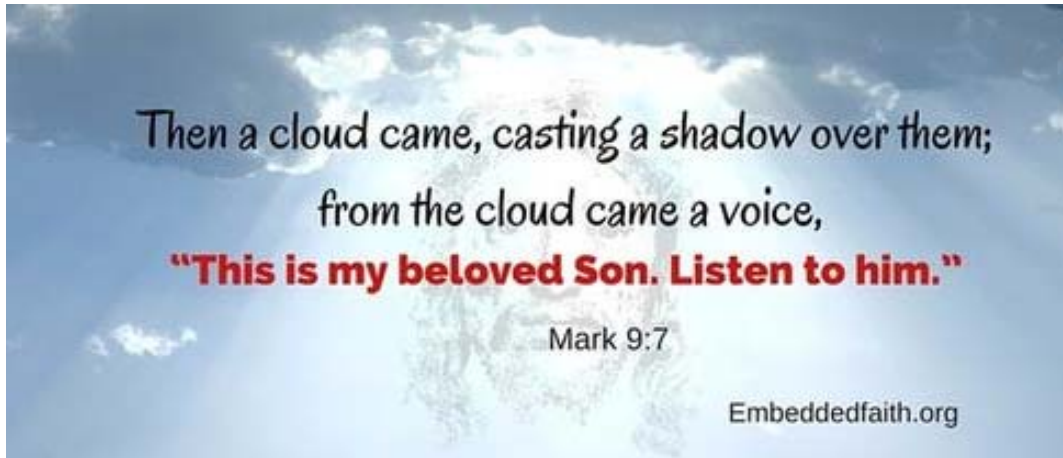




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

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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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Dear Friends in Christ:

It's been a few years since the pews in both churches were refinished and refurbished to their present state of beauty. But they are again showing signs of damage beyond normal wear and tear, such as deep scratches and gouges. Some is caused by metallic decorations on clothing, some by items with metal appendages dragged across or pressed into the wood, some by metal or hard plastic toys, and some by means unseen. Some wear and tear on all furniture is inevitable, but some of what has happened goes way beyond that. So I ask all to be attentive and careful about what we put on ourselves and on the pews that can potentially scratch and gouge them. In addition to asking extra attention to what we put *on* in this way, I also ask that we be attentive to what we put *off* in the pews, specifically cell phones. I confess my own phone has sounded during Mass on more than one occasion. But following a rash of ringtones at Ash Wednesday Masses (Rash Wednesday?), several people have requested that some announcement be made about them. So, here it is. Thank you for your attention to both these issues.

Fr. Dan

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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](http://www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm)

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## Masses and Stations of the Cross

### Wednesday, February 28

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Ralph & Neva Cory*

### Thursday, March 1

8:00am St. Mary †*Cliff & Sarah Seuferer*

### First Friday, March 2

8:00am St. Mary †*Mary & Mark Ruppert*  
6:00pm St. Mary Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 3

5:00pm St. Mary †*Ron Odgaard*

### Sunday, March 4

8:00am Holy Cross †*John Iliff*  
10:00am St. Mary *For the Parish*

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

## 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!

## How's Lent Going?

We hope you will consider forming your personal faith by participating in ongoing offerings ... Meditative Prayer Time ... Scripture Prayer & Study ... Stations of the Cross... Reconciliation ... Adoration. Please also take advantage of the reflection resources and Rice Bowls in the vestibule.

## Stations of the Cross and Fellowship

Join us to pray these Stations on Fridays during Lent, 6:00pm at St. Mary, followed by fellowship and a meal.

## Pastoral Assistance

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

## Encounter Lent, Companions on the Journey

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

*Rice Bowls are located with the Lenten Resources.*

## S.T.O.R.M. Fundraiser

Please join us for a Pampered Chef demonstration with Lisa Kautza next Saturday, March 3 at 3:00pm in the Social Hall. We will conclude in plenty of time if you wish to attend 5:00pm Mass. Lisa will have items available to look over and order after Mass during wine and cheese. We will be taking orders from March 3 -18. Funds raised will be used to pay for youth to go to Steubenville St. Paul in July. This is a Eucharistic centered retreat for high schoolers and is held at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, MN.

Dear GOD,

I think about You sometimes even when I'm not praying.

-Elliott

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesdays, February 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 7:00pm,  
Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 15, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Pastoral Council

Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, March 18, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

## Coming Events

†**Sunday, Feb. 25:** Easter Vigil Choir practice, 11:00am, St. Mary

†**Friday, March 2:** Stations of the Cross, 6pm, St. Mary  
— Knights of Columbus fish fry, 5:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Saturday, March 3:** Pampered Chef Party to benefit students going on Steubenville Retreat, Social Hall — Wine & cheese after Mass

†**Sunday, March 4:** Coffee & donuts after 10am Mass — Choir practice, 11:00am, St. Mary

†**Friday, March 9:** Stations of the Cross, 6pm, St. Mary, followed by a Lenten meal, Social Hall

†**Sunday, March 18:** Lenten Reconciliation Service, 2:00pm, St. Mary

## Music News

**Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler**  
515-577-9394 / [celestemu@msn.com](mailto:celestemu@msn.com)

Our Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Choirs have begun practice. Today our Easter Vigil Choir rehearses after 10:00am Mass. Everyone welcome!

## Movie Afternoon

It's that time of year. Liturgically, we remember the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem for his expected and accepted crucifixion. With that in mind, it is also time to share that story from a different, yet Scriptural perspective. "Jesus Christ, Superstar" will be shown in the Social Hall on Palm Sunday, March 25, beginning with snacks at 2:30pm. The movie was highly criticized at the time of its release, but is now seen as following the story of Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem up to His Crucifixion. This story portrays the likely humanness of His disciples as they tried to understand the true God / true man aspect of Jesus. The music is fantastically engaging. There will be copies of lyrics and an interpretation of the various scenes to assist in understanding the connection of the movie to Scripture. These will be on the table in the gathering area in advance of the showing to take home and review.

## Lenten Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to attend this Service on Sunday, March 18, 2:00pm at St. Mary. Additional priests will assist with individual confessions.

**Come experience the healing power of Christ!**



## Religious Education

**PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader**  
*shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876*

**This week's opening covered the Transfiguration of Jesus to his disciples.** The conversation was started of with the simple word MOM and how you could flip it over and it turns into WOW! That is what the Transfiguration of Jesus was like when he became dazzling white along with God stating Jesus is the Son of God.

**February 28th** - We will have class and students who volunteered to read the Stations of the Cross for March 2nd will be practicing right after each opening.

**Friday, March 2nd** - Volunteers will be reading Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their second fish fry and are asking RE families to bring in sweet treats to contribute to the fish fry. Knights of Columbus have always been very big supporters of RE and it is great to be able to assist them. Goodies need to be dropped off by 4:00pm on Friday, March 2nd.

### **Congratulations to the STAR students for the month of January!**

*PreK/K - Dawson Shipley & Landon Cornelius  
1st - Brett Reiter & Callahan Coffelt  
2nd - Jaslyn Rasmussen & Sydney Veasman  
3rd - Frankie Huether & Jackson Waters  
4th - Ava Koudelka & Molly Princehouse  
5th - Stockton Huether & Will Pottebaum  
6th - Matthew Aschoff & Lauren DeCosta*

**RE FEES: If you have not paid your fees in full, Please do so in the next few weeks. Thank you.**

**Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator**  
*ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014- texts welcome!*

C1 & C2 - Next Session on Sunday, March 4, 6:00-7:30pm

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the first KofC fish fry! There are still two more and we are looking for volunteers!

**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 to 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 5 times to rehearse beginning Sunday, March 4, 6:00-8:00pm in the Youth Area. The other practices are Sunday, March 11 & 18 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Ed Center and Wednesday, March 21 from 6:00-8:00pm in Church. We will have our final rehearsal on Friday, March 23 right after school; then present the Stations to the Parish at 6:00pm. Please text or call Melissa 515-290-2830 soon to sign up to help with this powerful experience.

**Would you like to go on a fun retreat** with 2,200 other current 8th-12th graders? We will attend a Steubenville retreat in St. Paul MN July 27-29. Cost is \$310 with \$50 required right away. Cost includes six meals, registration cost, transportation, late night pizza party, and a T-shirt. For more information or to watch video testimonials go to [www.partnershipforyouth.org](http://www.partnershipforyouth.org) or contact Andrea Fisher.

Grades 7-12 continued....

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**No Weekly Collection Update available this week.**

## End-of-Year Statements

We will not be mailing out Year End Tithing Statements. If you would like yours, please contact Peter, 515-367-2685 or prelyea@saintmaryhc.org, for your statement. Thank you.

## Auto Debit for Tithing

You are encouraged to use the convenient service of automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing; You designate a dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on the 15th or 30th of each month. Please contact Peter Relyea at prelyea@saintmaryhc.org, with questions.

## Graduating Seniors!

Our parish has a scholarship to be granted to one of our high school seniors pursuing higher education! If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, contact Tammi McClain at tammimccclair71@gmail.com.

## EDGE 7th & 8th graders, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Feb 28: Prayer Stations

## S.T.O.R.M. 9th-12th graders, 7:45-9:00pm, Youth Room

Feb 28: Youth Group; Retreat Team R&R



## Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

### Saturday, March 3, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Di Schleisman  
 Lector Cory Schoening  
 Cup Bearers JoAnn Meusbarger, John Zidon  
 Host Distributor Jerry Barnwell  
 Altar Servers Daniel Schoening, Mason Reynolds, Hunter Halligan  
 Ushers Dawn Reynolds, Brody Gilligan Family

### Sunday, March 4, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer Lynn Schreurs  
 Lector Karen Bellis  
 Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema  
 Altar Server Brock Phelan-Ruden  
 Ushers Sandra Hunter, Tracy Irwin

### Sunday, March 4, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Joe Dunham  
 Lector Lori Dunham  
 Cup Bearers Matt Miller, Mike Nehring  
 Host Distributor Carol Weber  
 Altar Server Cael Tollefson  
 Ushers Doug Zehr, Andrew Cory, Thom Hamm, Bill & Kelly Dunbar

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### Money Counters

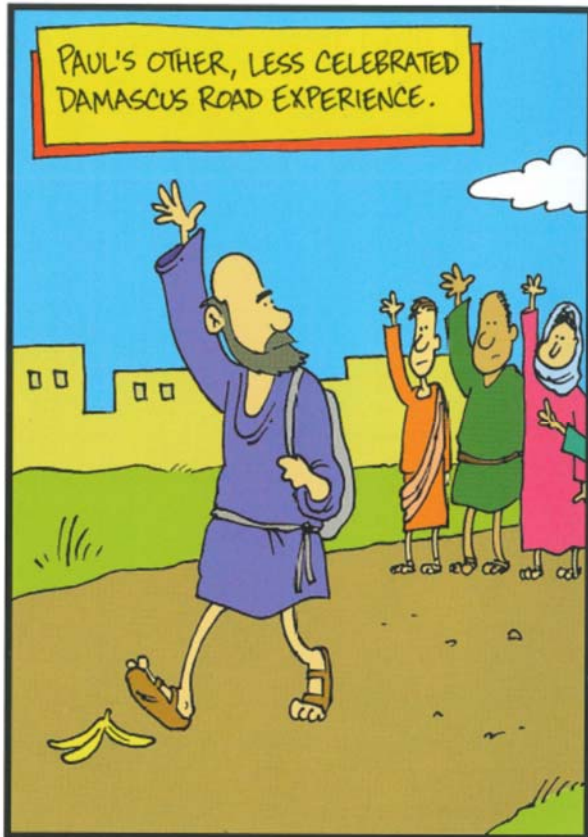
**Feb. 25:** Dawn Reynolds, Dona Cowman  
**March 4:** Sharon Morris, Kathy Daup

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### Enrique's Journey

Join us for the final discussion of this book Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. There's still plenty of time to read this eye-and heart-opening story before our gathering. (Used copies of the book are available online for \$5.00-6.00.)

**What's  
That  
Funny  
Look  
On  
Your  
Faith?**



Recently published research has shown that immigrant communities do not increase the crime rate and that immigrants actually commit fewer crimes than native born Americans.

### 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, contact Barb at 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.*

### Winter Weather Cancellations

Whenever North Polk School is closed or evening school activities cancelled due to weather; activities here at the Parish will be cancelled as well. In most instances, Masses - daily and weekend - will not be cancelled. If there is a need to cancel weekend activities it will be on the three major TV networks; WHO radio and KWKY Catholic Radio.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year or 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Weekends: March 9-11 in La Crosse, WI and April 20-22 in Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information and to register email JLJwwme08@gmail.com or go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608- 3305.

### Save The Date!

Are you are responsible for the care of another person? If so, you are invited to St. Joseph Educational Center's spring event on Saturday, April 14 from 8:00am to Noon at St. Boniface Church in Waukee. *Keeping Your Own Cup Full: Self-care for Caregivers* will be a workshop focused on the importance of self-care and how it helps you provide better care for others. It's FREE and includes two keynote speakers, choice of one breakout session, light refreshments and a comedian. To register, visit sjeciowa.org and click on EVENTS.

Check out Diocesan events by visiting [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org). For opportunities sponsored by St. Joseph Educational Center visit [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### Second Sunday of Lent, February 25

Theme: Seeing Jesus

*Reading I:* Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18 • Because you trusted me, I will bless you greatly.

*Reading II:* Romans 8:31-34 • Who can be against us?

*Gospel:* Mark 9:2-10 • He was transfigured before their eyes!

*For Children:* Name or draw a picture of a time you knew that Jesus was with you.

*For Youth:* The disciples had a very intense experience of Jesus on the mountain. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What was it like for you?

*For Adults:* In what ways does Jesus speak today, ways in which you can truly "listen to him?"