



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 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,

Because the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi is on October 4, the blessing of animals will be offered at St. Mary at 2 PM on Sunday, October 3. No animal is too big or too small, nor too furry or too slithery!

- Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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	
4th Sunday	12:00pm	St. Mary	

Reconciliation: Tuesdays 5:15 - 5:45pm; Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm; after 9:00am First Friday Mass 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, September 28

4:45 - 5:15pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Fr. Dan Gahler

~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, September 29

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

Thursday, September 30

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Fr. David Smith

First Friday, October 1

9:00am Mass, St. Mary †Elaine Barnwell

Rosary Prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 2

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Lee Hindman & Duane Saari

Sunday, October 3

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernardine Gorman

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!

Daily Mass Time Changes

These changes begin October 5 & 6: Mass on Tuesdays will be 5:30pm at Holy Cross. Mass on Wednesdays will be 5:30pm at St. Mary, with Reconciliation from 4:45 to 5:15pm and Adoration following this Mass for an hour.

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.*

Buildings and Grounds Collection

Next weekend our 2nd collection is for improvements here at the parish. Your donations will help with current and future projects. Thank you for your faithful support! A list of projects can be found at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/Parish%20B&G%20Project%20List.pdf> which is our Parish Website, Communicate tab, then Meeting Minutes and under Parish Council Minutes.

† 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 go to Fr. Andrew line (he sanitizes after each).

For Diocesan updates please go to:

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: Sept. 28, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Parent Group

Meets during Wednesday 6:30 RE session, Conf. Room

Finance Council

Meeting: Sept. 30, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: October 11, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Oct. 17: 6:40pm Rosary, Church, 7:00pm Meeting, 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, 2:30-3:30pm, 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

Thank You

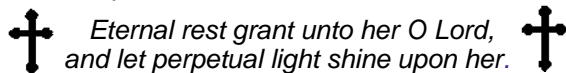
St. Mary-Holy Cross Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely memory wreath. I have it on my front door. Thank you to all the ladies and men who prepared and served Mark's funeral luncheon. Your support means so much to me. ~ Sue Schmidt and Family

Thank you St. Mary-Holy Cross parishioners for my beautiful birthday cards on my 99th year! It made the day so special! God's blessings on you all. ~ Mary Ann Cory

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Beth Bump, granddaughter of Jeanne Carpenter and niece of Anne Davis, who passed away Monday. Mary Beth is now in eternal peace with our Lord. May her family know of the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.



Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150

Tracy Miller, miller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

Michelle Hand is offering a parent group on Wednesday evenings during our 6:30 session. She has such a beautiful faith and a passion to share it with each of you. We encourage all parents to consider joining her and growing in faith together.

The youth of our parish are putting on an online silent auction running October 15-17 to raise money for NCCYC, supplies for Sacrament preparation and our programs. If anyone would like to donate a basket please email Tracy. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. .

Upcoming Schedule

Sept. 29/Oct. 1 - Regular sessions

Oct. 6/8 - Regular Sessions

Oct. 13/15 - 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.

No session Sept. 29.

October 6 & 13 Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

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 be a good fit to help with the next generation of our parish, please contact Nicole Cory.

*Please register your children for Confirmation
if you haven't already.*

Sept. 29: Confirmation Session 1, 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

Oct. 3-10: Teen Interviews — watch email for sign ups

Oct. 20: Confirmation Session 2, 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

Oct. 23: 8:00am - 12:00pm, Community Service Day

Oct. 30: Rain Makeup Date for Community Service Day

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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.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

September 19 Budget Week 12

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$8,880	\$5,642

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$61,791	\$67,704	\$62,365

Food Pantry Collection: \$478

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Unpaid Pledges</u>	<u>Refund</u>
\$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!

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.

Around the Diocese

Life Chain

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.*

Sacrament of Marriage Celebration!

Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage! Bishop Joensen will be celebrating three anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25 and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass.

Des Moines area location:

Saturday, October 30, 4:00pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral

To register please contact Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or cgearhart@dmdioocese.org.

Parish Mission:

What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today?

Presented by Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A at St. Theresa's Parish. Join us October 17, 18, 19 from 7:00-8:15pm in the church (1230 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines). Fr. Tom will preach at all weekend Masses. Babysitting available and activities for 3-year-olds to 1st grade.

Counseling Available

Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Des Moines and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by calling 515-237-5045 or emailing sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org.



Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper is thrown away every year in the United States.

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Vincent was born at Pouy, France, in 1581, the third of six children. His parents, who were poor farmers, recognized his potential and were determined to give him a good education. He was educated at the college at Dax and the University of Toulouse and was then ordained at the early age of twenty.

While not a lot is known of his younger years, we do know in 1605 while on a trip to Marseilles, Vincent was captured by pirates and sold into slavery in North Africa. He escaped from Tunisia in 1607, and he became chaplain to the Queen of France and tutor to the children of the Count de Joigny.

By his own telling, Vincent's ambition was little more than to have a comfortable life. Certainly, there was no sign of the great things which Vincent was to accomplish in later years. Called upon to hear the deathbed confession of a peasant in 1617, he became aware of the spiritual needs of the poor people of France. Vincent began preaching to the poor and soon left the house of his patron to become pastor of a church. There he instructed the people in the necessity for repentance and converted many from a scandalous lifestyle.

The following years brought wide renown to Vincent de Paul. He became noted for his work among the poor and was a chaplain to galley slaves waiting to be shipped abroad. In 1625, with the help of his former patron, the Count de Joigny, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Missions (known today as the Vincentians), an order devoted to work among the peasants. In 1633, along with Saint Louise de Marillac, he founded the Sisters of Charity.

He established hospitals, orphanages and seminaries; ransomed slaves in northern Africa; sent his priests abroad to preach missions; and organized far-flung relief among victims of war. It is remarkable that one man, without the advantages of birth and fortune so necessary for success in those times, could achieve so much.

Saint Vincent de Paul suffered from ill health in his later years and died quietly sitting in his chair at the age of 80 on September 27, 1660; his memorial is celebrated on the anniversary of his death. He was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737 and declared the patron of all charitable groups by Pope Leo XIII.

Even ordained a priest at an early age, it took an awakening event for Vincent to recognize what God was calling him to do. The same is true for many of us, no matter what age we are. *God calls each one of us to be of service, in ways both great and small. What is it that you are being called to do?*

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 26

Theme: God wants us to be just and right.

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29 • Moses shared his gifts among the people.

Reading II: James 5:1-6 • Let the rich be warned!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 • Anyone who is not against us is for us.

For Children: In what specific ways do you share with the poor from what you have been given?

For Youth: Who are the people you have met who are against you? Are there people who persecute you because of your faith? How do you treat these people?

For Adults: In today's worldwide community, who are the rich and what does God want of them?