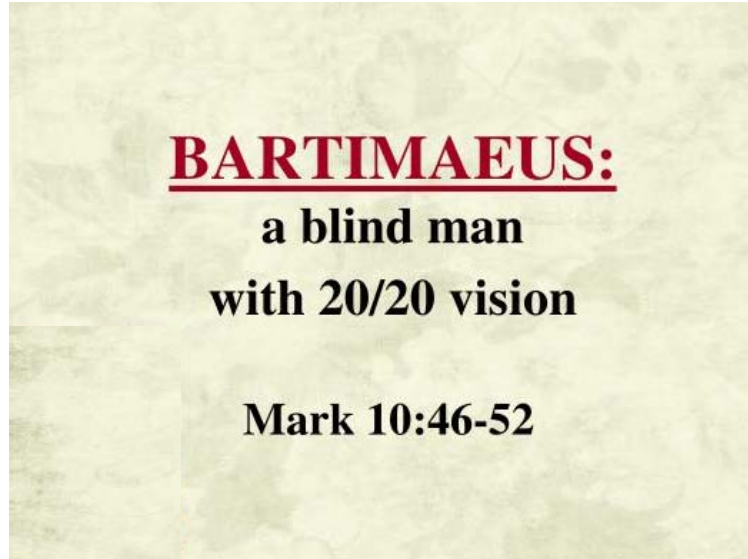




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 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,

There are a few points that I found particularly interesting in the Gospel for this Sunday. First, Bartimaeus, who is noted as being blind, does not seem to have any problem coming to Jesus, especially since there is no indication that anyone guided him. Was his 'spiritual sight' so powerful that he did not need physical sight? Second, Jesus, surely already knowing about Bartimaeus' malady, asks what he wants him to do. This is now the second week in a row that Jesus has asked somebody that. We learn that the question is not supposed to be about a disciple of Jesus having a blank check to obtain anything or do anything they want. It is really about reconciling our will with his. Lastly, Jesus never acknowledges that Bartimaeus received his sight, but that ""Your faith has saved you."" While we are certainly allowed to have faith regarding a miracle like someone who was once blind now being able to see, it seems that there is an even bigger reason for having faith and putting it into action. ~ 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 26

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Mary Beth Bump

Wednesday, October 27

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

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Patricia Wagoner Jones
~ followed by Adoration

Thursday, October 28

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Rita & Donnie Smith

Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 30

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Robert Richardson and
Carol Pritchard

Sunday, October 31

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Myron White

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 Mass next weekend.

- 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.

All Saints Holy Day and All Souls Day ✝

Masses for the Holy Day of All Saints 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 you are encouraged to attend to celebrate our saints. We commemorate all the faithful departed on All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2 with 5:30pm Mass at Holy Cross

Liturgical ministers are needed for our All Saints Day Masses. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Treats Needed



We have a small EDGE group this year so would appreciate your assistance in providing candy for Trunk or Treaters on October 27. Please consider donating a few bags of individually wrapped candies. A box is in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

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 What Counts

Oh Lord,

When I grow weary
please help me to remember
each and every day:

To count my blessings
and not my crosses;

To count my gains
and not my losses;

To count my laughs
and not my tears;

To count my joys
and not my fears;

To count my health
and not my wealth;

And most of all....

To count on You, God,
and not myself.

Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: October 26, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: November 8, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Nov. 16, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Nov. 21: 6:40pm Rosary, Church, 7:00pm Meeting, Hall

The Parish Office has varied hours October 28 through November 5. Please call or email to be sure someone is here before stopping by. Fr. Andrew will be available off and on during this time, so please call or email him first. Always contact him in an emergency – no matter day or time.

Upcoming Events

✝ **Wednesday, Oct. 27:** Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:00pm, St. Mary, sponsored by our Youth.

✝ **Sunday, Oct. 31:** Coffee & Donuts after 8:00am Mass

✝ **Thursday, Nov. 4:** Blood Drive 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

✝ **Saturday, Nov. 6:** Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass



It's Back!

Save the Date, Spread the Word!

This Wednesday, October 27, from 6:00-7:00pm our S.T.O.R.M. Youth (EDGE, Confirmation, Youth Group) will host this fun event in St Mary's parking lot for all the kids of SMHC and surrounding communities. If it's raining or adverse weather, we'll move to the Social Hall. Plan to attend and *please bring a donation of new socks and underwear for local charities*. Join us for all the fun! None scary costumes preferred. Please tell your family and friends!

If you are interested in helping or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler at 515-290-2830 or Andrea Fisher at 515-240-5059.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patricia Jones**, sister of Norm Wagoner; and for the soul of **Bill Jorgensen** who passed away Monday. They are now in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior. Please pray that their families know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

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

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150

Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

A big thank you to everyone who supported our silent auction. It was so much fun to do and see so many participating. It was a great success because of all of you.

Just a reminder no class this Wednesday because we have Trunk-or-Treat from 6:00-7:00pm.

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

Upcoming Schedule

Oct. 27 - Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm, No classes

Oct. 29 - Regular Session

Nov. 1 - All Saints Day, attend Mass

Nov. 3/5 - Regular Session

Nov. 10/12 - Regular Session

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

November 3 Session: Night of Service. Watch for a Remind App message or Facebook post for more details regarding this session.

Purpose (Confirmation)

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

Teens/Sponsor Prayer Stations: Available Saturday, Nov. 6, 10:00am to 3:00pm and Sunday, Nov. 7, 11:00am to 2:00pm, in the Social Hall

Next Session: November 10

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Drive

Your Knights of Columbus council is once again teaming up with the Collins Maxwell School District to provide winter coats for children in need. If you have a clean, slightly used winter coat you can spare, please consider donating it. New coats are welcome as well! Drop-off bins are at St. Mary's and Holy Cross.



If you have any questions, feel free to call Jon Hand at 515-291-8814 or Cory Schoening at 515-360-4824.

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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 17 Budget Week 16

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$13,716	\$5,642

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$87,752	\$90,272	\$83,234

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!



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; 515-964-7687.

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.*

Book of Remembrance

During November this Book will be in the Sanctuary. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Masses.

Work of Our Hands

Parishioners can showcase their businesses or sell products at our Work Of Our Hands Festival, December 4 & 5 at St. Mary's Social Hall. 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. Contact Lisa Kautza at kautza@netins.net or 515 - 964-7687 or text at 515-238-5557 if you'd like to participate or for more information before November 15.

Christmas Eve Choir

We are happy to announce that there will be a Christmas Eve choir this year. If you would like to sing in this choir, please plan to attend choir practices on Sundays November 21, December 5, 12 and 19 immediately following 10:00am Mass. Practices will last one hour. All ages and skill levels are welcome to sing and we would love to have you join us. Please contact Sue Schmidt at sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org or 515-689-9949 if you would like to join or have questions.

Church Sign

If you will, I will. - GOD

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.



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Out and About

Abundant Simplicity: The Path Towards Inner Plenitude

Emmaus House, Saturday, October 30, 8:30am to Noon

Abundance and simplicity don't always fit together, but God-centered simplicity leads to a life of inner plenitude, peace, and beauty. In the past months, for many of us, life has been anything but simple or abundant. Instead, life has been reconfigured, leaving our paths rocky and unsteady, filled with uncertainty. Pieces have been taken away and new pieces have been imposed. As we forge ahead in uncertain times, what is truly needed and how do we discover it? What shape do we want our paths to take as we co-labor with God through our personal and global losses and invitations? Join us as we take inventory in the face of a time of great loss, and therefore, great invitation, all while keeping a single-eye focus on God, continuing together on the path towards inner plenitude. Go to <https://www.theemmaushouse.org/> to learn more or to register, and for other offerings.

Open House for Prospective Students

Dowling Catholic High School is hosting its annual Open House on Sunday, November 7 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Families will tour the school, meet the teachers, moderators, and coaches and learn about tuition assistance. There are prizes to win and games to play! It's a fun time for the whole family! If you have any questions, please call 515-222-1025.

Catholic Charities

Our Annual Appeal has begun! Check out our website at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/>. We hope you find our programs and services a worthy investment of your charitable giving! Blessings, *Debra Powers, Development Director*

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program

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. Program begins Monday, November 8, 6:00pm at Holy Trinity Parish. Contact Bill and Ann Moore for information or to register, 515-480-3314 (Bill), 641-425-0109 (Ann) or moorefamilysm@gmail.com. For more information visit www.catholicdivorce.com.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 24

Theme: Power in weakness.

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9 • The Lord has delivered his people.

Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6 • You are my son.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 • I want to see.

For Children: What would you like to ask Jesus for?

For Youth: "Master, I want to see!" What do you most want to be able to "see" in your own life? How are you blind?

For Adults: What does it mean for you to "see"? Are there blind spots in your life?