting will be held in the office and the times are as follows:

Session A meeting: 5:40-6:10; Session B meeting: 6:35-7:05
If your child is receiving their first communion this year, please RSVP to Geneveve or Tracy.

Sessions: January 25/27, February 1/3, 8/10 & 15/17

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059
Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

Sessions: Feb. 1 & 8, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

S.T.O.R.M. Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Gatherings: Feb. 1 & 8, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Area

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Sessions: Wednesdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 15: 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

Saint Displays due for 10th graders at February session



Game Time Snacks!

The Super Bowl just wouldn't be the same without our S.T.O.R.M. "Super Snack Packs!" Order forms will be available at Mass the weekends of January 28/29 and February 4/5 and will be distributed after Masses on February 11/12. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Lent is Not Very Far Away

We will be looking for volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent and hosts for our meal on Fridays, March 3, 17, & 31. Please consider getting involved in your parish in this way; a sign-up will be posted February 1st or email the office to volunteer or if you have questions.

End of Year Statements

To receive your year end statement, please email Candy, bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org or contact the office, 515-367-2685, with a request to email or print/mail your statement. In an effort to save money, we do not automatically mail out these statements to everyone.

2023 Youth Tithes

Children are encouraged to take a tithe packet located in the vestibule, and write their name by the number of the packet they have taken. Thank you for helping your parish!

**Have you moved? Had a baby? Dropped your landline?
Have a new email? Adult children moved from home?**

Please email the parish office with any changes/additions so our records are accurate. Thank you!

Weekly Collection Financial Update

January 15 Budget Week 29

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$8,969	\$5,944

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$153,356	\$172,379	\$165,064

Ignite! Campaign

as of 1-13-2023

Goal	Pledged	Collected
\$360,000	\$229,640	\$93,275

If you prefer to speak with one of our committee members instead of email, please contact the parish office for their phone number.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Laudato Si

When shopping, look for items made as close to home as possible as a way to help reduce the carbon footprint of global shipping. Also look for items that have a reputation for durability — you will save money as well as help to preserve natural resources. See *On Care for Our Common Home* at: <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Equipment Provided - People Power Needed!



Can you help with weekend and/or week day snow removal of sidewalks, etc., at St. Mary? We have the equipment, but need the people power! Currently we have no volunteers. Thank you for considering helping your parish in his way! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ea4a722a2fb6-snow1#/>. Please contact Bill Schmitt with questions, 515-291-8005. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Liturgical Ministers January 28/29

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Lisa Jones
Host Lisa Jones
Cup Bearers Tom & Linda Froehlich
Ushers Doug Jones, Mike Devereux
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis
Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema
Altar Servers Natalie & Nick Shedd
Usher Todd & Jill Beukema
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Deacon Terry
Host Distributor Di Schleisman
Cup Bearers Tracy Miller, Tim Loraditch
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar
Music Sue Schmidt, Celeste Muehlenthaler

Liturgical Ministers February 4/5

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Bob Selby
Host Tony Kuehn
Cup Bearers Bob & Susan Selby
Ushers Brodie Gilligan Family
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Sheri Fogarty
Cup Bearer Michele Hand
Altar Servers Claire & Oliver Hand
Usher Mike Veasman
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Garrett McClain
Host Distributor Jill Swanson
Cup Bearers Tom & Jacki Ausman
Ushers Tom & Jacki Ausman
Music Sue Schmidt, Karon Lacey, Maggie Bruce

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Money Counters

January 22: Sue White, Trish Morris

January 29: Trish Morris, Dona Cowman

February 5: Kathy Daup, Sharon Morris



350,000 aluminum cans are produced every minute!

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 / 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.*

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 arises to cancel weekend activities, it will be on TV channels 5, 8 and 17.**

Parents, Explore Education Options

Parents of K-12th graders are invited to a School Options Fair on Saturday, January 28, 1:00-4:00pm at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center. All metro-area Catholic schools will be represented and other Central Iowa nonpublic education providers. There will be refreshments, music, an inflatable slide, balloon artist, photo booth, kids scavenger hunt with prizes, and a visit from Superheroes. Register in advance or just show up! For more information visit IOWAACE.org.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21/22

Theme: Jesus calls us to follow him; our lives will never be the same.

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3 • The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 • Let there be no factions among you.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 • Come with me.

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Youth: Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways he calls you to follow him?

Question for Adults: How do you know what God wants of you in assisting to the building up of the Reign of God??

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28/29

Theme: The Beatitudes, a way of life, a map to happiness.

Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 • Seek justice. Seek humility.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 • God chose those whom the world considers absurd.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a • The Beatitudes

Question for Children: Choose one of the Beatitudes and share how you will make it part of your life.

Question for Youth: Jesus gives us a plan for our happiness in the beatitudes. Do the things that make you happiest also lead you towards God? Do they follow God's plan?

Question for Adults: How do you describe what it means to be "blest" in your own life?