



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Printed below is a statement from the bishop regarding the pope's comments about same-sex civil unions.

"In itself, the statement of the Holy Father regarding civil unions drawn from the recently produced documentary is surprising, and for many Catholics seeking to be true to Christ's teaching, troubling. It seems that he was offering a longstanding personal opinion and not invoking his office to issue an teaching. One is led to speculate: perhaps he is simply trying to dissociate the Church's practice of sacramental marriage between a woman and a man from those unions recognized by the state that entail social and economic benefits for individuals in households who would otherwise not be afforded them? Regardless of his intent, surely he and all Christians are called to recognize all individuals, including those who self-identify within the LGBTQIA+ community, as children of God bearing ultimate dignity and full members of the human community meriting respect and protection from ostracism or harm. As with his previous, often-cited "Who am I to judge?" comment, which was lifted out of context and given a very different interpretation than what the Holy Father was addressing at the time, we will all need to examine the larger context of this conversation and look for Pope Francis to provide further clarification before offering further comment."

A couple points of which I thought to summarize the situation (with some inspiration from the bishop): (1) regardless of one's confusion about their sexual orientation, they are still created in the image and likeness of God as much as someone who does not experience such confusion and are to be equally loved and respected and (2) official Christian teaching regarding this issue (i.e. chastity in any and all relationships and marriage) has NOT changed.

See details on the inside of this bulletin about the opportunity for prayer for the nation on election day, including adoration and how to sign up for a time slot. Mass will be offered at 6 PM for the nation, followed by a final hour of adoration for those who might not be able to join earlier. Many thanks to Joe Dunham, Tim Loraditch, and Barb Liske for their behind-the-scenes work on this. ~ Fr. Andrew

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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

### Tuesday, October 27

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

### Wednesday, October 28

5:30pm Holy Cross †Hailey Carlson

### Thursday, October 29

8:00am St. Mary †Joe Rubendall

### Saturday, October 31

4:40pm St. Mary **Rosary prayed**

5:00pm St. Mary †Beverlee Stokka

### Sunday, November 1 Solemnity of All Saints

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †Mary Lou Ellis

### Monday, November 2 All Souls Day

9:00am St. Mary †Deceased Parish Members

### Tuesday, November 3 Adoration for our Nation

8:00am - 6:00pm, St. Mary

## A Prayer For Inner Peace

Dear Lord,

Still my heart's stormy seas,  
Quiet my mind's wild crowds,  
Be the silence between my sighs.  
Make me still  
so that I may be  
filled with your peace,  
amazed by your grace,  
and deeply aware of your presence  
in my life...  
and in the world. Amen.

Parish Council

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

Stewardship Committee

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

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## 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>

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

## Community Service Day Do You Need Help With Outside Jobs?

This Saturday, October 31, 8:00am-Noon is the rescheduled date for 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 on our website 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](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), if we can help you or for more information.

**Fall Back!** Daylight Savings Time ends  
Sunday, Nov. 1. Turn your clocks back one hour!



## Upcoming Events

✝ **Saturday, October 31:** Confirmation Students Fall  
Community Service Day, 8:00am - Noon (*rescheduled date*)

✝ **Thursday, November 5:** Blood Drive, 3:00 - 7:00pm, Hall

## Book of Remembrance



We will have our Book of Remembrance for November, but are doing it a little different this year. Please contact Barb ([bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org)/515-367-2685) with the names of your deceased loved ones that you would like remembered and prayed for during our November Masses and she will write them in the Book which will be placed in the Sanctuary throughout November.

## All Saints Day and All Souls Day

We celebrate the Holy Day of All Saints at our Masses next weekend and we celebrate the commemoration of all the faithful departed on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2 with 9:00am Mass at St. Mary.

## It's More than a Tootsie Roll!

Next weekend after all Masses, our Knights of Columbus will be handing out tootsie rolls to benefit people with intellectual disabilities. Your donation will assist them and reaffirms the dignity of every person.



## Adoration for Our Nation

### A nationwide day of prayer Nov. 3

On election day Catholic churches across the country are opening their doors for Eucharistic Adoration. We are joining this effort to bring healing, hope and prayer to our nation through our Lord, Jesus. We are asking parishioners to sign up for one half to one hour of adoration between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm on Tuesday, November 3. Sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BABAC2CA3F49-adoration](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BABAC2CA3F49-adoration) or for more information contact Joe Dunham at 515-528-0288 or [joedunham11@msn.com](mailto:joedunham11@msn.com). <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4babac2ca3f49-adoration>

## Religious Education

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To stay informed about cancellations this semester we set up a system on the Remind App. There is a different code depending on the session your child is in; please let us know if you have not received a code and we will send it to you.

Please consider donating to the Holiday Food Box. Our program was asked to provide sugar cookie pouches. We'd love it if each family could provide one pouch. We'll have a tote set up outside before and after each session between now and then if you would like to participate in this activity! Thank you!

**October 27/28-** Regular Sessions

**November 3/4-** Regular Sessions

**November 10/11-** Regular Sessions

**November 12-** Holiday Food Box items due

**November 17/18-** Last Regular Session until January

**November 19-** At Home Program: 6:00pm Reconciliation/  
Mass/Advent Packet Pick up

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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

**Youth Group Dates:** Come join us 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)

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

**Saturday, October 31, 8:00am-12:00pm:** Community Service Day.

## Music Notes

**Sue Schmidt, Coordinator**  
[sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org)

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.

Don't stand nose to nose, stand shoulder to shoulder.

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 18 Budget Week 16

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	Received	Budget
	\$9,640	\$4,860

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$86,076	\$77,760	\$90,378

## 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.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Amt. Due
\$49,556	\$45,477	\$42,487	\$7,069

Considering switching over to automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing? Please contact Sarah Baumberger, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org), for additional information or find the form in the vestibule or on our website's home page, <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/>.



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NATION

# Adoration *for our* Nation

Join us for a day of prayer for our nation on  
**November 3, 2020**

**St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish**  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. @ St. Mary  
Mass @ 6:00 P.M.

Please come to pray and adore our Lord.

We are looking for committed adorers for each ½ or full hour.  
To volunteer, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BABAC2CA3F49-adoration> or for more information contact  
Joe Dunham at 515-528-0288 or [joedunham11@msn.com](mailto:joedunham11@msn.com).

Visit [UniteOurNation.net](http://UniteOurNation.net) for a complete set of resources!

## Our Blood Drive is Right Around the Corner!



**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, will practice social distancing, have added new donor screening questions, and are monitoring the health of every team member. All team members will wear a face mask and **donors are required to wear a mask**. Appointments required for added safety. Sign up on the St. Mary Church vestibule bulletin board or online at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](https://www.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](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687.**

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.

## 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](mailto:fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-367-2685.*

## 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 at 515-367-2685 or [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org).

— *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for to be on our prayer chain.*

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 25

*Theme: The Greatest Commandment - "Love".*

*Reading I:* Exodus 22:20-26 • Take care to be just, especially to widows and the poor.

*Reading II:* 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 • Your faith is an example for others.

*Gospel:* Matthew 22:34-40 • The great commandment.

*For Children:* We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

*For Youth:* Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

*For Adults:* Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.



Recycling one ton of plastic can save up to 2,000 gallons of gasoline.

## National Vocation Awareness Week

This is celebrated in our country November 1-7. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

## Jude, Apostle, First Century

Judas Thaddeus, called Jude to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot, is often regarded as the brother of the Apostle, Saint James the Less.

Other than a mention in the listing of the Apostles in the Gospels, there is only one reference to Jude anywhere in the New Testament. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells the Apostles that he will reveal himself to them. Jude then asked him, "Master, what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (Jn 15:23).

There are some rich traditions and some conflicting accounts about Saint Jude which have come down to us over the centuries. One of the stories comes to us from Eusebius, an early Church historian. It concerns a young Middle Eastern prince, Abgar, who had written to Jesus during his ministry. Abgar invited him to come to visit his domain, a small principality in present day Iraq. Declining the invitation, Jesus, promised to send one of his disciples instead. So, after the Ascension, Jude made his way to Abgar's capitol, Edessa, where, he learned that Abgar was dying from an incurable disease.

As was the custom at the time, when Jude arrived in this new, unevangelized territory, he first preached to the Jews of that territory while staying at the house of one of the Jews, Tobias. When Abgar heard about the wonders which Jude was performing, he sent for Tobias and asked about Jude. Believing this to be his messenger from Jesus, he asked that Jude call on him. In speaking with Jude, Abgar became convinced that Jude was sent by Jesus and told him of his own faith in Jesus and his Father. Jude then cured Abgar and went on to convert many in the principality.

Jude later went into Armenia where he preached and then, with Simon the Zealot, into Persia (Iran) where they made many converts. It was here that the two Apostles met their martyrdom by being stoned to death.

Saint Jude is the patron saint of lost causes and hopeless cases. Many minor as well as major miracles have occurred through his intercession. The entertainer, Danny Thomas, was out of work for a long period before praying to Saint Jude. Soon after that prayer, he found work. Several years later, in thanksgiving, he endowed Saint Jude's Children's Hospital where modern miracles take place on a routine basis.

Because of their common martyrdom, Saint Jude and Saint Simon share a feast day on October 28.

Jude's message today: In a vision to Saint Bridget of Sweden, Jesus noted that Jude would "show himself most willing to help." Many people who have called on Saint Jude have found work after extended unemployment. Others with terminal illnesses have recovered after turning to Saint Jude.

*When you have reached the end of your rope and all seems lost, say a prayer to Saint Jude. He will help you too.*