



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 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

### Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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
	4th Sunday	10:00am	St. Mary
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 19**

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

**Wednesday, October 20**

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

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Norma Warner  
~ followed by Adoration

**Thursday, October 21**

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Joe Rubendall and  
Leo & Rosemary Overmohle

*Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses*

**Saturday, October 23**

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Jerry Hahn

**Sunday, October 24**

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Bob Baker

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Lowell & Charlie Brendeland

12:00pm 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](mailto:annedavis06@gmail.com).

† For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew  
at 515-367-2685 or [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

## Youth Online Silent Auction

Check out our Youth Facebook Silent Auction page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/236689164994968/> now through 5:00pm today (Sunday). 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.

## Car Cruise

Join the K of C's car cruise after 10:00am Mass today, October 17. It's a 3 hour cruise to visit four freedom rocks; Bondurant, Maxwell, Boone and Minburn. Come in your classic car, cruise in your daily driver or ride along with someone else. No registration necessary.



## 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>.

## A Prayer for Faith

Dear Father in heaven,

We long for courage and strength.

Lord, help us to believe.

Grant faith to those surrounded by death,  
a faith that overcomes everything.

Let your light shine out to bring life to the nations  
in the midst of all that is happening.

Your light shall lead and guide us,  
and peace will come,  
a deeper peace than we have ever known.

Remember each of us in all our concerns;  
grant that the struggles of life may lead us to peace.

If hard and bitter ways should be our lot,  
help us to remain steadfast,  
never complaining about our burdens  
even in the most difficult days,  
for through grief and trouble the way leads to you.

Amen.

Parent Group

Meets during Wednesday 6:30 RE session, Conf. Room

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

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: November 8, 6:00pm, Social Hall

## Upcoming Events

- †**Sunday, Oct. 17:** Car Cruise after 10:00am Mass
- †**Sunday, Oct. 17, 5:00pm:** End of Online Auction to benefit NCYC/RE programs
- †**Wednesday, Oct. 27:** Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:00pm, St. Mary, sponsored by our Youth.
- †**Thursday, Nov. 4:** Blood Drive 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

## Community Service Day

**HELPING HANDS**

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 in the box provided. To limit homeowner contact, we are not offering inside help. Contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014, or Doug Jones, 515-238-4745, with questions.



## Noon Mass

This Mass is offered October 24 for anyone who would like to attend. More elements of our tradition are included; at certain times the priest faces the same way as the people, incense, inclusion of some Latin. A potluck meal, catechesis, and/or fellowship will follow. Contact Fr. Andrew if you plan to attend the meal and let him know what you might be able to bring.

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150  
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Our Auction is currently Live on our Silent Auction Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/236689164994968/>. It runs through Sunday, October 17 at 5:00pm. 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 us and we will let you know how. We appreciate all our parish's support.

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

### Upcoming Schedule

- Oct. 17 - Online Silent Auction until 5:00pm**, link above
- Oct. 20/22 - Regular Sessions**
- Oct. 27 - Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm, no classes held**
- Oct. 29 - Regular Session**
- Nov. 3/5 - Regular Sessions**

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

### EDGE

- 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 child if you haven't already.*

- 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

## Brighten Someone's Day!

Shirley Robertson of our parish is recuperating from surgery and we are hoping some of our parishioners will send her a card (or have your kids draw a picture) to perk up her day! Shirley's current address is Polk City Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1002 W Washington Ave, Room 201, Polk City, IA 50226.

## Thank You

To my friends at St. Mary and Holy Cross:

I have the beautiful wreath you gave me at Bob's passing hung on my door. Many people comment on it!. Thank you.

~ Karen Bellis

## 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!

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## Diocesan Collection For Mission Sunday

Your contribution shares our faith with those who take the Church's mission to the world and assists mission parishes in our country which cannot maintain essential ministries on their own. Please also join in prayer for those who deliver Jesus' message of unconditional love. Donation envelopes are available the next few weekends. Thank you for helping those most in need locally, nationally and world-wide.

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 10 Budget Week 15

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$3,023	\$5,642

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$74,036	\$84,630	\$72,562

## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Unpaid Pledges</u>	<u>Refund</u>
\$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!

## 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.

### Feast of All Saints

Masses for this Holy Day are Monday, November 1, 8:00am and 6:00pm at St. Mary. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on a Monday, but come to rejoice with all the saints.

*Liturgical ministers are needed for this Mass.  
Please contact the office to volunteer.*

### Blood Drive



Do you know someone who received a transfusion? That blood was donated by someone like you. It's always in great demand. There's no substitute for REAL human blood and it is always in great demand! Consider donating at our drive on Thursday, November 4, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Donors 16 or 17 years old need a permission form at their first donation; forms are available at St. Mary. You can sign-up to donate there, too, or find that form or sign-up at <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org>. We hope to see you there! After you donate, have a beverage and parishioner's homemade treats! Questions, contact Lisa and Tim Kautza, [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net); 515-964-7687.

### 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!*

### 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](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org). If you would like to host wine and cheese or coffee and donuts, please contact Barb at the office, 515-356-2685, [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org).

### 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](mailto: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 and many thanks to those who do already.*



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### 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.*

### Out and About

#### Catholic Charities

Our Annual Appeal has begun! We hope you were able to read the recent article in the Mirror about three of our clients. They are from worlds apart, with little in common, but have found help and hope through Catholic Charities. Read their story at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/2021/08/stories-behind-the-mission-illustrate-need-gratitude/>. We hope that you find the programs and services of Catholic Charities a worthy investment of your charitable giving!

Blessings, *Debra Powers, Development Director*

#### Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience: October 22 - 24 in Coralville or November 19 - 21 in Holstein. Register at [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305 with questions.

#### 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](http://www.iowacatholicradio.com) or call 515-202-3176.

#### Counseling Available

Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Des Moines and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by calling 515-237-5045 or emailing [sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org).

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 17

*Theme: We are called to serve as Jesus served.*

*Reading I:* Isaiah 53:10-11 • He shall see light in due time.

*Reading II:* Hebrews 4:14-16 • We have a great high priest!

*Gospel:* Mark 10:35-45 • The first shall be last.

*For Children:* Name some ways that you can serve others.

*For Youth:* Jesus changed the way we think of leadership to be someone who serves others. How are you a leader in school, your family, the parish and/or your community?

*For Adults:* What are some times in your own life when you have the chance to be last instead of first?