



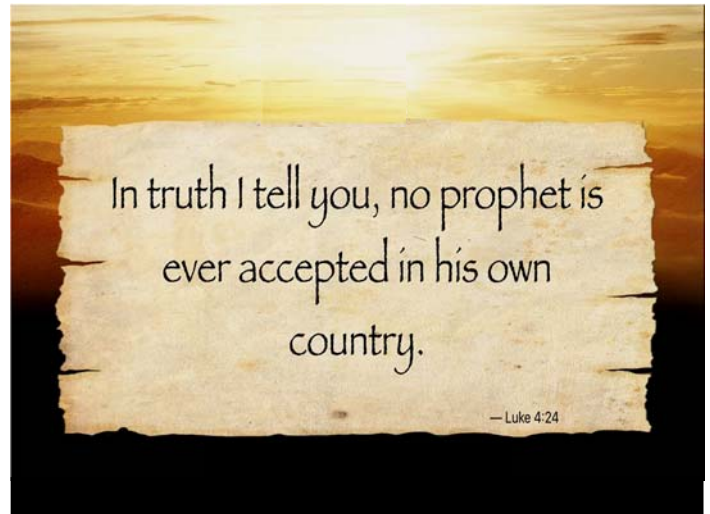
St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 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:

After Mass last week (or two weeks ago, depending on when you are reading this, since it is a two-week bulletin) multiple people complimented me on a good homily. They seemed to especially appreciate the humor that was included. I am grateful for the positive feedback. Even negative feedback is welcome, particularly when it is constructive. While reflecting upon peoples' reaction, I was reminded of an idea that someone I knew shared with me. We were participating in the same Bible study many years ago. The idea was that despite the severity of parts of Scripture, all of which we as Christians consider to be divinely inspired, God has a sense of humor in other parts, so it is okay for us to do so as well. My overall point is that I intend to weave humor into a homily if it works well and does not serve as a crutch while still taking seriously my duty to God and to you to preach the Gospel. ~ *Father Andrew*

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Mass Schedule	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
		10:00am	St. Mary
4th Sunday	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, January 25

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Rick Budden

Wednesday, January 26

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

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Mildred McClavy
~ followed by Adoration

Thursday, January 27

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Lorraine Daup

Saturday, January 29

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Sue Reding & son Ryan

Sunday, January 30

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Pat Phelan

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

Tuesday, February 1

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Stephen & Michael Carpenter

Wednesday, February 2

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

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Isaac Beying
~ followed by Adoration

Thursday, February 3 Feast of St. Blaise

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †John & Ann Breen

~ Blessing of throats

First Friday, February 4

9:00am Mass, St. Mary †Ron and Darlene Hamm

Saturday, February 5

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, February 6

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

10:00am Mass, 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!

Ministers for Our Masses

We are looking for additional lectors, ushers and Host distributors for our Masses. Training provided. If you have questions or interested in serving, please contact Fr. Andrew at Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org. Thanks for considering this!

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 this Year

*May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes
need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.
Amen.*

Parish Council

Meeting: January 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Feb. 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

The Parish Office has varied hours through February 3. 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 during this time, except Mondays, January 24 & 31, so please call or email him first. Always contact him in an emergency –

no matter day or time.

St. Mary's Church building will be open 10:00am to 8:00pm during this time.

Coming Events

†**Blood Drive:** Thursday, Jan. 27, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Weekend of Jan. 29/30:** Diocesan Charitable Hearts General Disaster Relief second collection

† **For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew at 515-367-2685 or Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org.**

Charitable Hearts General Disaster Relief

This newly established fund will help the Diocese of Des Moines, in partnership with Catholic Charities, respond to the immediate needs in our community in the aftermath of any unfortunate disaster-related event. This fund strives to meet critical needs in our local and at times, global communities, regardless of religious, social or economic backgrounds.

This second collection will be taken up at Masses January 29 & 30. Thank you in advance for your support of this collection enabling us be ready to help when disasters strike.

Youth Tithes

You will find these envelopes in the vestibule. We had a number of packets left over from last year so we are using them for this year — no worries about the dates!

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150
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We are so thankful to be back in the swing of our regular sessions. Listening to the children proclaim God's goodness fills our hearts with joy each week. 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.

Jan. 26 & 28 - Regular Sessions
Feb. 2 & 4 - Regular Sessions
Feb. 9 & 11- Regular Sessions
Feb. 16 & 18- Regular Sessions

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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EDGE

Feb. 2, 9, 16: Sessions, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Purpose Confirmation Program Sessions: 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall.

Wed. Jan. 26 Session — Saint Displays due for 10th graders
Wed. Feb. 23 Session

Please be watching for a sign up for teen interviews coming in January and February.

Youth Group

Feb. 2, 9, 16: Gatherings, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Area

Last Chance...

to keep your New Year's resolution to donate blood four times at our parish this year! Reserve your preferred time today in the vestibule at St. Mary or online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org. **Appointments are required.** We need new blood to help us set a record for blood collected at our parish in a year's time. It only takes about 30 – 45 minutes and you get to enjoy beverages and homemade treats at our canteen to say nothing about the conversation with our wonderful volunteers.

People needing surgeries, child birth, anemia, blood disorders, cancer treatments, serious burns, etc. are counting on putting your blood to invaluable use. There's no substitute for **YOUR REAL** human blood. We look forward to seeing you at our drive **3:00 – 7:00pm, January 27** at St. Mary.

Can't donate, but want to help? We welcome homemade treats and those wonderful volunteers to tend the canteen. Contact Lisa and Tim at kautza@netins.net or 515-964-7687.

Snack Packs

The Super Bowl just wouldn't be the same without our S.T.O.R.M. Snack Packs! Order forms are available the weekends of January 29/30 and February 5/6. Snack packs will be distributed after Masses on February 12/13. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Feast Day of St. Blaise, February 3

We ask St. Blaise to protect us from all sicknesses of the throat. We'll have this blessing at 8:00am Mass that day.

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End-of-Year Statements

To receive your year end statement, please email Sarah, 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

January 16 Budget Week 29

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$1,795	\$5,642

Food Pantry Collection: \$591

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$164,714	\$163,618	\$160,331

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

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

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

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.

February Parish Calendar

This will be included in the Feb. 6 bulletin so hang on to your January calendar which includes the first week of February.

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.*

Additional Options for Tithing

Auto Debit: You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on the 15th or the 30th. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Sarah at sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org or find the form on the table at church or on the home page of our website.

Online Giving: This is available through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa with this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. On the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation sends gift receipts.

Thank you for considering using one of these for your tithing.



Recycling cardboard only takes 75% of the energy required to make new cardboard.

Equipment Provided - People Power Needed!

We have a snow blower! Could you 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!



St. Joseph Catholic School

Preschool & Kindergarten Information Night

Join us Tuesday, February 1, 6:00pm in the Parish Center (3300 Easton Blvd, Des Moines). For more information please contact the School Office at 515-266-3433 or schooloffice@stjosephcatholicdsm.org.

Sleep in peace. God is awake.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 23

Theme: *Jesus is the one sent by God to save us.*

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 • The Word of God speaks to all who hear it.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 • We are the body of Christ and each is a different part.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 • Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scriptures.

Children: Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

Youth: Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Adults: Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jan. 30

Theme: *Jesus' words and love are for everyone!*

Reading I: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 • Before you were born, you were known, consecrated and appointed.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 • Love is the greatest gift of God.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 • Jesus was sent for us.

Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

Youth: Who are the people who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

Adults: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

Germany and Austria

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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!