



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 18 & 19, 2017

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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:

What would we do without the Knights?! A parishioner helping clean up after Chris Norton's presentation last Monday asked/exclaimed this as a swarm of our Knights of Columbus quickly, efficiently, and generously put away the literally hundreds of chairs set up for the event, after having also set them all up after Mass on Sunday. He also referred to the Knights' generous co-hosting with the Religious Ed. kids of the Pizza Party prior to the presentation. As many who attended Chris' talk commented, both parishioners and guests, as well as Chris and his family, the evening was a great success, well organized and carried out. Chris himself particularly appreciated the opportunity to share his story and inspiration with so many, so thank you to all who participated in the evening and contributed to the blessing it was. And a special thank you to the Knights for your extra effort and generosity, both for this event, and for the many ways you serve the Parish, often behind the scenes. Time and again when parish events are being planned, the Knights are readily named as ones to help in one way or another. So, indeed, What would we do without the Knights?!  
Fr. Dan

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### Parish Information

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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

### Wednesday, February 22

5:30pm Holy Cross †Dean Moreland

### Thursday, February 23

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

### Saturday, February 25

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

### Sunday, February 26

8:00am Holy Cross †Dan Schrader

10:00am St. Mary †Dan Murphy

### Ash Wednesday, March 1

8:00am St. Mary †Paul & Helen Koch

6:30pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesday, February 22, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time  
Saturday, February 25, 8:00-9:00am, Parish Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, March 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 this 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 children from the Mardi Gras party for a meal in the Social Hall, prepared and hosted by our Confirmation students. RSVP to Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org / 515-313-3014, with the number of adults and children attending the meal.

## Friends of St. Francis Gathering Feb. 23

Come join Friends of St. Francis at 6:30pm this Thursday in the Social Hall to put the finishing touches on *One Earth, One Chance* and explore new ideas of how we as individuals and as a Parish can care for God’s creation.

## Old Palms

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

## Ash Wednesday

We begin our Lenten journey Wednesday, March 1. 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 the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm on Fridays during Lent at St. Mary, followed by a meatless meal in the Social Hall. **We are in need of volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross and hosts for three meals.** A sign up is in the vestibule at St. Mary or contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

## Coming Events

†**Wednesday, Feb. 22:** “*Finding God and Wonder in the Mundane Moments*” gathering, 6:00pm, Social Hall, then joint meal with RE kids at Mardi Gras party at 7:00pm

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

†**Sunday, March 26:** One Earth, One Chance, after 10:00am Mass, Social Hall. All ages invited!

## Music News

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

**We are planning to have our Brothers In Song sing on Holy Thursday.** Are there any men who'd like to come sing? We welcome your presence! Please contact me and we'll let you know about practice times and get you music! We look forward to seeing you!

**Our choir In Dulci Jubilo will sing for the Easter Vigil.** Anyone who would like to sing is truly welcome! Please contact me and we'll make sure to have music ready! We can't wait to see you!

## Elementary Religious Education Director Position Opening

After 5 years of generous and effective leadership of our parish Elementary Religious Education Program, Tammi McClain and Sonya Staudt will retire from their position as co-directors of the program following this year's Vacation Bible School in June. With their retirement, the position of Director of our Parish Elementary Religious Education Program will be open. The position is for 30 hours a week, which Tammi and Sonya have divided between them at 15 hours apiece. A new Director could assume the full 30 hours alone, or continue a co-directorship with some division of hours and responsibilities with another. If you are interested in more information about the position, please visit with Tammi or Sonya or contact Barb in the Office.

## Year End Donation Statements

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish! Donation statements were mailed last week. Please contact Peter, 515-367-2685 or relyea@saintmaryhc.org, if you did not receive yours.

## Religious Education

### PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

Tammi McClain, [tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org), 515-290-3904  
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**PreK-6th grade will be having a Mardi Gras Party** this 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](mailto: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.

**VBS Save the Date!** We are ready to spark kids' creativity and transform our parish into a place buzzing with excitement! This year's theme, *Maker Fun Factory*, will help our kids discover they're lovingly crafted by God for a purpose! VBS will take place June 19 - 22. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm and the factory doors will open each night at 6:00pm! Keep watching for registration information!

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**Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator**  
[ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014 - texts welcome!

**C1 & C 2 Sessions:** Sunday, March 5, 5:30-7:30pm, Social 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.

**A sign up was sent out to all parents by email.** If your child/children need some service hours, we are in need of volunteers to assist with the Knights of Columbus fish fries and a meal to be served on Wednesday, February 22. I will be there and available if anyone needs a signature for service hours for Confirmation and/or for school!

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**Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator**  
[mkahler@saintmaryhc.org](mailto: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 Stations 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 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.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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**Weekly Collection Update is on the back page.**  
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*EDGE and Life Night/Life Teen continued....*

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

*We will NOT meet on Feb. 22 or March 1.  
We will meet next 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**

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

### Retreat Team Meetings for 8th Grade Retreat

Sunday, Feb. 19, 6:00-9:00pm, Youth Area/Ed Center  
Wednesday, Feb. 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.

### Catholic Movie Reviews

For movie reviews see [www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm](http://www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm).



# 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.

## Team LENT Get in the Game!

### *Activity Booklet For Children*

This colorful activity book offers the playful metaphor of a team in training to explore the season of Lent. Children will find puzzles, prayers, and games to use as they "train" through Lent to reach the "prize" of Easter.

## See-Son of Lent

### *For Teens & Young Adults*

Open your eyes to the loving sacrifice made by our Lord. Open your heart to his forgiveness and grace. Open your yourself to those around you. With eyes fixed on Jesus' cross, we look up and out to the world around us.

## Not by Bread Alone

Prayerfully journey through Lent with these daily reflections and meditations that focus on repentance and redemption, sacrifice and salvation; helping you to prepare to participate more fully in the joy of the Easter message of resurrection and new life.

## Together We Share Grow and Rejoice!

### *Family Reflections and Actions*

Experiencing Lent in your family can be beautiful hectic, challenging and wonderful all at the same time! See Lenten practices as invitations to remember we are God's beloved, and to practice who we are meant to be: joyful friends to each other and our neighbors. Center your family's Lent around the themes of giftedness, love, gratitude, mercy and freedom. Encounter God's abundance and discover new ways to share your gifts with one another and with the world around you.

## Little Black Book

You will explore the depths of Lenten scriptures and deepen your relationship with Christ. Each day, one page will walk you through the Passion according to John a few verses at a time and the other page is a variety of items with a particular look at prayer. Spend quiet time with God and listen as He speaks to you through the words.

## Refresh and Renew Your Life

### *Daily Reflections, Actions and Prayers*

When life's problems and pitfalls beset us, compassionate and hopeful words remind us to place all of our trust in Jesus.

If you roll up your sleeves and glean all you can out of these pages, you'll feel refueled, rejuvenated and refreshed by the time Easter arrives! You'll be ready to open your heart to hurting hearts, you'll be gently encouraging others to use their inner strength. The hope is that you will discover a new spring to your step, recognize your magnificence and find rich meaning in your relationship with God.

## The Word Among Us

Make a plan for Lent; step back and assess your spiritual well-being. This booklet will help you set time aside for Jesus. *How can I know, love and serve God better? How can I be a better person, parent, neighbor, co-worker, and servant to the poor?*

## 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. The location for these sessions vary; please check the bulletin.

There are numerous Lenten events being offered by the Diocese and other parishes; please visit [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org). For events sponsored by St. Joseph Educational Center visit [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org).

