



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17/18, 2022

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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Mass Schedule

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.vocationonline.org

Mass and Reconciliation

Wednesday, Sept. 21

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †John Krettek

Thursday, September 22

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Steve Hurd

Saturday, September 24

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Mary Fisher

Sunday, September 25

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †John Ayers

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.

Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for pancakes and sausage and a time of fellowship after the 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross today, Sept. 18, prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus.

Special Thanks to Ignite! Campaign Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has graciously agreed to serve as volunteers for the Ignite! Campaign. Our team is growing and working behind the scenes for this campaign. If you feel called to help our parish in this effort, please contact the Parish Office. Many hands make light work!

Please Share Your Views About the Pastoral Transition

By now you should have received an email with an invitation and link to the Pastoral Transition Survey. Please take time to provide your input. If you prefer a paper survey, you will find them on the table at both churches. A basket is provided for completed surveys or mail it to the office. All responses are anonymous, confidential, and welcomed! Results will be administered by Gateways Pastoral Resources, a pastoral consulting service supporting our parish in this initiative.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete. Everyone is encouraged to participate and express themselves. We're looking forward to hearing from you! Please provide your input by Monday, September 26. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Listen to Creation

Pope Francis exhorts us to listen to the voice of creation during this year's ecumenical Season of Creation which began September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on October 4 with the feast of St. Francis. If we are attentive to God's presence in the natural world, we can hear a kind of dissonance ... a sweet song in praise of our Creator and an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of our common home. You can find Pope Francis' message at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2022/documents/20220716-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>.

Prayer for Care of the Earth

*Almighty God,
you created the world
and gave it into our care
so that, in obedience to you,
We might serve all people:
Inspire us to use the riches
of creation with wisdom,
and to ensure that their blessings
are shared by all;
That, trusting in your bounty,
all people may be empowered
to seek freedom
from poverty, famine, and oppression.
In Your Name, Amen.*

Parish Council

Meeting: September 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: September 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: October 10, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Sept. 18: 6:40pm Rosary, 7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 2 from Maxwell, Colfax, Collins, Nevada

*The Parish office closes at 1:15pm on Monday, Sept. 19
and opens at 10:00am on Tuesday, Sept. 20*

Coming Events

- †Sept. 17/18 Weekend: Maxwell Food Pantry collection
- †Sunday, Sept. 18: Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross sponsored by K of C — Social Hall in use after 10:00am Mass
- †Sunday, October 2: Blessing of Pets, 1:00pm St. Mary parking lot — Life Chain, 2:00 - 3:30pm, Des Moines.

October is the 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

To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of ecology and animals; we will have a blessing for your pets on Sunday, October 2, 1:00pm in St. Mary's parking lot.

Sunday Social Road Trip

Please join us for this road trip to Indianola on Sunday, October 16, where we will enjoy live music and wine at Summerset Winery (bring your own snacks and chair). Carpool leaves St. Mary's parking lot at 12:30pm and we will return to the parking lot around 5:00pm. Please contact Beth Hart at 515-306-4916 to join us or with questions.



In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ardy McDermott who passed away last Monday; she is now in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior. Please keep Jack and their family in your prayers that they know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

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

Services: Mass of Christian burial is Wednesday, Sept. 21, 10:30am at St. Mary. Visitation will be held one hour prior to Mass.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150
Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

We had a great first few weeks of classes! Regular sessions begin this week.

Wednesdays: Session A 4:45-6:15pm and
Session B 6:30-7:45pm

Fridays: Session C 9:00-10:30am

Upcoming Sessions

September 21/23 & 28/30

October 5/7 & 12/14

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Please register for classes! Forms are on the website and available at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Please email form to bliske@saintmaryhc.org, drop it off at the office or mail it in.

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830
Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059

EDGE (7th & 8th Graders)

Sept. 21: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Sept. 21: Youth Gathering 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

Wednesday, Sept. 28, Confirmation Session 1, 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall — Don't forget to fill out a registration form for your child if you haven't already.

Diocesan Collection for Seminarians

Our Diocese and seminarians honor Pope Francis' call to become well integrated priests, not afraid to draw close to the "complicated" nature of human lives and relationships. They will serve and flourish by living at the heart of their people in mutual closeness to God and one another.

Funds collected in this appeal are used to cover tuition, room and board, and provide a small monthly stipend for the pre-theologians and theologians. The college seminarians are expected to help pay for some of their tuition, but the Diocese provides a grant each year to reduce their tuition to a level comparable to Iowa's regents' universities. Grants combined with scholarships help the men to graduate with little debt. Men who advance to major seminary rely entirely on the support of our diocesan community.

Each registered household will receive a brochure and return envelope through the mail. Please return your gift directly to the Diocese, or make a gift at [dmdiocese.org/giving](https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving).

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

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

September 11 Budget Week 11

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,289	\$5,944
Year to Date:	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$47,658	\$65,385
		<u>Last Year</u>
		\$51,170

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$54,744	\$53,015	\$50,865	\$2,150	\$3,879

Pledge cards available in vestibule; return by mail or collection basket. Checks payable to Diocese of Des Moines. Donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown.

Thank You

Thank you so much for thinking of our mom. She loved attending your church. We are sending a donation to the Restless Leg Syndrome Foundation from the memorials we received. She really struggled with leg issues after her stroke. We find comfort in knowing that she is at peace. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

~ The Family of Jean Miller

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.*

Have an Accounting/Finance Background?

We are looking for additional parishioners to serve on our Finance Council for a three year term. Term begins as soon as you are ready to serve. If interested or have questions, please contact Heidi Ackerman, heidimdittmer@gmail.com, or Sue Tollefson, suet@iowacubs.com. Thank you for considering serving your parish in this way.

Additional Options for Tithing

Auto Debit: Designate a monthly amount for withdrawal from your account on the 15th or 30th. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Candy at bookkeeper@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 already use this type of tithing.

Church Sign

Stop Worrying; God's Got It

September 24 & 25 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Lorrie Hanlon
Host Distributor: Drew Hanlon
Ushers: Mike Devereux, Drew Hanlon
Music: Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector: Sheri Fogarty
Usher: Mike Veasman
Music: Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Di Schleisman
Host Distributor: Deacon Terry
Ushers: Bill & Kelly Dunbar
Music: Sue Schmidt, Karon Lacey, Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

Sept. 19: Sue White, Dona Cowman
Sept. 26: Sharon Morris, Sue White

Missionary Collection

Thank you for your generosity — we collected \$757.00 for Fr. Thomas' missionary work! If you wish to donate, we are accepting donations until the end of this week.

Diaconate Information Meetings

The Permanent Diaconate is an ancient and sacred ministry of service dating back to the time of the apostles. Deacons are ministers of Charity, the Word and the Altar. The Church welcomes faithful men to ask themselves if they are being called by God to serve the Church through this commitment to holy orders. If you are interested in learning about the role of deacons in The Diocese of Des Moines are invited to attend one of upcoming information meetings. The meetings, which are from 6:30-8:00pm, will include information about the requirements for admission into the Deacon Formation Program and an explanation of the ongoing process of discernment to the diaconate.

Sept. 26: St Patrick, Council Bluffs
Oct. 13: Christ The King, Des Moines
Oct. 17: St Thomas Aquinas, Indianola
Oct. 24: OLIH, Ankeny
Oct. 24: S.S Peter and Paul, Atlantic
Nov. 10: St Boniface, Waukee
Nov. 17: St Patrick, Missouri Valley

Questions, please contact deacondesmoines@gmail.com or vocations@dmdioocese.org.

Eucharistic Banner & Poster Exhibition of 150 Miracles

See this exhibit featuring Eucharistic miracles at St. Theresa Church and Parish Hall in Des Moines. Enter by way of the carport door on the west side of the church and hall. Dates of exhibition: Sept. 27-30 & Oct. 3-7: 8:30am - 8:30pm / Oct. 1-2 & Oct. 8-9: 8:00am - Noon and 3:00 - 7:00pm / Oct. 10: 8:30am - 8:30pm.

Life Chain

Join pro-lifers from central Iowa for the 33rd annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 2 from 2:00 - 3:30pm. We will stand in solidarity for all lives that God has created, as we spend the time in prayer and praise. Parking and signs will be available at Des Moines Fellowship Church, 950 - 35th St. We pray for sunny skies; however, Life Chain will take place regardless of the weather conditions. Stand with us as we give glory to our Creator and thank Him for the lives of the born and the preborn!

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 17/18

Theme: How do we use what God has given us?

Reading I: Amos 8:4-7 • Don't trample on the needy!

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 • Pray for all, especially those in authority.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 • No one can serve two masters.

Question for Children: Clothes, food, toys all cost money. How do you keep your faith more important than money?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us that money can get in the way of serving God. How can you use all that you have (possessions, money, time, talent) to serve God?

Question for Adults: Money is an important part of modern life. Suggest one or two ways you can keep the need for money in balance with your faith.