



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 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,

As I type this on Thursday the 30th, today is the memorial of St. Jerome. He 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. ~ 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
	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 5 — *note change in place and time*
5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

Wednesday, October 6 — *note change in place and time*
4:45 - 5:15pm Reconciliation, St. Mary
5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Donnie & Rita Smith
~ followed by Adoration

Thursday, October 7
8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Clarence & Victoria Becker

Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 9
4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary
5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, October 10
8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Mary Beth Bump
10:00am Mass, St. Mary For the Parish

Welcome to Our New Members!



We welcome back to our parish family Richard (*Butch*) and Mary Doerhoff, who live in Ankeny.

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit



Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith

Piper Louise

Daughter of Tyler & Katie Wells

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!

Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary twenty minutes before each weekend Mass in October. — *If you'd like to lead the Rosary, please email Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com.*

Blessing of Pets

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of ecology and animals; bring your pets and animals for a blessing today, Sunday, October 3, 2:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary.

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

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>.

Harvest Time Prayer

Gracious and Holy God,

We thank you for the bounty of the land and for those who plant and harvest that the world might be fed.

We are grateful for the harvest that has been successfully and safely completed. And, we pray that you graciously watch over those farmers yet to complete their harvest. Grant them favorable weather conditions and keep them safe.

Where there is anxiety, give peace.
Where there is depression, restore hope.
Where there is economic uncertainty, grant protection.

Life-giving God, we trust in your faithfulness and your promise to abide with us always. So, we are bold to pray that joy and gladness be restored to our orchards and farms and ranches.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
in whom we have our hope and salvation.

Amen.

Parent Group
Meets during Wednesday 6:30 RE session, Conf. Room
Stewardship Committee
Meeting: October 11, 6:00pm, Social Hall
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

- †**Saturday, Oct. 2:** Buildings & Grounds collection — Wine & Cheese after Mass
- †**Sunday, Oct. 3:** Buildings & Grounds collection — Blessing of pets, 2:00pm, St. Mary parking lot — Life Chain, 2:00-3:30pm, Des Moines
- †**Oct. 15 - 17:** Online Auction to benefit NCYC and Religious Ed Programs
- †**Weekend of Oct. 16/17:** Food Pantry Collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny.
- †**Thursday, Nov. 4:** Blood Drive 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

Parent Group

Join us during the 6:30pm Religious Ed session each week as we grow in our own faith and support each other as we work to create strong Catholic values in our homes. Topics chosen based on requests of the group. We meet in the Conference Room in the Office area. If you have questions please reach out to Michele Hand, 515-460-0239. All are welcome to join at any time; see you Wednesday!

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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After receiving feedback from parents we have decided to make a little change to the 6:30 session on Wednesday evenings. This session will now end at 7:45 in order for families to get home earlier! This change is effective with the October 6th class.

Thank you to all of those who have donated to our youth silent auction. We are still collecting items through October 6th and would graciously take additional donations.

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

Upcoming Schedule

Oct. 6/8 - Regular Sessions

Oct. 13/15 - Regular Sessions

October 15-17 Online Silent Auction, link coming soon

Oct. 20/22 - 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, 515-313-3014

EDGE

If you have a 7th or 8th grader and haven't registered for EDGE, no problem! Bring your child to our next session on Wednesday, October 6, and we will get them registered. It's NEVER too late to join the fun in faith formation at EDGE. If you have questions please reach out to Melissa or Andrea.

October 6 & 13 Sessions: 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 9th & 10th graders)

Our Confirmation Program is seeking volunteers for the upcoming year. 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

Community Service Day

On Saturday, October 23 the Confirmation students will team up with the Knights of Columbus for our 4th annual Community Service Day. The rain makeup date will be October 30. If you or someone you know is looking for some help with yard work or anything outside of the house, please fill out the form in the vestibule (in the entryway at Holy Cross) and drop it in the box provided. We will not be offering help inside of homes this year to limit contact with homeowners. You are welcome to contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014, or Doug Jones, 515-238-4745, if you have questions.



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Liturgical Ministers

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.

Thank you for considering these volunteer opportunities!

Weekly Collection Financial Update

September 26 Budget Week 13

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,302	\$5,642

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$64,094	\$73,346	\$65,577

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Payments	Unpaid Pledges	Refund
\$51,038	\$52,054	\$4,476	\$1,016

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!

Thank You

To our St. Mary & Holy Cross Family,

The family of Mark Schmidt wishes to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and emotional support during and after Mark's illness. Thank you especially to all the musicians who kept the music flowing at all Masses during that time. Thank you to Barb Liske for her unwavering behind the scenes support and friendship. Thank you to all the ladies and men for the wonderful funeral luncheon. A special thank you to Fr. Andrew, Deacon Terry and the musicians for a beautiful rosary and funeral Mass. Your support during that time is what kept Mark and Sue going and we are forever humbly grateful to our loving church family. God's blessings to you all!

Youth Online Silent Auction

October 15-17 on Facebook

Lots of great baskets: Restaurant gift cards, fresh meat, outdoor/indoor video projector, yard work, Amazon gift card, family photography session and so much more!

The link will be coming soon. Proceeds to raise money for NCYC, supplies for Sacrament preparation and our Religious Ed programs.



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.

Thank you for considering using one of these for your tithing and thank you to those who do already.

Marie Rose Durocher, Religious

Eulalie Durocher was born in St. Antoine, Quebec, on October 6, 1811, the tenth of eleven children. When she was sixteen, Eulalie felt a calling to a religious life, but her frail health caused her to be turned away by religious orders. While working in a parish, she became very concerned about the quality of religious education being offered there. Knowing Eulalie's concern for the education of children, her confessor, Fr. Pierre Telmon, with the concurrence of Bishop Bourget, urged her to start such a teaching order. Although reluctant due to her poor health, Eulalie agreed and, together with two companions, founded the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary.

Frailty and ill health did not stop this saint from answering God's call, first to recognize a need and then to establish an order of nuns to meet that need. Indeed, God gives us all of the strength that we need to answer his call.



The average person has the opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 cans in their lifetime.

Around the Diocese

Life Chain

Today, Sunday, October 3, from 2:00 - 3:30pm. LIFE CHAIN invites us to stand along Merle Hay Road from University to Douglas Avenues and pray for 90 minutes, while holding a sign with an approved pro-life messages. Signs are available for pick up at St. Theresa Catholic Church (1230 Merle Hay Road). For more information contact Ruth Kabitzke at 515-965-1343. *Join us to help protect those who cannot protect themselves.*

Man-Up West: Why We're Pro-Life!

Come and join this event with two of our front-line leaders in the "Life" effort, Bryan Gonzalez, Director of Development, InnerVisions HealthCare and Tom Quiner, Board President, Iowans for LIFE. They will help us understand what's going on with the "Heartbeat" law and the question of "When Does Human Life Begin?" Pro-Life organizations are busier than they've ever been! Friday, October 8, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, WDM. Noon Lunch (Chick-fil-A) and program. Register for this event at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events>.

Marriage Encounter

After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22 - 24 in Coralville, IA and November 19 - 21 in Holstein, IA. Register at lowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with questions.

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.

Church Sign

Live in a way that those who do not know God will come to know Him because they know you.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 3

Theme: Fidelity in marriage reflects God's fidelity to us.

Reading I: Genesis 2:18-24 • I will make a partner for him.

Reading II: Hebrews 2:9-11 • They are all brothers.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 • Let the children come to me.

For Children: When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it?

For Youth: What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

For Adults: How is God's fidelity reflected in human marriage? To whom are you committed like this?