



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 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,

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is one of those that is easily misunderstood if it is not read carefully, especially within the context of the rest of Scripture and history. Without such considerations and reading the passage by itself, it seems that Jesus advocates for the principle of separation of Church and state, which is also a common misunderstanding of our constitution. Of course, he does not refer specifically to our situation as this dynamic is experienced by any Christian in any nation. Notice that he does not deny the state its share of, in this case, taxes. He does, however, subordinate the activity of the state and its head to God's activity and sovereignty. So, whoever is elected in the next couple weeks should likewise be subordinate to Him. Thankfully, He has given us clear indications in Scripture and the rest of Tradition, for example the Commandments, to help form our conscience so that we vote wisely. Whatever happens, let us ourselves be subordinate to God and pray for this nation.

~ 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, Rosary and Adoration

*Please pray the Rosary with us
20 minutes before weekend Masses this month.*

Tuesday, October 20

6:00pm St. Mary †Rita Smith
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, October 21

5:30pm Holy Cross †Wendell & Ruth Carpenter

Thursday, October 22

8:00am St. Mary †Francis Hanlon

Saturday, October 24

5:00pm St. Mary †Ira Cory

Sunday, October 25

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen & Michael Carpenter
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Prayer for Compassion

Merciful God,

Open my heart and mind to be fully present to those I interact with throughout the day.

Allow me to listen to others without passing judgement or haste to solve what I cannot change.

Give me patience and understanding and grant me grace in my shortcomings.

Be with me in times of fatigue and lift me up with the strength to carry out your compassionate love to all those I meet.

Amen.

~ By Ashley Henkes

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>

October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary twenty minutes before each Mass next weekend.

— If you'd like to lead the Rosary at 8:00am Mass next Sunday, please email the parish office at bliske@saintmaryhc.org.

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

Could You Use Some Help With Outside Jobs?

This Saturday, October 24 from 8:00am to Noon is our Confirmation students and Knights of Columbus' 3rd annual Community Service Day. If you or someone you know is looking for help with yard work or anything outside of the house we can help! We are not offering help inside of homes this year to limit contact with homeowners. A form is available at St. Mary and Holy Cross and can be dropped in the box at either church or emailed to Nicole Cory **by Wednesday of this week**. You may also call or email Nicole, 515-313-3014/ncory@saintmaryhc.org, if we can help you or for more information.

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, Nov. 9, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Upcoming Events

† **Saturday, October 24:** Confirmation Students Fall Community Service Day, 8:00am - Noon.

† **Thursday, November 5:** Blood Drive, 3:00 – 7:00pm, Social Hall

Music Notes

Sue Schmidt, Coordinator
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We are happy to announce that beginning with the October 31/November 1 weekend Masses, we will add vocal music gradually. Our goal is to share the gift of music responsibly to keep everyone as safe as possible during the pandemic. To do this the cantors will wear masks whenever possible. The cantor and accompanist will play and sing the opening and communion hymns as a solo. At St. Mary the cantor will sing from the choir loft and will lead the closing hymn and invite the congregation to join in singing. The accompanist at Holy Cross, at their discretion, will either only play, or announce and invite the congregation to join in song, for the closing hymn. At this time we will not sing any of 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.

Thank You

To all my friends at SMHC,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support while I was going through my recovery from breast cancer. I loved the many cards I received as well. It's good to have a church community always but especially during hard times.

~ Susan Genalo

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lou Ellis, Mother of Lori Dunham. Mary Lou passed away peacefully October 2nd.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norma Warner, Mother of Scott Warner who passed away October 10th.

Mary Lou and Norma are in the arms of our loving Father. May their families know of Christ's compassionate presence and find strength and comfort as they mourn their loved one.

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

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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We have sent each of the sessions a code for access to program reminders on the Remind app. Please download this app and enter your code to keep up to date with your session. We hope this makes communication easier in the event of more cancellations. If you did not receive this email, let us know and we will get you updated in our system.

Our program has been asked to provide pouches of sugar cookie mixes for the Holiday Food Box. We'd love it if each family could provide one pouch. These need to be received by November 12. We'll have a tote set outside before and after each session between now and then if you would like to participate in this activity! Thank you!

October 20/21- Regular Sessions

October 27/28- Regular Sessions

November 3/4- Regular Sessions

November 10/11- Regular Sessions

November 12- Holiday Food Box items due

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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EDGE Session Dates: Wednesdays, October 21, November 4 & 11 from 6:00-7:30pm. Please contact one of us if you have questions.

Youth Group Dates: Come join us October 21, 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 (Grades 9 & 10)

Saturday, October 24, 8:00am-12:00pm: Fall Community Service Day. Our makeup date for bad weather will be Saturday, October 31.

Wednesday, October 28, 6:00 - 8:00pm: Confirmation Session at St. Mary Social Hall.



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.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$5,543	\$4,860	October 4
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$3,872	\$4,860	October 11

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$76,434	\$72,900	\$77,349

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	\$43,477	\$40,412	\$9,144

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/>.

World & Home Missions

World & Home Missions Sunday is next week with the theme of "Here I am. Send me." Your support enables the outreach carried out by dedicated missionaries among the poor and marginalized here and abroad, as they reach out to those most vulnerable in our society, sharing God's love by offering practical, emotional and spiritual care.

Donation envelopes will be available next weekend by the tithe basket. Please return your envelope the following week. Thank you for your generosity in helping those most in need locally, nationally and world-wide.

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.*

Blood Drive

Our Community Blood Drive is **Thursday, November 5, 3:00–7:00pm** in the Social Hall. LifeServe will disinfect all surfaces they use before, during, and at the conclusion of the drive. All team members will wear face masks and donors are required to wear their own. LifeServe will practice social distancing, have added new donor screening questions, and are monitoring the health of every team member. Appointments required for added safety. Sign up on the St. Mary Church vestibule bulletin board or online at lifeservebloodcenter.org (see below). Volunteers and treats for the canteen are needed for the drive. Please contact Lisa and Tim Kautza if you can help, kautza@netins.net or 515-964-7687.

Save
the
Date

To schedule an appointment, visit <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/>. Select "Donate;" then select "Schedule Your Donation;" then "Schedule a Donation Now;" then "Sponsor Name Search;" then enter "Elkhart;" then "Search;" then Elkhart Community should show up then select "Schedule;" then pick an available time and either log in or create an account. If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center, 800-287-4903, and tell them you wish to sign up to donate at the Elkhart Community Blood Drive November 5.

Beaverdale Holiday Boutique

This exciting Boutique goes online for 2020 and will be held November 1 - 11th on the Facebook Beaverdale Holiday Boutique page at <https://www.facebook.com/beaverdaleboutique>. Please like and share this Facebook page!

Vendor applications are being accepted. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/beaverdaleboutique>. Invite your favorite vendor to participate!

Artisans, crafters and vendors will sell a variety of items through this Facebook storefront. Shoppers can purchase gifts plus pre-order select bakery items from Mrs. Kringle's Bakery, as well as the Knights of Columbus' Famous Chili (in quarts or half gallon sizes) from Santa's Sleigh Café. Curbside pickup for customer purchases, baked goods, and chili will be available November 13 from 4:00-8:00pm and November 14 from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Join the FUN!



Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 2 hours.

What is a Prayer Shawl?

A prayer shawl is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that you are not alone and that we are praying for you. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl or are interested in helping make them, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or racefans@iowatelecom.net.

Luke the Evangelist

Luke is the author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. He was the only Gentile Christian among the four Evangelists and his Gospel, written in Greek, was unquestionably written for Gentile Christians.

Tradition has him as a Greek-born, from Antioch. Saint Paul called Luke "our beloved physician" (Col 4:14) and Luke was known to have traveled with Paul on his second and third missionary expeditions in Greece and Rome. He also accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome, where Paul wrote, "only Luke is with me" (2 Tim 4:11).

During Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea around the years 61 to 63, Luke probably did his research on the life of Christ and had the opportunity to interview people who had known Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles, the story of the growth of the Church under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, was probably written during this period as well. Luke's Gospel, sometimes called the "Gospel of the Poor" or the "Gospel of Mercy," is thought to have been written sometime between 70 and 90 and may have been written in Greece.

One early legend has Luke as the artist of several paintings of Mary. While there is no hard evidence to support it, it is very likely that Luke did visit Mary in Jerusalem while seeking information about Jesus. Much of the infancy narrative and the finding of Jesus in the Temple could only have come from someone like Mary.

Luke is the patron saint of artists, brewers, butchers, glass workers, notaries, painters, and physicians and his feast day is October 18.

Like the other Evangelists, Luke's message is with us today as it has been throughout the history of the Church. They have given us the Gospels, enabling us to learn about Jesus' life and ministry and the Acts of the Apostles give us grounding in the work of the Holy Spirit in the early Church.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18

Theme: We thank God for faithfulness.

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 • I have called you by name.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b • We thank God for your faith!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21 • Keep your priorities clear.

For Children: In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

For Youth: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How to you keep those things sacred?

For Adults: If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?