



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11 & 12, 2017

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,

Hey Mister, can you spare me a smile?

I don't understand why I see so many glum-faced people sitting in the pews during Mass. People seem to be in the old-school way of thinking about going to Mass. I'm sure many people in our parish are old enough to remember the "obligation" concept of attending Mass. The idea, "if you don't go to Mass on Sunday, and die, you will surely go to hell" was beat into our way of thinking about attending Mass. I don't know about the accuracy of that, but I do believe Jesus promised us eternal salvation for believing in him and for receiving his body and blood. Now that's a pretty joyful thought, isn't it? Know that joy!

So instead of sitting there glumly, looking like I have to be here, why are people not grinning from ear to ear, joyfully slapping each other on the back, telling each other, "we're in, we're in?"

From where I usually sit, I don't see a lot of what looks like joy and happiness, except on the faces of little kids. It's kind of sad looking out at all the faces looking sadly back at Father Dan and me. It is a celebration of Mass; I invite you to look like it is, act like it is a joyful celebration! Clap your hands to the music, joyfully offer a sign of peace to those around us at the appropriate time, smile, smile, smile! I invite you to share joy with those around you, and help bring them joy. Let's have the visitors wondering why we are so happy, why we actually look like we love each other. Let's share in the joy of what brings us together. As those in the 12 step program say, "Fake it until you make it!" Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Mass Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	8:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30p.m. St. Mary

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office about a preparation program

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date

Priesthood and Religious Life: See Diocesan website at www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm

Masses

Wednesday, February 15

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Mikey Carpenter*

Thursday, February 16

8:00am St. Mary †*Sister Bertha True*

Saturday, February 18

5:00pm St. Mary *For the Parish*

Sunday, February 19

8:00am Holy Cross †*Bill Davis*

10:00am St. Mary †*Ron Koeppe*

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, February 15 & 22, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, February 18 & 25, 8:00-9:00am, Parish Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 16, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Pastoral Council

Meeting: To be announced

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 7:00pm, Conference Rm.

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, February 19, with 1st Degree, 6:30pm,
Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 6
Jenny Koudelka, Kate Rutledge, Karla Seeman

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 and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888 or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

"Evening of Wonder"

Please join us Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall for "*Finding God and Wonder in the Mundane Moments.*" At 7:00pm, all are invited to join the kids from the Mardi Gras party for a meal in the Social Hall prepared and hosted by our Confirmation students. Please RSVP to Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org/515-313-3014, with number of adults and children attending the meal.

Old Palms

There is a container in the vestibule if you would like us to dispose of your blessed palms from last year.

Thank You

Thank you to all our parish family who purchased snack packs and donated money to the youth group! We raised over \$500 that the teens will apply the money they earned toward various Youth Ministry events such as NCYC, Steubenville, retreats and Lock-ins. We are grateful for your continued support!

Kudos To These Students!

This year as part of PreK-6th RE we are recognizing students who show good character and live and demonstrate behavior the way Jesus encourages us to. Each month we will be recognizing students from each class. January Kids of Character were:

Fiona Thomas
Brenna Liske
Evelyn Smith
Weston Walmsley
Tanner Heaps
Alexis Hergenreter
Joel Waters
Jackson Waters
Elyse Walmsley

Ava Koudelka
Andrew Olson
Aiden Lewis
Tyson Hockensmith
Josie Moore
Lauren De Costa
Mary Staudt
Andrew Princehouse
Emma Bruce

Coming Events

†**Monday, Feb. 13:** *The Power To Stand* presentation by Chris Norton, 6:30pm (Pizza at 6:00pm), Social Hall; RSVP to the Parish Office

†**Thursday, Feb. 16:** Crafts, Games & social time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Weekend of Feb. 18/19:** Food Pantry collection for St. Mary's Family Shelter

†**Wednesday, Feb. 22:** Adult Faith gathering, 6:00pm, Social Hall, then joint meal with RE kids at 7:00pm

†**Thursday, Feb. 23:** Friends of St. Francis gathering, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
515-577-9394 or celestemu@msn.com

Oops: Last week Stacey Rooney was mentioned as a new cantor; when actually it is her sister-in-law, Mary Rooney, that will begin to lead us in song. Welcome, Mary! And Stacy, we hope you cantor as well!

Singing from the Rafters: We welcome singers of all ages! We meet in the choir loft one hour before Mass. Contact me for when we are singing! Join us!!

Funeral Choir: We'd like to have several people who would be available during the day to sing at funerals. This is not a huge time commitment and it means so much to the families. Please contact me if you are able to sing.

Thank You

We want to thank our church family for all the kind words, cards, memorials we have received for Clita McHone. A special thank you to Fr. Dan for his visit.

Blessings, Dave and Char

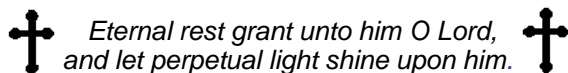
One Earth, One Chance

All ages are invited to gather Sunday, March 26 after 10:00am Mass to eat, pray, sing, learn, and share ideas about how we can respond to Pope Francis' appeal to care for God's creation. Watch the bulletin, display boards, and our website, <http://www.saintmaryhc.org/oncareforour-common-home>, for more information.



In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Dwight Sims, uncle of Sharon Morris, who passed away February 6, and for his family as they mourn his passing.



Religious Education

PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

Tammi McClain, tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-3904
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Monday, February 13, 6:00pm: Chris Norton's talk "The Power of Faith...When Tragedy Strikes." *RSVP to Office.*
(No class on Feb. 15th)

PreK-6th grade will be having a Mardi Gras Party on Wednesday, February 22 from 6:00-7:00pm. *This is a time change from our regularly scheduled class.* There will be an Adult Faith gathering in the Social Hall during the party and then kids and adults join together for a meal. *RSVP to Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org / 515-313-3014, with number of adults and children attending the meal.*

We are collecting coloring books, puzzle books, (both child and adult) crayons and colored pencils for the Ronald McDonald House this month. Please leave your donations in the Ed Center. Thank you for your support!

On March 3, 4th-6th graders will be leading the Stations of the Cross. Please join them. Enjoy the Knights of Columbus fish fry before or after the Stations of the Cross.

Catholic Youth Camp registration is open. Please visit <https://stmcenter.com/catholic-youth-camp>.

Parents of 2nd Graders: Please mark your calendar to attend a parent meeting on Wednesday, March 8, regarding your child's upcoming Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator

ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014 - texts welcome!

Monday, February 13, 6:00pm: Chris Norton's talk "The Power of Faith...When Tragedy Strikes." *RSVP to Office.*

C1 & C2 Sessions: Sunday, March 5, 5:30-7:30pm, Hall

All candidates being confirmed this year should have received a form at our last session. This form needs to be filled out and returned as soon as possible. Please drop it in the orange Confirmation box on the table in the vestibule.

Parents: You should have received an email with a sign up for your child to volunteer for upcoming events. Please let me know if you didn't receive it.

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator

mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

ATTENTION EDGE & High School teens: Silhouette Stations of the Cross "actors" needed! We need 4-10 teens who are willing to lead and participate in this moving presentation of the Station of the Cross. No need to be nervous or shy about the acting; we will have plenty of time to rehearse and you are behind the screen so shy people are welcome! We will meet 3-5 times to rehearse. Our tentative practice schedule is Sunday, March 19 after 10:00am Mass., Sunday, March 26 from 6:00-9:00pm, Sunday, April 2 after 10:00am Mass and Wednesday, April 5 from 6:00-9:00pm. All rehearsals take place in the Ed Center. We will present the Silhouette Stations *continued...*

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No Weekly Collection report available for February 5

Grades 7-12 continued...

to the parish on Friday, April 7 at 6:00pm. Please text or call Melissa, 515-290-2830 soon to sign up to help with this powerful experience.

EDGE: 6:00 - 7:30pm, Social Hall

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We will NOT meet on Feb. 15, 22 or March 1.

We will meet again for EDGE on Wednesday, March 8!

Sunday, February 26, is our MANDATORY 8th grade Retreat; begins with 10am Mass at SM, ends at 5:00pm.

Life Night/Life Teen: 7:45-9:30pm, Youth Area

Monday, February 13, 6:00pm: Chris Norton's talk "The Power of Faith...When Tragedy Strikes." *RSVP to Office.*

We will NOT meet for Life Teen/Life nights on Feb. 15, 22 or March 1. We will meet again on Wednesday, March 8!

Retreat Team Meetings for 8th Grade Retreat

Sundays, Feb. 12, 19, 6:00-9:00pm, Youth Area/Ed Center
Wednesdays, Feb. 15 & 22, 6:00-9:00pm, Youth Area
Friday, Feb. 24, 6:00-9:00pm, Dress Rehearsal & pizza
Saturday, Feb. 25, Time TBA. Retreat Prep & Environment
Sunday, Feb. 26, RETREAT. Meet at 9:15am in the Ed Center; attend Mass as a team. Will wrap up by 6:00pm.

