



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073  
Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street Maxwell Iowa 50161



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12/13, 2022

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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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### Parish Information

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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.vocationonline.org](http://www.vocationonline.org)

## Mass, Reconciliation and Rosary

### Wednesday, November 16

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Nolan Clewell  
-Rosary prayed at 6:00pm, St. Mary

### Thursday, November 17

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Isaac Beying

### Saturday, November 19

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Suzanne Campbell

### Sunday, November 20

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

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Mark Schmidt

## 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

Emergency contact: Fr. Michael Amadeo, 515-249-5015.

## For Our Veterans

We will have a blessing for all veterans this weekend to honor them for their service and sacrifice for us and our country's protection and safety. We thank you!!



## Book of Remembrance

This Book is in the Sanctuary. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Masses this month.

## The Ignite! Campaign

**Q & A: How will this Campaign be an investment in our parish?** Our parishes are the cornerstones of our faith communities. Part of the funds raised through the campaign will be returned to parishes so they can further advance their missions and make capital improvements. Bishop Joensen is calling on all of us to make a gift to the *Ignite!* Campaign. Your support will positively impact the future of our parish and by extension, the Church in Southwest Iowa. Thank you! You can mail your pledge to the parish office or pledge online at: [dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now](http://dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now).

| Nov. 4 Update | Goal      | Pledged  | Collected |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
|               | \$360,000 | \$84,260 | \$27,409  |

## Music Notes

Please help us to bring the joy of music to our Christmas Eve Mass. The first practice is Sunday, Nov. 13 after 10:00am Mass. Future practice dates will be determined by choir member availability. For more information please contact Sue Schmidt at [sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org).

## St. Mary's Church Accessibility

The church will generally be locked during the week around 4:00pm; there will be exceptions, so please call the office to be sure someone is here before stopping by. On weekends it will be open prior to Mass, then locked after Mass unless we have an event. If you need in the church at other times, please contact the office so arrangements can be made.

## Prayer For Veterans

Dear Lord,

We honor our veterans,  
worthy men and women who gave their best  
when they were called upon to serve  
and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them for  
their unselfish service in the continual struggle  
to preserve our freedoms, our safety,  
and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for hardships they faced,  
for the sacrifices they made,  
for their many different contributions  
to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them,  
we honor them, we are proud of them.

Watch over these special people  
and bless them with peace and happiness. Amen.

### Parish Council

Meeting: Nov. 29, 6:30pm, Social Hall - **date change**

### Finance Council

No meeting in December

### Stewardship

Meeting: Nov. 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Knights of Columbus

**Monday**, Nov. 21: 6:40pm Rosary, 7pm meeting, Hall

### Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 4 from Bondurant and Altoona

## Coming Events

- †**This Weekend:** Blessing for our Veterans at Masses
- †**Sunday, Nov. 13:** Choir practice after 10:00am Mass
- †**Thursday, Nov. 17:** 9:00am Social time with games and working on your crafts, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of Nov. 19/20:** Food Pantry collection for *The Blessings Box* in Elkhart
- †**Weekend of Dec. 3 & 4:** Work of Our Hands Festival, Saturday 3:00-4:45 and after Mass til 7:00pm & Sunday 11:00am to 12:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Monday, Dec. 12:** Ladies Christmas gathering, 5:30pm, St. Mary

## Pray the Rosary on Wednesdays

Cory and Lisa Schoening & family will pray the Rosary at 6:00pm on Wednesdays when Religious Education is in session. You are invited and encouraged to join them. The intention of the Rosary will be for our parish.



## Work of Our Hands Festival

Parishioners who are service providers, hobbyists, or willing to provide their service or goods for a fee or barter are welcome to participate and exhibit their goods or services at this Festival on December 3 & 4 in the Social Hall. Please contact Lisa Kautza at [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687 or text at 515-238-5557 **before November 15** if you'd like to participate or for more information.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Hurd, mother of Father Tim Hurd, who passed away last Monday. She is now in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior. Please pray for Father Tim and his family that they know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.* ✠

Funeral services Tuesday, November 15  
 Visitation 9:30am – 11:00am  
 Funeral Mass 11:00am  
 St. Henry's Church  
 221 West Olive Street, Marshalltown

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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As we start to set our sights on Advent we turn in a particular way to where Jesus lived. One of our goals this time of year is to put Jesus in time and space. This helps to solidify to the children that he is a real person who lived and walked on this earth just like them! Another goal for working with geography, is to help the children fall in love with the land of Israel and become intimate with the cities that were so integral to Jesus' life.

There will be a First Communion parent meeting January 4, 6:30pm for any parent who has a child interested in receiving their First Communion this school year. Please plan to attend. There will not be regular sessions that evening.

November 16/18- Regular Sessions  
 November 23/25- No Session- Happy Thanksgiving!  
 November 30/December 2- Regular Sessions

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

**Nov. 16:** EDGE Sessions, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall  
**No Session** Nov. 23 Have a blessed Thanksgiving  
**No Session** Nov. 30 Confirmation night

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

**Nov. 16:** Gatherings, 7:30-9:00pm, Social Hall  
**No Gathering** Nov. 23 Have a blessed Thanksgiving  
**No Gathering** Nov. 30 Confirmation night

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

**Teen/Sponsor Prayer Stations: Saturday, Nov. 12, 10am-2pm & Sunday Nov. 13, 11am-2pm, Social Hall:** 10th Graders only and their sponsors are invited to come to this open house style event. See email for more details.

**Wednesday, Nov. 30:** 6:00-8:00pm, Session, Social Hall

## Crafts, Games and Conversation!!



Join us Thursday, November 17, 9:30am in the Social Hall for a great time of fellowship and working on your crafts or playing games.

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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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

November 6 Budget Week 19

|                               | Received | Budget  |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund | \$3,011  | \$5,944 |

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

| Received | Budget    | Last Year |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| \$93,000 | \$112,938 | \$97,043  |

## 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

| Goal     | Pledged  | Paid     | Unpaid  | Amt. Due |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| \$54,744 | \$53,165 | \$51,065 | \$2,100 | \$3,679  |

We are getting close! We appreciate your continue payments on previously made pledges—with those we will almost be done!!



# Advent Resources

*You have various booklets to choose from to help prepare for the Christmas celebration of God among us. Determine ahead of time which might be best for you by reading the following brief descriptions. Booklets will be available next weekend.*

## Little Blue Book

### *Advent and Christmas Seasons*

Each 24-hour day has 1,440 minutes; you are asked to give six of those 1,440 minutes to prayer for the next 43 days. This booklet will be your companion; make it a part of your daily schedule, not something you try to squeeze in whenever. The left hand page has a variety of thoughts about these seasons, the feast of the day or various traditions and customs. The key is the right-hand page; which reflects on the first reading for the Mass each day. This may give you a chance to reflect on and pray passages that you may have seldom heard proclaimed or preached about at a liturgy.

## The Word Among Us

### *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*

During this Advent Season, no matter what challenges you may be facing, the Lord says, "Do not be afraid, my child. I am with you." He wants to remind you that he is the God of the impossible! You can trust in him because his strength is in you. Where can you find this strength? In the quiet of your heart as you turn to him in prayer each day. Jesus reassures us: "Do not be afraid, my little one. You have found favor with your Father in heaven."

This booklet includes daily meditations, Advent articles and feature stories. Tidings of great comfort and joy this Advent!

## Opening to Great Joy

### *Daily Reflections*

Are you ready to open your mind and unlock your heart? The love of God is here! Are you ready to push back the forces of fear, anxiety, pride, prejudice and self interest telling us to step back from such great love? Are you ready to open yourself to the forces of faith, hope and love? Ready or not, the Kingdom of God is upon us. Love is set to come to life in our world and change everything!

This booklet will help you shake loose the cobwebs, wipe the weary from your eyes and open your mind, your heart, and your soul to the greatest joy in all creation.

## Waiting in Joyful Hope

### *Daily Reflections*

Neither waiting or being present in the moment is an easy proposition. Our world demands that we fill our days with more than we can handle. Doing, not being, is the mantra of our time. And waiting in any form seems like wasted time. The Advent season invites us to put the world's way aside; it is often in the quiet and waiting that we discover who we really are and who God has called us to be. Waiting is the hardest part, but if we wait in hope, we find that it is also the most transforming part. Use this booklet to wait this Advent season and watch what God has in store for you.

## Celebrate Advent like Mary!



## Get Ready For Jesus

### *Activity Booklet For Children*

How did God get ready for Jesus? He made a beautiful world for people to live in. He asked men, women, and children to help him make the world kind and fair. He picked Joseph and Mary to be the family of Jesus. And he made you and your family, too! God will be with your family as you use this book of activities and reflections to get ready for Jesus every day this Advent. You'll find puzzles, games and more on every page.

## Parish Opportunities

**Mass:** Wednesdays, 5:30pm at Holy Cross; Thursdays, 8:00am at St. Mary.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm, St. Mary

**Advent Reconciliation Service:** Sunday, Dec. 18, 2:00pm at St. Mary

Find Advent events and resources offered by the Diocese and other parishes at [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org).

## Laudato Si

If possible, use email and text-messaging to reduce paper consumption. If you must print a document, use double-sided printing if you can. These steps will help conserve natural resources and save money as well. (Laudato Si', 211)

See *On Care for Our Common Home* at

<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

## Blood Drive Update



Your St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish Council and LifeServe Blood Center would like to thank the following people for making our parish blood drive on November 3 a great success: *Dianne Cole, Lee Cole, Patrick Cory, Craig Ellyson, Angie Gilligan, Pat Hand, Lorrie Hanlon, Doug Heger, Craig Johnson, Doug Jones, Teresa Kaltenheuser, Tawna Kerr, Lisa Leonard, Rita McClain, Lawrence Mitchell, Katherine Petersen, Susan Pratt, Tom Rooney, Joe Rumbaugh, Larry Sauer, Scott Schaffer, Gary Sesker, Judy Sesker, Karen Stafford, Janet Stewart and Mary Jo Ward.* By participating in this event you made a significant contribution to our community and impacted the lives of many local hospital patients as well as throughout Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. This drive resulted in the collection of 25 units of blood. Your generosity will result in up to 75 lives being saved or sustained. Thank you also to those who helped set up or reset tables and chairs and to those who brought food for the canteen. A special thank you to JoAnn Meusburger for making the soup! *Our next Blood Drive is January 26.*

## Are You an Idea Generator?

Do you like making people feel welcome? Are you in the mindset to celebrate with each other? We are looking for 1-2 new members to join the Stewardship Committee. Please reach out to a current member for more information or contact Tammi, [tammimcclain71@gmail.com](mailto:tammimcclain71@gmail.com).

## 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.*

## November 19/20 Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Lorrie Hanlon  
Host Distributor: Drew Hanlon  
Ushers: Drew Hanlon, Glenn Hobin  
Music: Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

### Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector: Jackie Crouse  
Usher: Todd & Jill Beukema  
Music: Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

### Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Garrett McClain  
Host Distributor: Deacon Terry  
Ushers: Bill & Kelly Dunbar  
Music: Christine Muehlenthaler, Sue Schmidt, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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## Money Counters

**November 13:** Trish Morris, Dona Cowman

**November 20:** Kathy Daup, Sue White



On average, it costs \$30 per ton to recycle trash, \$50 to send it to the landfill and \$65 to \$75 to incinerate it.

## Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event

This is approximately a two hour PowerPoint/classroom discussion class designed for civilian audiences such as schools, businesses and churches. This course was built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy developed by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) center at Texas State University. Topics in this block of instruction include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills and preparing the attendees for an emergency response.

**This event will take place here in our parish on Thursday, November 17, 6:45pm in the Social Hall and is open to all parishioners 18 years and older. Parish volunteers, staff, catechists and ushers are strongly encouraged to attend.** If you have questions about this presentation, please contact Larry Sauer at 515-710-2421 or [sauerld@outlook.com](mailto:sauerld@outlook.com).

## Food Pantry Collection



Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation will assist *The Blessings Box* in Elkhart.



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us on Thursday, November 24 for 9:00am Mass at St. Mary, to give thanks to our God for all his blessings!

## Ladies Christmas Party!



Save the date of Monday, December 12 for our gathering! Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm with dinner and party to follow. More details to come.

## Roofing Shingles

We have 18 bundles of CertainTeed Sherwood Forest shingles and 10 ridge bundles from the previous roof of St. Mary's. If you have a use for them, please contact the office.

**"Well done" is better than "well said".**

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 12/13

*Theme: The day of the Lord is a day of hope and joy.*

*Reading I:* Malachi 3:19-20a • The sun of justice will arise.

*Reading II:* 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 • Work is a noble, good thing.

*Gospel:* Luke 21:5-19 • Your endurance will win you your life.

*Question for Children:* Jesus teaches us that work is good for us. What kind of work do you do during the week? How does it help you?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus tells us that even though bad things will happen, we are safe in God. When have you felt the safety of God's life in your own life?

*Question for Adults:* Paul's words to the Thessalonians are tough: if you want to eat, you must work! How does this translate into our society today? How do you reconcile this with Jesus' command to love and feed the poor?