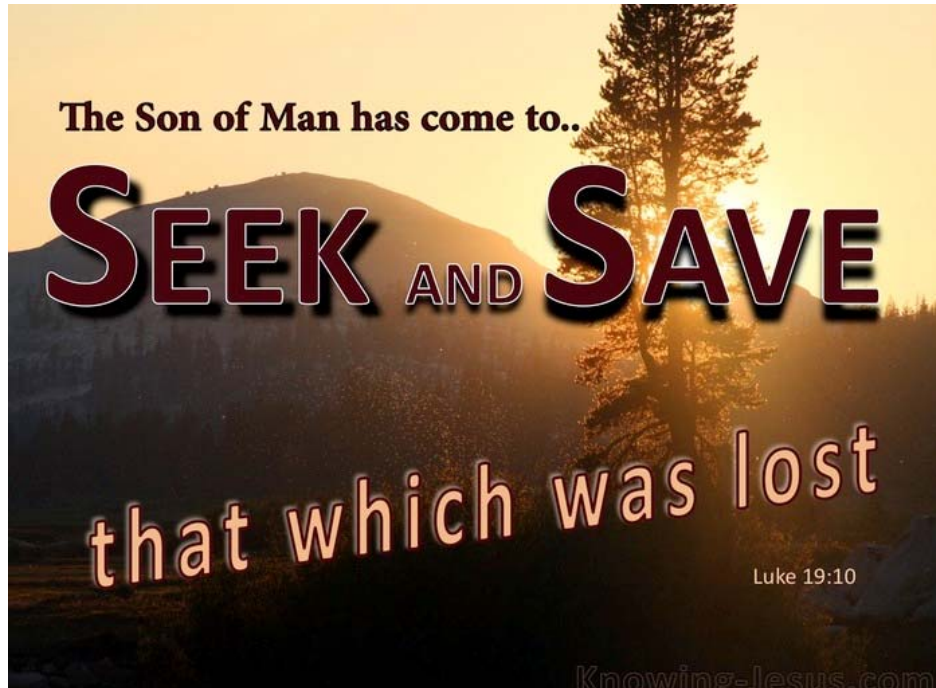




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073  
Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street Maxwell Iowa 50161



## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29/30, 2022

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*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.*

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### Parish Information

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### Mass Schedule

<i>See inside for varied schedule this week.</i>	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

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

**Baptism:** Please contact the office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** Please contact the office.

**Marriage:** Contact the office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

**Priesthood/Religious:** [www.vocationsonline.org](http://www.vocationsonline.org)

## Mass and Reconciliation

**Tuesday, Nov. 1 All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation**

6:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Jerry Hanlon

**Wednesday, November 2 Communion Service**

5:30pm Holy Cross

**Thursday, November 3 Communion Service**

8:00am St. Mary

**Saturday, November 5**

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

**Sunday, November 6**

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Aiden Phelan-Ruden

10:00am Mass, St. Mary People of 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!

## † Pastoral Assistance

Emergency contact: Fr. Michael Amadeo, 515-249-5015.

## All Saints Day

Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation is Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6:30pm at St. Mary. Come and rejoice with the saints!



## Book of Remembrance

This Book is in the Sanctuary. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Masses during November.

## The Ignite! Campaign

**Ignite! Q & A:** What's the difference between Ignite! and the ADA? Ignite! is a separate endeavor from the ADA. Just as a family would not stop buying groceries to put a new roof on their home, the ADA continues so we can provide for the day-to-day needs of our ministries. The campaign is an extraordinary effort to address extraordinary needs, such as a new roof. The ADA helps us live. The campaign is helping us build for the future.



## Music Notes

The Christmas season will be here before you know it. We would like to have a choir for our Christmas Eve Mass. Please help us to bring the joy of music to this very special Mass. The first practice will be after 10:00am Mass on Sunday, Nov. 13. Future practice dates will be determined by choir member availability. Contact Sue Schmidt at [sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org) for more information.

## St. Mary's Church Accessibility

The church will generally be locked during the week around 4:00pm; there will be exceptions, so please call the office to be sure someone is here before stopping by. On weekends it will be open prior to Mass, then locked after Mass unless we have an event. If you need in the church at other times, please contact the office so arrangements can be made.

**Church Sign: Pray before you have a problem.**

## Morning Offering

*O Jesus,  
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer you my prayers, works, joys,  
and sufferings of this day  
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
throughout the world,  
for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins,  
the reunion of all Christians,  
and in particular  
for the intentions of the Holy Father.  
Amen.*

### Parish Council

Meeting: Nov. 22, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting: Nov. 15, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meeting: Nov. 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Knights of Columbus

**Monday**, Nov. 21: 6:40pm Rosary, 7pm meeting, Hall

### Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 4 from Bondurant and Altoona

**The Parish Office is closed Wednesday, November 2.**  
The building will be open at 8:00am that day.

## Coming Events

- †**Thursday, Nov. 3:** Blood Drive 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, Nov. 5:** Parish Work Day, 9:00am to Noon.
- †**Weekend of Nov. 5/6:** Buildings & Grounds collection  
— Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass with BINGO and pizza!  
— Coffee & donuts after 8:00am & 10:00am Masses
- †**Sunday, Nov. 13:** Choir practice after 10:00am Mass

## Pray the Rosary on Wednesday

Beginning this week Cory and Lisa Schoening & family will pray the Rosary at 6:00pm on Wednesdays when Religious Education is in session. You are invited and encouraged to join them. The intention of the Rosary will be for our parish.

## From Your Stewardship Committee!

**Are you an idea generator?** Do you like making people feel welcome? Are you in the mindset to celebrate with each other? We are looking for 1-2 new members to join the committee. Please reach out to a current member for more information or contact Tammi, [tammimclain71@gmail.com](mailto:tammimclain71@gmail.com).

**Are you a veteran?** We would love to include you in our next newsletter. Please contact the parish office with your information by November 5.

**Ladies Christmas Party:** Please save the date of Monday, December 12. Mass (time TBA) will be celebrated with dinner to follow. More details to come.

**Are you celebrating a wedding anniversary of 25-50+ years?** We would love to hear from you. Please send your love story to the parish office. How long have you been married? How did you meet? Piece of advice?

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Words from the book, *The Good Shepherd and the Child, A Joyful Journey*, can sum up what we experience in our Religious Education classes very succinctly; "When we help the child to encounter God we are responding to the child's unspoken request: 'Help me to come close to God. Help me to be fully who I am.'" Further, the authors confirm that when the child responds enthusiastically to some mystery just presented that the response shows that a vital need is being met. The need for the child to be in relationship with God.

It continues to be our pleasure to witness these joyful responses the children have to the materials in class. Truly, we are encountering God right along with them! If you would like to observe in the classroom you are welcome to come anytime. We'd love to have you!

**Regular Sessions:** November 2/4, 9/11 & 16/18  
November 23/25- **No Sessions**- Happy Thanksgiving!

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

**Nov. 2, 9 & 16:** EDGE Sessions, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall  
**No Sessions** Nov. 23 & 30

### S.T.O.R.M. Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

**Nov. 2, 9 & 16:** Gatherings, 7:30-9:00pm, Social Hall  
**No Gatherings** Nov. 23 & 30

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

**Teen/Sponsor Prayer Stations: Saturday, Nov. 12, 10am-2pm & Sunday Nov. 13, 11am-2pm, Social Hall:** 10th Graders only and their sponsors are invited to come to this open house style event. See email for more details.  
**Wednesday, Nov. 30:** 6:00-8:00pm, Session, Social Hall



## Blood Drive This Thursday!

We have various appointments available for our Drive being held from 3:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. Give the gift of life!! Appointments required; sign up in the vestibule at St. Mary or sign up online at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org). It only takes about 30-45 minutes from check-in to check-out.



**Saturday, Nov. 5:** We have not had a work day in a few years—please come to help spruce up our buildings and grounds, 9:00am to Noon. If you can't come for the entire time, come and help out as long as you can. This is a great opportunity for service hours for our youth!

## Help With Avenue of Flags for Veteran's Day



Could you assist with raising the flags at Holy Cross on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11:00am and/or retiring them on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4:00pm? Each session lasts about 30 minutes. Please contact Lynn Schreurs at 515-577-8147 or [lschreurs@msn.com](mailto:lschreurs@msn.com), to volunteer, for more information, or if inclement weather. Thank you!

If you prefer to speak with one of our committee members instead of email, please contact the parish office for their phone number.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Mike and Mary Winders - mwinde59@yahoo.com

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 23 Budget Week 17

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$1,378	\$5,944

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$83,742	\$101,050	\$89,752

Food Pantry Collection: \$625

## 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$54,744	\$53,165	\$51,065	\$2,100	\$3,679

We are getting close! We appreciate your continue payments on previously made pledges—with those we will almost be done!!

