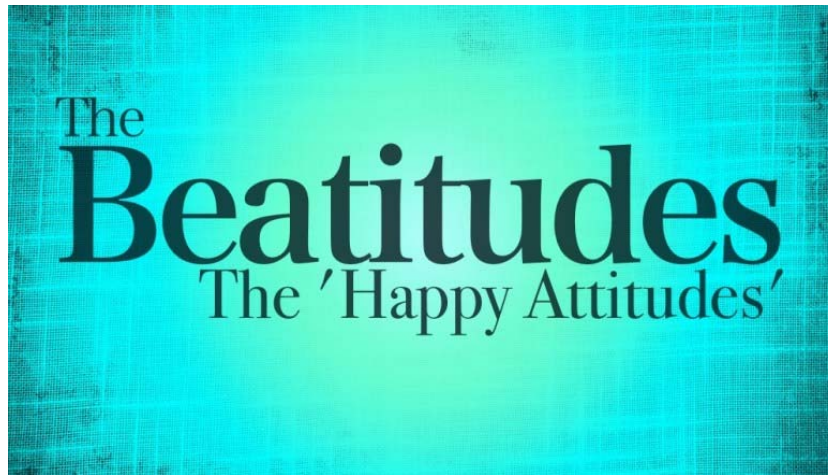




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2020

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,

Normally the prayers and readings of a Sunday get precedence over any others, but because All Saints is such an important solemnity, we use its prayers and readings. The earliest that some form of this day existed was in the fourth century, so it is obviously a long-standing tradition in the Church. In the Creed during Mass we proclaim, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints . . ." These venerated figures are not worshipped in the same way as God since they are not divine, but they provide us with prayer and the example of their holiness, which is certainly worthy of our imitation.

All Souls' Day commemorates those individuals who have gone before us. A special Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 9 AM at St. Mary.

Remember to get out and vote on Tuesday if you have yet to do so. I encourage you to take some time in prayer beforehand in addition to other preparation. We will have the opportunity with adoration from the morning into the evening and Mass for the nation. See inside this bulletin for more details.

Many thanks to those who have prayed and offered condolences on the death of my grandfather. We seem to be commiserating in many and varied ways this year. Hope from God and prayer will get us through it.

~ Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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>.

Mass and Adoration

Monday, November 2 All Souls' Day
9:00am St. Mary †Deceased Parish Members

Tuesday, November 3 Adoration for our Nation
8:00am - 6:00pm St. Mary

Tuesday, November 3
6:00pm St. Mary *For Our Nation*
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, November 4
5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

Thursday, November 5
8:00am St. Mary †Doris Olson

First Friday, November 6
9:00am St. Mary †Thomas Thielen

Saturday, November 7
5:00pm St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, November 8
8:00am Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter
10:00am St. Mary *For the Parish*

Prayer for the Sick

Heavenly Father,

Giver of life and health:
Comfort and heal your sick servants.

Give your power of healing
to those who minister to their needs,
that those for whom our prayers are offered
may be strengthened in their weakness
and have confidence in your loving care.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Stewardship Committee
Meeting, Monday, Nov. 9, 6:00pm, Social Hall
Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30pm, Social Hall
Parish Council
Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 24, 6:30pm, Social Hall

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!

Please Wear Your Mask!

When you come to Mass, please wear your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

We Are Here to Help!

If you are homebound, at high risk, caring for family, or know someone who is, and are in need of help with errands, picking up prescriptions or groceries, etc., please contact Fr. Andrew for assistance.

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.

Adoration for Our Nation

A nationwide day of prayer on Tuesday

This election day Catholic churches across the country are opening their doors for Eucharistic Adoration. We are joining this effort to bring healing, hope and prayer to our nation through our Lord, Jesus. We are asking parishioners to sign up for one half to one hour of adoration between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm this Tuesday. Sign up for Adoration at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BABAC2CA3F49-adoration> or for more information contact Joe Dunham at 515-528-0288 or joedunham11@msn.com.

Don't let the noise of the world
drown out the peace of God's Love.

Upcoming Events

- ✠ **Thursday, November 5:** Blood Drive, 3:00 - 7:00pm, Hall
- ✠ **Saturday, November 7:** *Hall in use.*
- ✠ **Weekend of Nov. 14/15:** Food Pantry collection for *The Blessing Box* in Elkhart.

Book of Remembrance



We have our Book of Remembrance for November, but are doing it a little different this year. Please contact Barb (bliske@saintmaryhc.org/515-367-2685) with the names of your deceased loved ones that you would like remembered and prayed for during our November Masses and she will write them in the Book which will be placed in the Sanctuary throughout November.

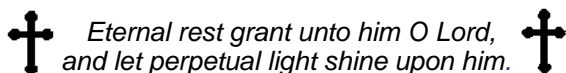
Blood Drive This Thursday

November 5, 3:00 - 7:00pm, 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 about 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. Sign up in the vestibule of St. Mary or see below for online scheduling. We hope if you are a past donor or potential new donor that you will sign-up to donate!

To schedule your appointment: Please go to the following link and choose your time: https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/167870 and 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 November 5.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cletus Windschitl, grandfather of Fr. Andrew, who passed away October 24. May he be at peace with our Lord and his family find comfort and strength and know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.



Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Everyone should have received a reminder this past week, either via email or the Remind App. If you did not receive anything, please contact one of us. If you'd like to be added to your child's session via the Remind App, let us know.

The Religious Education Program has been asked to provide 40 sugar cookie pouches for the Holiday Food Box to benefit families in need in our communities this Thanksgiving. If you'd like to participate, please bring your pouch to RE by November 12th. Thank you!

- November 3/4-** Regular Sessions
- November 10/11-** Regular Sessions
- November 12-** Holiday Food Box items due
- November 17/18-** Last Regular Session until January
- November 19-** Home Program Advent Packet pick up, 6:00pm Reconciliation and Mass
- November 26-** Happy Thanksgiving!

S.T.O.R.M. Report

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EDGE Session Dates: Wednesdays, November 4 & 11 from 6:00-7:30pm. Please contact us if you have questions.

Youth Group Dates: Come join us November 4 & 11; plan to bring a friend, hang out, pray, and have some fun with your fellow SMHC teens, 7:45-9:00pm in the youth room.

PURPOSE (Confirmation 1 & 2, Grades 9 & 10)

Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 - 8:00pm: Confirmation Session, Social Hall.

Music Notes

Sue Schmidt, Coordinator
sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org

This weekend we invite those attending St. Mary to join us in joyful singing of the closing hymn. A cantor will sing solo for the opening and Communion hymns. The accompanist at Holy Cross, at their discretion, will either only play, or announce and invite the congregation to join in singing the closing hymn. We continue to only speak the Mass parts, but we expect to start adding these parts in song soon.

We respectfully encourage anyone who wants to sing to please wear a mask. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to bring back the music.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 25 Budget Week 17

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$2,300	\$4,860

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$88,374	\$82,620	\$93,530

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.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$49,556	\$45,477	\$42,617	\$6,939

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

Thank You

Thank you to our St. Mary-Holy Cross community for all of your prayers for my mom and cards upon her passing. We were blessed to have her living with us in Iowa for seven months and we are blessed to have many caring friends here. Thanks again.

~ Lori and Joe Dunham

National Vocation Awareness Week

Today (Sunday) begins National Vocation Awareness Week. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

Vote on Tuesday... Be a Faithful Citizen

Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org to explore how you can love your neighbors by advocating as a faithful citizen on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable. As you prepare to vote this week, read the U.S. bishops' statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, watch videos and access other great resources on faithful citizenship.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA)

Are you yourself and/or do you know someone who would like to become Catholic and/or would like to know more about the faith? "The rite of Christian initiation [...] is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully." *For further information please contact Fr. Andrew at fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685.*




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 at 515-367-2685 or bliske@saintmaryhc.org.

— *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for to be on our prayer chain.*

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help

 Catholic Charities food pantry in Des Moines needs volunteers on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Personal protective equipment and safe working conditions are in place. If you can help, please email Holly at hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Walking With God? Walk With Us!

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Virtual Monastic Experience via zoom November 20-22. We will digitally show discerners around, introduce some of our Sisters, and share some tips on prayer and discernment. The experience will include one hour of input each day and also an opportunity to connect with the vocation director one on one.

To learn more visit www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 ex. 127 or vocation@benedictinesisters.org. No cost to attend.



Each year, we throw out enough soda cans and bottles to reach the moon and back 20 times.

Change of Information?

Moved? Had a baby? Dropped your landline? New email? Please email the parish office with any changes so our records can be as accurate as possible. *Thank you!*

Simon, Apostle and Martyr, First Century

Perhaps the least known of the Apostles, Simon is only mentioned in the lists contained in the Gospels. Matthew, Mark and Luke all refer to this saint as "Simon the Zealot." Simon could have earned his nickname by his dedication and zealous support of Jesus Christ.

Simon is said to have been among the first of the Apostles to carry the Word to distant lands. He might have been among the seventy-two who were sent ahead by Jesus to preach in the towns where Jesus would stop on his final journey to Jerusalem (Lk 10).

Since he received no mention in the Acts of the Apostles which largely concentrated on the activities of the Apostles around Jerusalem and the eastern Mediterranean, Simon may have begun his missionary work among the Jews of Egypt. He may then have worked his way westward through Libya and into present-day Tunisia. There is some evidence that Simon then took the Word to Britain where Christianity seems to have been introduced before the Romans established the island as a colony in the year 43.

Tradition tells us that Simon joined Jude Thaddeus in Persia around the year 66. Together, they converted thousands to Christianity over the next several years, but they also made powerful enemies. The pagan leaders in that region finally mustered a mob to stone the two Apostles to death. It is told that when the mob approached the two old men, Jude turned to Simon and said, "The Lord is calling us."

A feast honors this saint along with his companion, St. Jude, on October 28.

Simon's message today: Whatever the origin of Simon's nickname, we can believe he was ardent in his preaching the Word of God. This passion carried him from almost one end of the known world to the other. While we are not asked to travel to the ends of the earth preaching the Word of God, we can set an example of Christian living for all of those with whom we come in contact.

Would others know you were Christian by the way you conduct yourself? By the language you use?

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Solemnity of All Saints, November 1

Theme: We become blest by being children of God.

Reading I: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 • We are made clean in Christ's death and resurrection.

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3 • We are God's children.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 • The Beatitudes

For Children: When have you become a peacemaker? Among your friends? In your family? At school? Other times?

For Youth: All Saints Day gives us a chance to remember the saints of our Church and of our lives. Who are the people who have been saints in your life?

For Adults: When you heard these Beatitudes, which one did you hear most clearly as a summons for your own life?