



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

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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,

Last weekend Bishop Pates installed Fr. Andrew as our "new" pastor. The installation was done at all three Masses in our parish so all could be a part. Welcome, Fr. Andrew!

On a very different note, Valentine's Day is this week. Ever wonder about the origins of this romantic holiday? St. Valentine, officially known as St. Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint commonly associated with love. There's not much known for sure about St. Valentine's life, including whether the stories handed down through the centuries might actually be about two different saints by the same name. The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man. One of the legends of St. Valentine depicts St. Valentine being arrested because he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

In any event, it is agreed that St. Valentine did really exist, as archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to him. It is also agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried. In 496 Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, bee keepers, epilepsy, fainting, happy marriages, love, plague, travelers, and young people.

~ Blessings, Deacon Terry

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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

**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 <http://www.vocationsonline.org>

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## Masses and Adoration

### Tuesday, February 12

6:00pm St. Mary †Paul Matthews  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, February 13

5:30pm Holy Cross †Wendell & Ruth Carpenter

### Thursday, February 14

8:00am St. Mary †Fran Cory

### Saturday, February 16

5:00pm St. Mary †LeRoy Peterson

### Sunday, February 17

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen Carpenter  
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, February 12, 19 & 26, 6:30pm, St. Mary  
(following 6pm Mass)

Thursday, February 21, 7:00pm, St. Mary

## RCIA Gatherings

Sundays following 10am Mass: Feb. 10 (Hall), Feb. 17 (Ed Center), Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (Conf. Rm)

## Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Social Hall

## Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday February 19, 7:00pm, Social Hall

## Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 6:00pm, Office Area

## Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, February 17, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

## 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. Andrew, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry, 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.

## 8th Graders, Save the Date!

Sunday, February 24 is our mandatory retreat. We begin with 10:00am Mass at St. Mary and will end at 5:30pm. For more information please contact Melissa Kahler, 515-290-2830 or Andrea Fisher, 515-240-5059.



## Can YOU Help Out?

Would you be willing to shovel the walks and steps at St. Mary for a two-week shift now through mid April. We have a snow blower. For more information or to volunteer, contact Drew Hanlon, dlhanlon@windstream.net or 515-367-3367. Thank you!

## 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

We will have a 2nd collections at each Mass not already designated for a 2nd collection through the end of February in an attempt to meet our obligation for this Appeal. Any amount collected above the Goal is refunded to the Parish by the Diocese and does not negatively impact us in any way. Please consider giving or increasing your donation to the ADA, and reach out to any Finance Council member or the parish office if you have questions. Thank you again for your support of this effort.

## Crafts, Games and Conversation!!



Join us for this great time of fellowship on Thursday, February 21, 9:30am in the Social Hall!

## Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation assists Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

## Upcoming Events

- †Weekend of Feb. 16/17: Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry
- †Sunday, Feb. 17: Social Hall in use before and after 10:00am Mass
- †Thursday, Feb. 21: Crafts, games and social time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †Sunday, Feb. 24: Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass
- †Sunday, Feb. 24: 8th Grade Retreat begins with 10:00am Mass and concludes at 5:30pm, St. Mary

## Music News



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

Happy Easter everyone! Wait??? What??? I know it's hard to believe, but Easter is just around the corner! Starting in March, we will begin rehearsals for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil! I have been thinking about a new rehearsal schedule, where members wouldn't have to spend weeks and weeks at practices. We're looking for men to sing for Holy Thursday, and men, women and instrumentalists for Easter Vigil. Please consider lending your talent. Our Father in heaven will be so proud of you!!



## Ash Wednesday

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

—We are in need of Liturgical Ministers for these Masses. A sign up will be posted in St. Mary's vestibule next weekend, or contact the Parish Office to volunteer. Thank you.

## Stations of the Cross Leaders and Meal Hosts

Please volunteer to lead the Stations of the Cross one Friday during Lent and/or prepare and host a Lenten meal after Stations on March 15, 29, or April 12. A sign up is in the vestibule at St. Mary or contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

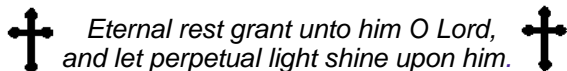
## Prayer Chain



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.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of LeRoy Peterson, brother of Delila Roberts and Diane Cronk, who passed away January 27, and for his family as they mourn his passing.



## Religious Education PreK-6

**Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader**

*shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876*

### Up Coming Dates:

**Feb. 13** - Class

**Feb. 20** - No Class

\***Feb. 27** - Combined Sessions 6-7:00pm for Mardi Gras Party in the Social Hall

\***March 6** - 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass replaces classes

**March 13** - Class

**March 20** - No Class      **March 27** - Class

### First Eucharist Dates:

February 13 - First Eucharist workbooks handed out

March 29 (4-8pm) and March 30 (8am-5pm) - Self Guided Learning Stations set up in the Ed Center. Families can come during a time that works for them.

\*\*\*April 28 - First Eucharist Mass, 2:00pm, St. Mary

**Alter Server Refresher Training** courses continue for our current servers. Times are being decided and communicated to each family.

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*

Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, *ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014*

### EDGE (7th/8th) Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

**Feb. 13 Session - Dead Growth-** Come let us help you dive into prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lenten season.

**Feb. 20 - NO EDGE**

**8th Grade Retreat: Sunday, February 24**

**Feb. 27** - EDGE teens host Mardi Gras Party for RE kids

*Families, please sign up to help with meals. If you were not sent an email for the SignUpGenius, let Andrea know.*

### C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades) Sessions 6:00-7:30pm

**Saturday, Feb. 9** - Student-Sponsor Prayer Stations, 10th Grade only, 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Ed Center. Stations will be set up for any 10th graders and their sponsors who were not able to make it back in November.

**Sunday, Feb. 10** - Confirmation Prep Session, 9th grade Lesson 7 — 10th Grade Lesson 19

**Saturday, Feb. 16** - Parent Appreciation Chili Supper, 6pm, Hall. Families of all 9th & 10th graders welcome to attend. 10th graders will present their Saint Displays. Please RSVP number of people attending to Nicole Cory

### S.T.O.R.M. 9th-12th graders

**Retreat Team Meetings** (Youth Area/Ed Center)

-Sunday, Feb. 10, 4:00-6:00pm

-Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6:00-8:30pm

-Thursday, Feb. 21, 6:00-8:00pm (if needed)

-Friday, Feb. 22, 6:00-9:00pm, Dress Rehearsal & Pizza

-Saturday, Feb. 23, Time TBA. Retreat/Environment prep

-Sunday, Feb. 24, RETREAT. Meet at 9:15am in Ed Center; attend Mass as a team. We will wrap up by 6pm.

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$5,597.42	\$5,157	<b>Jan. 26/27</b>
Youth/Guests	\$3,899.75	\$5,157	<b>Feb. 2/3</b>

### Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$171,003	\$165,016	\$163,534

ADA Collection: \$1600.91

Project Hope Collection: \$125

## 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

If you made a pledge but have not paid in full, please do so as soon as possible as these amounts due are not included in what we are collecting for now. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Diocese and Parish.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$53,806	\$46,675	\$46,375.91	\$7,430.09

## Tithing

Thank you to those who have recently signed up for ACH and to those who have increased their monthly amount!! If you don't use this type of tithing, please consider it. Questions? Contact parish bookkeeper Dave Orgeta at [dortega@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:dortega@saintmaryhc.org).

## Greetings from Me & My House!

This week I will be continuing on with the second part of the Relationship Series. Last time I talked about the relationship you have with Jesus being the number ONE priority in your life. No matter who you are, what journey you are on, or what season of life you are in: your relationship with God has to come first. But who should be the next priority?

### Relationships

### Part 2: Yourself

In Matthew 22:39 we hear "...You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus made it very clear that to love God was the greatest commandment and then followed it with this as next most important. We are called to care for the vulnerable, the weak, the sick and the poor. We are called to listen with a compassionate ear and accept others with a kind heart. These are all very important things, no doubt about it!

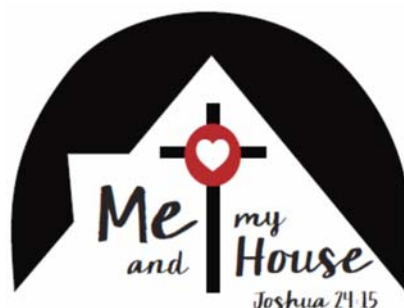
The thing is, Jesus did not just command us to love others but to love ourselves as well. How much do you really love yourself? Think about that for just a few minutes. When you are sick, do you take the time to rest and get better? When you are hurting do you have someone that will lend you that compassionate ear? How often do you do the things that you love to do? How high are your expectations for yourself? How often do you just rest? And no... I'm not talking about sleeping.

Remember when I said you can't pour from an empty cup? Well you can, but after a while that is exactly what will consume you: emptiness. People today are busier than ever! Maybe you have to work more than one job just to make ends meet. In college you have to go to school all day and work all night. By the time you graduate, you may need 2 jobs to pay your student loans. If you are a parent you might spend many evenings and weekends running kids around to various activities. These are just a few examples, I could go on and on. Take all of these duties you have outside of your home and then add in the duties you have at home and it's no wonder self care is put on the back burner.

Personally, I sat down a few months ago and started to wonder, why wasn't I happy? I was so blessed and had so many things to be thankful for, yet it still felt like something was missing. When I came across Matthew 22:39, it hit me like a ton of bricks. If my expectations for other people were the same that I hold for myself, that would be an awful way to love anyone. If I didn't allow other people to rest the same way that I don't allow myself to rest, what kind of person would I be? If I don't have someone to hear me when I need to let it all out, how could I truly listen to anyone else? How could I appreciate watching others do what they love if I wasn't also doing things that I love to do? I had reached a point where I was the person I loved the least.

Loving yourself looks different for everyone. But, here is what it looks like for me so far. Going to bed a little earlier to get up and do some reading, writing, reflection and praying before the crazy day begins. This is my "me" time. I love to draw but haven't for a while. So, I've started sketching while my kids are doing their activities. Sacrificing that healthy dinner with 30 ingredients for something a little less healthy but allows me more time to sit down and enjoy it with my family. I intentionally block time out of my day to do things that I want to do, for me. Once I began to hold myself to a standard of grace and not perfection, things started to change. My cup began to fill up, and now I am ready to show the world the kind of love that everyone deserves, even me.

What do you love to do for yourself? Let me know at [joshua2415smhc@gmail.com](mailto:joshua2415smhc@gmail.com).



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, February 16, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Lisa Schoening
Lector	Tim Kautza
Cup Bearers	Cory Schoening, Darren Manthei
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Daniel & Jessica Schoening, Bennett Bruns
Ushers	Bill Schmitt, Mark Lengel, Dawn & Mason Reynolds

### Sunday, February 17, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Christ & Lynn Schreurs

### Sunday, February 17, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Garrett McClain
Lector	Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearers	Garrett McClain, Tim Loraditch
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Peyton, Felicity & Veronica Loraditch
Ushers	Jerry McClain, Gregg Richwine, Jacki & Tom Ausman, Dennis Schmidt

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## Money Counters

**Feb. 10:** Carol Weber, Dawn Reynolds

**Feb. 17:** Lisa Kautza, Sue White

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## Thank You

Saint Mary-Holy Cross,

Thank you for your continued generosity. The Pantry is well stocked each month because of your monetary collection. We greatly appreciate it! ~ *The Blessing Box*

## Blood Drive Update

Another outpouring of love amid subzero temperatures for an estimated 93 persons unknown who will soon be in need of blood!! Thirty-four people, including first time donor Mark Block, donated 31 units of blood at our parish-sponsored Elkhart Community Blood Drive January 31. The following came to donate, worked, or provided treats for the canteen: Linda Melara, Lawrence Mitchell, Kalen Petersen, Craig Ellyson, David Schaper, Nancy Hora, Ronald Mazak, Patrick Cory, Rita McClain, Barbara Hokel, Shawn Pruisman, Jeff Ruden, Janet Stewart, Janean Stewart, Mark Block, Jon Hand, Arlene Anderson, Heidi Simmons, Jenny Koudelka, Dennis Meints, Mary Smith, Sue White, Tara Goering, Scott Schaffer, Jill Swanson, Kathy Daup, Doug Jones, Susan Stillmunkes, Gary Sesker, Judy Sesker, Jack McDermott, Doug Heger, Darren Struthers, Suzette Bartleson, Eric Argotsinger, Kathy Petersen, Lisa Kautza, Tim Kautza, Jean Miller, Dona Cowman, and Sharon & Bill Dunbar. Please consider sharing your life-giving blood at our next drive Thursday, May 30, 3:00 – 7:00pm. Find out more or sign-up online at [LifeServeBloodCenter.org](http://LifeServeBloodCenter.org) or on the bulletin board in the vestibule at St. Mary Church, or call Lisa or Tim Kautza 515-964-7687. Thank you all!

See Diocesan events at [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org) and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)



Once an aluminum can is recycled, it can be part of a new can within six weeks.

## Winter Weather Cancellations

When North Polk School is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening activities are cancelled due to weather, classes, meetings and activities here at the Parish will be cancelled as well. In most instances, Masses - both daily & 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.

## Women's Pre-Lenten Gathering

The Well ministry invites women of all ages to our morning of reflection on Saturday, March 2 at the Pastoral Center. The theme is *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*. Join others as we spiritually prepare for the Lenten season. Included is Mass, breakfast, praise & worship music, inspirational witnesses by local women, a keynote talk by Katie Patrizio – a nationally esteemed Catholic speaker, and more. Seating is limited, so invite a friend and register today! Visit [www.thewelldesmoines.com](http://www.thewelldesmoines.com) for registration information.

## Steubenville 2019

Sign up now for this retreat held on July 26-28 in St. Paul, MN. Cost is \$307 (six meals, two T-shirt's, transportation, housing and retreat fee). See informational flyer on the bulletin board. An invoice form is on the table; to register please fill out this form, include a \$50 nonrefundable deposit with it and place it in the box on table or in the collection basket at Mass. For questions please contact Andrea Fisher, [afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org)/515-240-5059.

## St. Luke's Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, February 17, 7:45am to Noon. Come and meet new friends and socialize with people from neighboring communities. Free will offering. Menu: Caramel rolls, Slingers (hash browns, eggs, meat, salsa, tortillas, and cheese), juice and coffee. We look forward to seeing you.

## St. Vincent DePaul

Donations are needed at our 1426 6th Ave. and 520 Army Post Rd. locations. Store proceeds are used to fund programming that serves the local community, with clothes also being given out in our clothing pantry. If you are unable to drop donations off, please call 515-282-8328 to schedule a pick-up. Furniture items are especially needed during these cold months. Thank you for helping us help others!

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 10

*Theme: We are continually invited to follow Jesus.*

*Reading I:* Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 • Here I am! Send me.

*Reading II:* 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 • The grace of God is with us always.

*Gospel:* Luke 5:1-11 • The apostles were called and so are we.

*Children:* What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

*Youth:* Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

*Adults:* When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?