



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

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,

St. Jerome lived in the fourth and fifth centuries and translated the holy Scriptures into Latin, so he knew them well. The phrase "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" came from him. We do indeed come to better know Christ when we read Scripture, especially the Gospel, because he is the incarnate Word of God. Therefore, if anyone is interested in a Bible study, please let me know in person, by phone, or by e-mail.

Please remember to notify me when if you or a family member is in the hospital so that I can visit. Granted the hospitals do not release that information due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), but it seems that notifications are not being sent even if the patient consents. - Fr. 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: ww.vocationsonline.org

Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration

Tuesday, October 12

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Patrick J. Phelan

Wednesday, October 13

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

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Al & Nydia Claussen
~ followed by Adoration

Thursday, October 14

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Deacon Dan McGuire

Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 16

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Ira Cory and Scott Mitchell

Sunday, October 17

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Craig Hand

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!



Pray the Rosary With Us

Please join us in this prayer twenty minutes before each weekend Mass this month.

- If you'd like to lead the Rosary, please email Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com.

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

Youth Online Silent Auction **SOLD!**

Join us Friday, October 15 at 9:00am through Sunday, October 17 at 5:00pm on our Youth Facebook Silent Auction page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/236689164994968/>. Lots of great baskets to support all our youth at St. Mary - Holy Cross. If you aren't able to attend the auction but would like to support the youth, feel free to email one of the Religious Ed coordinators (Tracy, Geneveve, Melissa, Andrea or Nicole) and they will let you know how. We appreciate all our parish's support.



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 this month will assist Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny.

Covid Reminders

The Diocese is recommending, not requiring, masks for parishioners over the age of five during all indoor liturgies and other indoor parish events. Masks are required for all clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during the distribution of Communion. We have masks and hand sanitizer available. If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please receive from Fr. Andrew (he sanitizes after each).

For Diocesan updates please go to:

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

Four Psalms to Pray for God's Help

When you don't know what to pray, Scripture provides the words for you! Use these prayers from Psalms to guide your request for help from God.

H - "Hear me Lord and answer me for I am poor and needy." Psalm 86:1 *The first step is to let God know that you need him and want His help.*

E - "Establish my steps in your word." Psalm 119:133 *Second, ask God for His direction and for strength to stand firm in His promises.*

L - "Let your compassion quickly meet our needs because we are on the brink of despair." Psalm 79:8 *We often need help because of our past choices and sin. Ask God to help you focus on his compassion and grace to lift you out of your despair and heart ache.*

P - "Protect me God because I take refuge in You. I say to the Lord, You are my Lord, apart from You I have nothing good." Psalm 16:1 *We can come to God and ask Him to be our protector and provider.*

Seek refuge and lean on God,
and not your own strength or abilities.
God promises to be your refuge if you will let Him!

Parent Group
Meets during Wednesday 6:30 RE session, Conf. Room
Stewardship Committee
Meeting: October 11, 6:00pm, **Ed Center**
Knights of Columbus
Oct. 17: 6:40pm Rosary, Church, 7:00pm Meeting, Hall
Finance Council
Meeting: October 19, 6:30pm, Social Hall
Parish Council
Meeting: October 26, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Upcoming Events

- †**Oct. 15-17:** Online Auction to benefit NCCY/RE program
- †**Sunday, Oct. 17:** Car Cruise after 10:00am Mass
- †**Weekend of Oct. 16/17:** Food Pantry Collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny.
- †**Wednesday, Oct. 27:** Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:00pm, St. Mary's, sponsored by our Youth.
- †**Thursday, Nov. 4:** Blood Drive 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

Thank You

St. Mary-Holy Cross family:

Thank you for your support, prayers, kindness and hospitality. It is very much appreciated. ~ Family of Bob Baker

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Huxley Food Pantry, I thank you for your generous donation of \$526.00. We are still trying to establish a new "normal" trying to anticipate how many clients to expect each week. Two weeks ago we had two households and last week we had eight households. We attempt to have ample food for however many folks come in. Your generosity makes this easier to do. ~ Jackie Rasmussen, Director

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Schedule

Oct. 13/15 - Regular Sessions

October 15-17 Online Silent Auction, link above

Oct. 20/22 - Regular Sessions

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

EDGE

October 13 Session: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

October 20: No Session

October 27: Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:00pm - EDGE kids will need to help clean up from 7:00-7:30pm

Purpose (Confirmation)

Our Confirmation Program is seeking volunteers. If you or someone you know would like to join our team, please contact Nicole Cory.

Please register your children if you haven't already.

Oct. 10-16: Teen Interviews — watch email for sign ups

Oct. 20: Confirmation Session 2, 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

Oct. 23: Community Service Day, 8:00am - 12:00pm

Oct. 30: Rain Makeup Date for Community Service Day

Car Cruise

Please consider joining your Knights of Columbus for some fellowship on a Sunday afternoon car cruise on October 17th following 10am Mass at St Mary's. We are planning a 3 hour cruise to visit four freedom rocks in the area – Bondurant, Maxwell, Boone and Minburn. If you have a classic car we would love to see it! You can also cruise in your daily driver or ride along with someone else. No registration necessary, just show up!



Community Service Day

Saturday, October 23 with the Confirmation students and Knights of Columbus (rain makeup date: October 30). If you or someone you know is looking for help with yard work or any outside work, please fill out the form in the vestibule (in the entryway at Holy Cross) and drop it in the box provided. We are not be offering inside help to limit contact with homeowners. You are welcome to contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014, or Doug Jones, 515-238-4745, with questions.

HELPING
HANDS



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Trunk or Treat is October 27



Being that our EDGE group is so small this year we are asking for your help in providing candy for Trunk or Treaters. If you are able to help please consider donating a few bags of individually wrapped candies. There will be a box in the vestibule labeled "Trunk or Treat" Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 3 Budget Week 14

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$6,919	\$5,642

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$71,013	\$78,988	\$70,191

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Payments	Unpaid Pledges	Refund
\$51,038	\$52,837	\$3,693	\$1,799

Thank you to those who have been so generous to this year's assessment. Additional monies received from those paying on their pledges will be refunded to the parish!

Out and About

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 16 at Sheldahl United Methodist Church (6th & Hubbell). Bazaar and bake sale, 9:00am to Noon, Coffee Corner, Homemade Chicken & Noodles (frozen), Rugs, nuts, cards and napkins, baked goods, craft items and more!

Learn More About a Priesthood Vocation

Men aged 16 and older are invited to join Bishop William Joensen, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker and other priests from the area at the Andrew Dinner on Monday, October 18. This dinner is an evening of prayer, good food and fun for young men interested in learning more about the vocation of priesthood. The evening begins at 5:00 with a Holy Hour at the Cathedral followed by a simple dinner at the Pastoral Center. For more information, contact Father Andrew, visit vocationsonline.org or contact the Vocations Office at vocations@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5014.

Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience: October 22 - 24 in Coralville or November 19 - 21 in Holstein. Register at lowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with questions.

Sacrament of Marriage Celebration!

Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage! Bishop Joensen will be celebrating three anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25 and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception follows Mass. *Des Moines area Mass:* Saturday, October 30, 4:00pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral. To register please contact Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or cgearhart@dmdiocese.org. Please register by October 23.

Women's Conference

Ladies, please join us for "Spiritual Protection For Such A Time As This". The conference begins with Mass at 8:00am followed by a day of powerful national, and local speakers who will give you the tools to protect yourself and your loved ones. Saturday, October 30 at Des Moines Embassy Suites. Tickets are on sale now and are \$30. Hosted by Iowa Catholic Radio Network. For additional information please go to www.iowacatholicradio.com or call 515-202-3176.

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide ministry is for those who have suffered from divorce. This 12-week program features a 30-minute DVD each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. The program begins at Holy Trinity Parish on Monday, November 8 at 6:00pm. Contact Bill and Ann Moore for more information or to register, 515-480-3314 (Bill), 641-425-0109 (Ann) or moorefamilysm@gmail.com. For more information visit www.catholicdivorce.com.

Church Sign: New weight loss program...free...attend service here and weight will just fall off your shoulders.



An aluminum can be recycled and back on a grocery store shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days.

Are You Looking For a Way to Become More Involved With the Community?

The Blessing Box Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to help box items to distribute to families on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Please contact Tammi McClain at 515-290-3904 if interested.



The Blessing Box is also collecting items for the upcoming holiday food boxes that will be distributed. We are seeking donations of canned green beans and french fried onions. If you are able to assist, please put your donation under the table outside the cry room. Thank you for your generosity.

Lend a Helping Hand!



We are looking for additional lectors, ushers and Host distributors for our Masses. Training provided. If you have questions or are interested in serving, please contact Fr. Andrew at Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org. If you would like to host wine and cheese or coffee and donuts, please contact Barb at the office, bliske@saintmaryhc.org, 515-356-2685.

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, 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: Please consider using this type of tithing. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. 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.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

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Theme: Making God a priority in your life.

Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11 • Prudence was given to me.

Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13 • God's word is living.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 • Come, follow me.

For Children: How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

For Youth: What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

For Adults: How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?