



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24/25, 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.vocationsonline.org

Mass, Reconciliation and Rosary

Wednesday, Sept. 28

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Maureen Connors

Thursday, September 29

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Mary Beth Bump

Rosary Prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 1

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Harry Fisher

Sunday, October 2

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Patrick Phelan

10:00am Mass, St. Mary *People of the Parish*

re 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.

Please Share Your Views About the Pastoral Transition

Please take time to provide your input from the emailed survey or a paper copy that is available at both churches. A basket is provided for completed surveys. All responses are anonymous, confidential, and welcomed! Survey results will be administered by Gateways Pastoral Resources, a pastoral consulting service supporting the 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.

Ignite! Campaign: What to Expect

Next weekend will mark the official start of our Ignite! Campaign. All 80 parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines are participating in this milestone effort. We are in the third of three waves that are running throughout 2022. In early October, you will receive a case statement and a letter from Bishop Joensen and Father inviting you to participate. After receiving the letter, you may hear from a volunteer who will be available to answer any questions and encourage you to participate. Volunteers will NOT know what is being requested of you. Please know that the request for your support will be an invitation, not an expectation. Consider the request a starting point as you discern what is feasible and meaningful for you and your family.

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.

Human Dignity and Life Prayer

God of all life,

Help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in your image, a reflection of your holiness.

Help us to recognize you

in all whom you have created:

children not yet born,

families affected by poverty and war,

people of different abilities,

people from other lands, and

all who are victims of hatred and racism.

Help us to bear witness to the dignity

of all whom you have created,

regardless of stage of life, or wealth,

or ability, or color, or creed,

for every person is fully equal in your loving eyes.

Share with us your holy knowledge

that we are all your children,

each bestowed with inherent dignity.

May your justice reign forever! Amen.

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

Meeting: October 18, 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 3 from Ankeny

Coming Events

- †**Buildings & Grounds Collection:** Weekend of Oct. 1 & 2
- †**Saturday, October 1:** Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass
- †**Sunday, October 2:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am and 10:00am Masses — Blessing of Pets, 1:00pm St. Mary parking lot — Life Chain, 2:00 - 3:30pm, Des Moines.

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.



Prayer Shawls

A prayer shawl is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that you are not alone and that we are praying for you. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl or are interested in helping make them, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or racefans@iowatelecom.net.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150
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The Holy Bible is the most important book in the entire world. Many of the children in our program are putting their hands on this precious book and learning about the living word inside of it! As the year unfolds we will go deeper into the Bible, learning the books, how to look up scripture, and reading special scripture passages, which help us understand who God is and how he wants us to serve him!

We continue with our regular sessions for the next several weeks. If you have questions, or are interested in observing in your child's room, please let us know!

Upcoming Sessions

September 28/30 Regular Sessions
October 5/7 Regular Sessions
October 12/14 Regular Sessions
October 19/21 Regular Sessions

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

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EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

Oct. 5: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall
Oct. 12: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall
No EDGE on Oct. 19- Confirmation Night
Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat: All of S.T.O.R.M. (EDGE, Confirmation, Youth Group) will be needed to help with this

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Oct 5: Youth Gathering 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room
Oct 12: Youth Gathering 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room
No Youth Group Oct. 19- Confirmation for 9th & 10th grades
Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat: All of S.T.O.R.M (EDGE, Confirmation, Youth Group) will be needed to help with this

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 seminaries 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 received a brochure and return envelope through the mail. Please return your gift directly to the Diocese, or make a gift at dmidiocese.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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Mike and Mary Winders - mwinde59@yahoo.com

Weekly Collection Financial Update

September 18 Budget Week 12

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$11,391	\$5,944
Year to Date:	Received	Budget
	\$59,049	\$71,329
		Last Year
		\$61,996

Food Pantry Collection: \$589

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Refund
\$54,744	\$57,745	\$55,595	\$2,150	\$851

We have met our assessment!! If unpaid balances are paid our refund will be larger! Thank you!!

Laudato Si

Even if we don't see immediate impact from our stewardship efforts, we must continue them and keep in mind that they will ultimately benefit society "for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread." (Laudato Si', 212)

See *On Care for Our Common Home* at

<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Trunk Or Treat

Save the Date - Spread the Word!

S.T.O.R.M. (EDGE/LIFETEEN/Confirmation) Youth of our Parish invite you and your family to TRUNK OR TREAT on Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 to 7:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary. (If it rains we will be in the Social Hall.)

We will be collecting items for pro-life pregnancy centers. Such as the following; hygiene items –shampoo, conditioner, body soap, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, dish soap, laundry soap, multi-purpose cleaner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths, dish towels, diapers Size NB-6, Baby lotion and wash, baby wipes.

Wear your costume (non-scary please) and "trunk or treat" at the different cars. Be sure to vote for your favorite decorated car. Games, candy, hot cocoa will all be FREE!

All Parish families, friends and surrounding community members are welcome to attend!

We need your help with this growing community outreach! Please consider donating 1-2 large bags of wrapped candy to hand out to the 200+ trunk or treaters! If you are able to help with this, there will be a tub in the Social Hall labelled "Trunk or Treat Candy" we will be collecting candy through October 23!

If you are interested in helping in any way or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler at 515-290-2830.

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.*

October 1 & 2 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Kris Sexton
Host Distributor Bill Sexton
Ushers Doug Jones, Joe Rumbaugh
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Lowell Crouse
Usher Sandra Hunter
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Di Schleisman
Host Distributor Deacon Terry
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory
Music Jen Linderblood, Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

Sept. 26: Sharon Morris, Sue White



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Opportunities to Assist Your Parish

We are looking for additional **lectors, ushers, and Host distributors** for our Sunday 10:00am Mass. For questions or if interested in serving, please contact the parish office.

Add your voice/musical talents to our liturgies! Please contact Sue Schmidt, sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org / 515-689-9949 for more information or if interested in joining our music ministry! Training offered.

Host **Wine & Cheese or Donut Sunday**. If you have not done this before, we can pair you up with someone who has!! Contact the parish office to volunteer!

Life Chain

Join pro-lifers next Sunday from 2:00 - 3:30pm to stand in solidarity for all lives that God has created, spending this time in prayer and praise. Parking and signs are available at Des Moines Fellowship Church, 950 - 35th St. We gather regardless of weather conditions. Give glory to our Creator and thank Him for the lives of the born and the preborn!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy some time away. For more information please call 563-608-3305. Our upcoming weekend is November 18-20 in Holstein, Iowa. Check out upcoming 2023 dates at wwme.org.

"A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Mary's Call"

All adults from the area are invited to join us Saturday, October 1 in St. Cecilia's Social Hall in Ames. We provide the meal; please gather by 6:15pm, followed by "A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Mary's Call" at 6:45pm, concluding by 8:15pm. Please RSVP for the meal and/or childcare (meal also provided) by contacting Deacon Ron and Mary Smith at DateNight@StCeciliaParish.org.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 24/25

Theme: God cares for the poor and the oppressed, and we should too!

Reading I: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 • Don't be complacent!

Reading II: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 • Fight the good faith fight of faith.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 • Keep your eye on God's way of life.

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to share what we have with others. What are able to share?

Question for Youth: The Gospel story tells us that we are judged by what we do or don't do for the poor and needy. How are you currently reaching out to those in need? What more could you do?

Question for Adults: What choices can you or have you made to balance your own life with those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance for daily living? How does this Gospel reading inform you about that?