



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3 & 4, 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

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

### Wednesday, September 7

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Mary Beth Bump

### Thursday, September 8

8:00am Mass, Social Hall †John Krettek

### Saturday, September 10

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Mark Schmidt

### Sunday, September 11

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Mary Fisher

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

## Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome the following folks who have joined our Parish:

Andy Roberts who lives in White Oak.

Emily DeRonde, her husband Ryan, and children Rylie and Addison, who live south of Cambridge.

## New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith those who have been baptized at our parish:



Lucas Nicholas, Emme Carol  
Jack William and Nolan Donald

Children of Nick and Lisa Leonard

## 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.

## Buildings and Grounds Collection

This weekend we have our second collection for Buildings and Grounds. The funds collected will be allocated to repair the water and structural damage at St. Mary. If you have any questions please contact a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Thank you for your support.

## The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette Appeal at our Parish Next Weekend

Speaker Informantoin: Fr. Thomas Vellapallil, MS

I was born in India, and spent the first four years after ordination working in the Philippines. I have been ministering in the USA for over 20 years; first I was in ministry of education and formation of seminarians and then in pastoral ministry. I am now Director of the La Salette Mission Center since January 2011, where my goal is to bring awareness of the universal church and raise funds for La Salette Missionaries working in poor and underdeveloped mission countries. It will be my pleasure to speak to you about the mission activity of the Church and the La Salette Missionaries.

A second collection will be taken up to assist with Father's work. If donating by check, please make it payable to the parish; we will send one check for all donations.

## Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,  
we thank You for the blessing of work.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.  
We ask Your guidance for everyone  
seeking employment,  
and we ask that You be with those  
whose faces we might never see but who work  
tirelessly each day for the good of us all.  
Make us faithful stewards of your creation  
to enhance the human dignity of our global family.  
Amen.

### Parish Council

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

### Finance Council

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

### Stewardship

Meeting: September 12, 6:00pm, Ed Center

### Building & Grounds

Meeting: September 13, 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

## Coming Events

- †**This weekend:** Collection for Building and Grounds fund — Wine and cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee and donuts after 8:00am and 10:00am Masses
- †**Tuesday, Sept. 6:** Training for Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound, 7:00pm, Social Hall; **also offered Sept. 12**
- †**Sept. 10/11 weekend:** Missionary to speak at Masses
- †**Monday, Sept. 12:** Training for Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound, 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, Sept. 15:** Crafts, games & conversation, 9:00am, Social Hall
- †**Sunday Sept. 18:** Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross sponsored by K of C

## Repair Work in St. Mary Sanctuary

This work is scheduled through Friday of this week. Mass on Thursday morning is in the Social Hall. Masses for next weekend are scheduled to be in the Church. We thank Heartland Finishes for their great work!

## If You Have a 7th or 8th Grader....

We invite you to register and join us for faith formation through our EDGE middle school ministry program. We meet most Wednesdays from September 2022 through April 2023 from 6:00-7:30pm in St. Mary's Social Hall. If you have questions please contact Andrea, Nicole or Melissa. Save the date of September 7; our EDGE parent/teen meeting will be held from 6:00-6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Melissa Kahler, [mkahler@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:mkahler@saintmaryhc.org), 515-290-2830  
Andrea Fisher, [afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org), 515-240-5059  
Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Josephine Sims, aunt of Sharon Morris, who passed away August 27, and that her family finds peace and strength at this most difficult time.

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

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150  
Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981

Religious Education classes begin this Wednesday!! The first two weeks are shorter sessions of 45 minutes each.

We are getting down to the wire; for any more students to be added to Session A for grades 1-6, we must have additional volunteers. We have many openings remaining in Session B. Please contact one of us if you are willing to help.

Please register so we can be ready for the first class. Registration forms have been emailed, can be found on the website and are available at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Email your completed form to [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org), drop it off at the office or mail it in.

Sept. 7 & 14, Session A 4:45-5:30pm; Session B 6:30-7:15pm  
Sept. 9 & 16, Session C 9:00-9:45am  
Sept. 21 & 28, Session A 4:45-6:15pm; Session B 6:30-7:45pm  
Sept. 23 & 30, Session C 9:00-11:30am

## 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](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org), drop it off at the office or mail it in.

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, [afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org), 515-240-5059

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

*We meet in the Social Hall*

Sept. 7: Parent/teen meeting 6:00-6:30pm  
Sept. 14: EDGE session 6:00-7:30pm  
Sept. 21: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm

### STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Sept. 14: Youth Gathering/Kick Off 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room  
Sept. 21: Youth Gathering 7:30-9:30, Youth Room

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto: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.

## Your Assistance is Welcome (and needed!)

We are looking for helpers for our Preschool-6th grade Religious Ed Program on Wednesday evenings from 4:45-6:15pm. We provide the materials, we just need you to say yes! Pray about it and let us know! Please contact Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981 or Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150.

## Social Time!

Work on your crafts, play games and socialize on Thursday, Sept. 15, 9:00am in the Social Hall! Hope YOU can join us!

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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Mike and Mary Winders - mwinde59@yahoo.com

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$1,757	\$5,944	<b>August 21</b>
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,223	\$5,944	<b>August 28</b>

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$38,801	\$53,497	\$41,515

## 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$54,744	\$53,015	\$50,815	\$2,200	<b>\$3,929</b>

Pledge cards available in vestibule; returned 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.



## Laudato Si

Make it a priority to increase your use of public transportation. Buses and light rail are operating anyway, so making use of them instead of your car - even just two or three times a month - is a step in reducing emissions and congestion. You might find it easy enough to do even more often. See *On Care for Our Common Home* at

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

## Thank You for Another Successful Blood Drive!

Our August 25 blood drive collected 25 blood products which will sustain or save about 72 lives. Of the 29 people who registered to donate, 22 were able to do so, including two more first-time donors, parishioners Sharon Morris and Gail O'Connor. A special "thank you" to Dona Cowman and Sue White who oversaw the drive and to Bill Dunbar and Drew Hanlon who set and reset the social hall for the drive. Thank you also to the following who came to donate blood or treats and/or volunteered for the drive: Susan Pratt, Lee Cole, Diane Cole, Doug Heger, Barb Liske, Denise Northrop, Paula Huett, Wyatt Zoske, Susan Hobartelerick, Suzette Bartleson, John Bair, Michael Boyd, Patrick O'Connor, Renee Spratt, Janean Struthers, Darren Struthers, Angela Gilligan, JoAnn Meusburger, Tammi McClain, Ronald McWilliams, Tawna Kerr, Lorrie Hanlon, Janet Stewart, Patrick Cory, Karen Stafford, Scott Schaffer, Kathy Petersen, Craig Ellyson, and Tim and Lisa Kautza.

Please schedule an appointment (required, no walk-ins yet) for our November 3, (3:00 – 7:00pm) drive either by signing-up on the bulletin board in the vestibule at St. Mary Church or, visiting [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org). If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center 800-287-4903 and tell them you wish to sign up to donate at the November Elkhart Community Blood Drive. Volunteers and treats for the canteen are also needed. Please contact Lisa and Tim Kautza if you can help (515-964-7687 or [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net)).

## 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](mailto: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.*

## September 9 & 10 Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Deacon Terry  
Host Distributor Di Schleisman  
Ushers Bill Schmitt, Glenn Hobin  
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

### Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Heidi Ackerman  
Usher Sandra Hunter  
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

### Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Kevin Cowles  
Host Distributor Jill Swanson  
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar  
Music Jen Linderblood, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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## Money Counters

**Sept. 4:** Sue White, Kathy Daup  
**Sept. 12:** Dona Cowman, Kathy Daup



An aluminum can is recycled and back on a grocery store shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days!

## Can You Spare an Hour or Two Every Other Week to be Jesus to Someone?

Our parish is in need of implementing a ministry to bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners. And, of course, this requires volunteers! We would like to get enough people signed up so that the time commitment will be minimal. Not a Eucharistic Minister currently? No problem! We have two trainings sessions scheduled and will add more if necessary. The first is Tuesday, September 6 and the second is Monday, September 12. Both trainings begin at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this opportunity to bring the Body of Christ and a much-needed personal visit to those in our parish who are no longer able to physically be with us at Mass each week. Please contact Deacon Terry with any questions, 515-669-6758/ [digiterry@netscape.net](mailto:digiterry@netscape.net).



## Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for pancakes and sausage and a time of fellowship after the 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday, September 18. This breakfast is prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus.

## 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](mailto: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.*

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 3 & 4

Theme: Commitment is required to follow Jesus.

*Reading I:* Wisdom 9:13-18b • How can we know God, unless God's gives us wisdom?

*Reading II:* Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17 • Receive another, not as a slave, but as a very dear brother or sister.

*Gospel:* Luke 14:25-33 • Whoever does not renounce possessions cannot be my disciple.

*Question for Children:* Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

*Question for Adults:* Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?