



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

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,

Bishop Pates is looking for a few good Deacons! Actually, it's not current Deacons he is seeking, but rather men who might grow to become Deacons. Those men would be strong in their faith in the eyes of the core team even though a lot of people don't feel that their own faith is strong. Those men would be actively involved in the Church in some way that laypersons can be and are encouraged to be involved. This is more about feeling a "calling" than about an intellectual decision.

The candidate can be married or single. If they are single, they must remain single for their lifetime. If married and their spouse dies, they must remain single. All will take a pledge of celibacy and a pledge of obedience to the Bishop and his successors. They must be able to pass a stringent background check and psychological testing. At ordination, four years from now, they cannot be over the age of 60 (or must receive a dispensation from the bishop) as there is an expectation that they will serve as Deacons for at least ten years. Age 70 is the mandatory retirement age for Deacons.

Those called will undergo approximately 500 hours of formation training and will write a multitude of papers about their understanding of the Church and their own state of formation.

The call is presently open but there is a deadline date to file a statement of interest. Multiple recommendation letters from priests, Deacons, friends and family must be written in support of the candidate. When ordained, the Deacon will be allowed to hatch, match, and dispatch. (Baptize, witness marriages, and perform funeral and wake services).

If you feel called, please contact me in the very near future at 515-669-6158. 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 7

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

Thursday, February 8

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

Saturday, February 10

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, February 11

8:00am Holy Cross †Karen Recker

10:00am St. Mary †Dan Murphy

Ash Wednesday, February 14

8:00am St. Mary For the Parish

6:30pm St. Mary †Roberta Angell

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study

Wednesdays, February 7, 21 & 28, 7:00pm, Conference Rm

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, February 10, 17 & 24, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 15, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Pastoral Council

Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council

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

Stewardship Committee

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

Knights of Columbus

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

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith

Jenna Jo

Daughter of David and Danyel Reiter

who was baptized at our Parish.



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 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.

Ash Wednesday



We begin our Lenten journey Wednesday, February 14. Our Masses are 8:00am and 6:30pm at St. Mary.

—We are in need of Liturgical Ministers for these Masses. A sign up is in the vestibule of St. Mary or contact the Parish Office to volunteer. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross and Fellowship

We will pray these Stations on Fridays during Lent, 6:00pm at St. Mary, followed by a meatless meal. **We are in need of volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross and hosts for two meals.** A sign up is in the vestibule at St. Mary or contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

Let's Chat Again!

It's back, the "Let's Chat" evening at our parish. This evening of lively discussion was put on hold so that the RCIA program could take place for Ashley Young and Paula Garoutte. We now resume the monthly gatherings for *Let's Chat*. ANYTHING is open for sharing and discussion. It is inevitable that matters of faith will be discussed and listened to. No one is required or expected to share at these meetings. At the first meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00pm, there will be a short discussion about Lent and Holy Week, their meaning and purpose, hopefully followed by discussion and personal experiences. This is a great opportunity for community building within our parish. ALL are invited to join us.

Coming Events

- ✠ **Sunday, Feb. 11:** Budget prep meeting with all committee/program leaders, 11:00am, Social Hall
- ✠ **Monday, Feb. 12:** Book Study, *Enrique's Journey*, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- ✠ **Thursday, Feb. 15:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am, Hall — Friends of St. Francis mtg, 6:30pm, Hall
- ✠ **Friday, Feb. 16:** Stations of the Cross, 6pm, St. Mary — K of C Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

Music News



Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler

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There are lots of opportunities to help with our music for Easter! We're looking for men to sing Holy Thursday (March 29) and people of all ages to sing at the Easter Vigil (March 31). We also welcome people who play instruments. Please consider adding your voice or instrument to our Holy Week Liturgies! Looking forward to hearing from you!

Book Study and More!



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

Join us on Monday, February 12, 6:30pm in the Social Hall for a study of the book *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario. We will discuss the first 50 pages. Please obtain a copy of this book and contact Robin Olberding at 515-291-4473 if you have any questions or if you would like to join us.

Bishop Pates, in keeping with the teaching of the Catholic Church, encourages all people of southwest Iowa to welcome and protect migrants and refugees. Affirming the right of any country to protect its border, our deepest tradition and teaching directs us to aid the poor, the homeless, and the stranger. He calls us, in concert with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to urge our Congressional representatives to pass the DREAM act or similar legislation now. Find out more about this teaching in the Catholic New Service brochure "Welcoming the Refugee and Migrant" in the vestibule. Have specific questions answered after Masses April 21 & 22 by Sol Varisco, former immigration program director of our diocese and current executive director of Justice For Our Neighbors. Read "Why Don't Unauthorized Migrants Come Here Legally?" at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/whydonttheycomeherelegally.cfm>

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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Hello to all families! Please remind your kids to be documenting their acts of kindness so they can add a link to the chain that we are trying to stretch all the way around the RE open space are!

February 7: Class is 6:00 to 7:00pm (both sections will be together). We are having a Mardi Gras Party. One of the activities the children will be doing is making Valentines that will be dropped off at local nursing homes to spread some joy to those that may be lonely during this holiday.

February 14th: No class, as this is Ash Wednesday and we encourage all children to attend mass at 6:30.

RE FEES: Please submit your January payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Saint displays are due for 10th graders. They can be dropped off under the table in the vestibule.

Please RSVP for the Parent/Volunteer appreciation dinner on Saturday, Feb 10 after 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary.

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

Would you like to go on a fun retreat with 2,200 other current 8th–12th graders? We plan to attend a Steubenville retreat in St. Paul MN and will be gone 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. For more information you may also call Andrea Fisher. Join us for an informational meeting Sunday, Jan. 28 after 10:00am Mass.

Attention all 9th-12th graders: We are looking for teens to help plan, lead and work the 8th grade Retreat at St. Mary on Sunday, February 25. Please check your calendars and save the date NOW! Call/text Melissa, 515-290-2830, if you are interested in helping with this amazing experience!

Retreat Team Meetings (Youth Area/Ed Center)

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:45-9:00pm

Sundays, Feb. 11 & 18, 6:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, Feb 21, 6:00-8:00pm

Thursday, Feb 22, 6:00-8:00pm

Friday, Feb. 23, 6:00-9:00pm, Dress Rehearsal & Pizza

Saturday, Feb. 24, Time TBA. Retreat prep & Environment

Sunday, Feb. 25, RETREAT. Meet at 9:15am in Ed Center; attend Mass as a team. We will wrap up by 6:00pm.

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

Save the date! Sunday, February 25, is our mandatory 8th grade retreat. We begin with 10:00am Mass at St. Mary and will end at 5:30pm.

Feb 7: Lent Lesson

Feb 14: No Session, Ash Wednesday Mass

Feb. 21: No session

Feb. 25: Retreat!

Feb 28: Prayer Stations

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

Feb 7: Youth Gathering Retreat Work Session/ Creativity & Brainstorming

Feb 14: No gathering; Ash Wednesday Mass

Feb 21: No gathering, Retreat Team Work Session

Feb 28: Youth Group; Retreat Team R&R

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

January 28 Week 301

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$6,013	\$5,234

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$160,465	\$162,243	\$159,486

Project HOPE Collection: \$220

End-of-Year Statements

We will not be mailing out Year End Tithing Statements. If you would like your statement, please call the office or e-mail Peter Relyea (prelyea@saintmaryhc.org) with a request to mail a statement to you. 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 automatically withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis on a pre-determined date. Please contact Peter Relyea at 515-367-2685 or prelyea@saintmaryhc.org, with questions.



LENTEN RESOURCES



Next weekend we will have various booklets from which you can choose for your Lenten reflection to prepare for Easter and the rest of eternity. Determine which you think might be best for you or your family by reading the following descriptions. We ask a donation to help defray their cost. You'll find them in the entryway until gone.

Jesus, Teach Us about Lent

Activity Booklet For Children

These prayerful activities can help young minds and hearts understand Lent and prepare for the glory of Easter.

The Act of Lent

For Teens & Young Adults

Sin puts us in a state of inaction, we were not following Him. God set a plan in motion to get us moving toward paradise again. This booklet puts attention on the loving action God took to claim us as His own and then on our active response to God's saving grace.

Not by Bread Alone

Prayerfully journey through Lent with fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. These insightful meditations can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer to prepare you to participate more fully in the joy of the great Easter mystery.

Practicing LOVE

Family Reflections and Actions

We strive to live and love as Jesus did. In order to love well, we need to practice. And practicing as a family helps everyone to grow in their faith together each day. During Lent, we reflect upon the Word of God and upon modelling our behaviors after those of our Savior. This booklet is filled with reflections and activities that gently invite the whole family to practice love for Lent, even though love never goes out of season.

Little Black Book

Each day, one page will walk you through the Mark's account of the Passion, a few verses at a time and the other page is a variety of quotes, suggestions, information and timely thoughts and almsgiving. This practice of prayer is peaceful, even something to look forward to. You'll also find that it helps to make your day go a little better. Prayer does that.

The Path to Peace

Daily Reflections, Actions and Prayers

Lent takes us from the wild desert to the mountaintop, from rural Galilee to the Capital City of Jerusalem. The season flows upward: from curiosity to discipleship; then spirals downward through betrayal and abandonment. Finally Jesus moves from glorious acclaim to brutal arrest, to the Mount of Olives, to Golgotha. The last fateful landscape is the coldness of Joseph's borrowed tomb.

Each place has its vulnerabilities and limitations, but also its own singular hope. The road to hope is one we all need to travel and this book will help you find peace along the way!

The Word Among Us

During Lent we back away from some of our busyness and comforts of the world so we can spend more time with Jesus. Our fasting, prayers and almsgiving can change the world!

Other Considerations for Lenten Formation

Stations of the Cross: This is a devotional prayer practice that reflects on the Passion and Death of Jesus using artistic representations, accompanied by prayerful reflections. The tradition as it is today began with St. Francis of Assisi. We pray these Stations on Fridays, 6:00p.m. at St. Mary. We also gather for fellowship and a meal.

Meditative Prayer Time: A time of prayer, not teaching. The methods are the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, the prayerful reading of sacred scripture; St. Ignatius of Loyola's practice of the daily Examen, the prayerful review of our life experiences; and Centering Prayer, one method of the prayer of silence in our Christian tradition of contemplative prayer. Sessions are Saturdays from 8:00 – 9:00am in the Office Area.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study: This is a time to pray, study, and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Sessions are Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Conference Room.

There are numerous Lenten events being offered by the Diocese and other parishes; please visit www.dmdiocese.org. For events sponsored by St. Joseph Educational Center visit www.sjeciowa.org.

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, February 10, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Arlene Anderson
 Lector Lorrie Lengel
 Cup Bearers Drew Hanlon, Tony Kuehn
 Host Distributor John Zidon
 Altar Servers Mason Reynolds, Justin Anderson, Isabella Kuehn
 Ushers Mark Lengel, Dawn Reynolds, Mike Devereux, Ton Bowman

Sunday, February 11, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer Karen Bellis
 Lector Jeff Ruden
 Cup Bearer Laurie Phelan
 Altar Server Brock Phelan-Ruden
 Ushers Mike Phelan, Mike Veasman

Sunday, February 11, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Susan Genalo
 Lector Matt Miller
 Cup Bearers Mike Nehring, Jacki Ausman
 Host Distributor Tom Ausman
 Altar Servers Cael Tollefson
 Ushers Andrew Ausman, Thom Hamm, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Dave Pottebaum

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Money Counters

Feb. 4: Sharon Morris and Carol Weber

Feb. 11: Kathy Daup, Lisa Kautza

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Graduating Seniors!

Our parish is pleased to announce a scholarship to be granted to a high school senior pursuing higher education! Money used to fund the scholarship was donated by PreK-6 Religious Ed fundraisers and the Altar and Rosary Society. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, contact Tammi McClain, at tammimcclain71@gmail.com.

If you are interested in donating money for future scholarship opportunities, please contact Tammi as well.

An Invitation to Help

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry meals are February 16, March 2, and March 16. We extend an open invitation to anyone who is interested in helping out in the preparation, serving, and cleanup. You can come for as little or as long as you'd like. We start prep work around 8:30am and serve food from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Please contact Jon Hand, 515-460-0050 / jon79hand@gmail.com or just show up to help out. Thanks!



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.

Movie Reviews

For movie reviews by the Catholic News Service, go to www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.



Recycling uses far less energy than manufacturing with brand new raw materials. Recycling conserves energy and natural resources, reduces pollution, and helps prevent landfills from filling up. It protects the environment for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Winter Weather Cancellations



Whenever North Polk School is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening school activities are cancelled due to weather; classes, meetings and activities here at the Parish will be cancelled as well. In most instances, Masses - daily and weekend - will not be cancelled, so please use your own judgment. If the need to cancel weekend activities arises, this information will be on the three major TV networks; WHO radio and KWKY Catholic Radio.

Looking For Something More In Your Child's Education?

Consider St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School in Ankeny, where high academic results pair with faith formation in a nurturing environment. We offer a family atmosphere where our Catholic Faith is woven into each student's day. Tuition is affordable and assistance is available to families of all income levels. Registration has begun for grades K-6 for the 2018-2019 school year! St Luke facts: Last year's 4th grade achieved the highest Iowa Assessment score in the State of Iowa, we have weekly student-led Mass, monthly Adoration, class Reconciliation, service projects, on-site prepared hot lunch, field trips, before and after care, art, music, P.E., technology, foreign language and daily faith formation class. Call today for a tour! 515-985-7074.

The Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

This is a renewal weekend for adults, designed to enable them to more deeply "experience" themselves and their relationship to God and the Christian community. A men's CEW will be held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Ankeny beginning the evening of Friday, February 9, and concluding the afternoon of Sunday, February 11. For more information, contact Kevin Bloyer, drbloyer@gmail.com or 515-657-2799. You can also visit <http://olih.org/cew-retreats/>

See Diocesan events at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjeciowa.org

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 4

Theme: Let us preach the good news to all!

Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 • My life is like the wind.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 • I am all things for all people, for the sake of the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 • He went to a lonely place to pray.

For Children: What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

For Youth: Jesus knew that his mission was for everyone, not just one village or group of people. How can you reach out to others (outside of friends and family) and offer them hope and Good News?

For Adults: If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?