



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 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:

This coming July will mark my 40th anniversary of ordination as a priest, and my 10th year as Pastor here at St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish, fully one fourth of my entire life as a priest. It will also be when I complete my assignment as your Pastor, retiring from full-time parish ministry, but continuing my work of spiritual direction at the Emmaus House on a part time basis. I anticipate that the weekend of July 8th will be my last weekend here. Bishop Pates has already notified the priests of the Diocese that St. Mary - Holy Cross is available as a new assignment for another priest beginning in July. He and the Priests' Personnel Board are working on making that assignment, probably by early spring. Of course I will let you know whatever I know in that regard when I know it. I am in the process of buying a house right here in Elkhart (with the most able assistance of SMHC's very own Lisa Schoening), so I look forward to not having to "start all over again" somewhere else. Since high school I have moved on average every 3.9 years. And I will be very careful not to meddle or interfere in any way in your new Pastor's life and ministry! Fr. Dan

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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, January 10

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

Thursday, January 11

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

Saturday, January 13

5:00pm St. Mary †Paul Schmitt

Sunday, January 14

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Wednesday, January 17

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jack Housby

Thursday, January 18

8:00am St. Mary †Mike Lacey

Saturday, January 20

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, January 21

8:00am Holy Cross †Mary & Merrill Schrader
10:00am St. Mary †Ron Koeppel

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, Jan. 13, 20 & 27. 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 18, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Pastoral Council

Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee

Meetings: Tuesdays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, January 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

Coming Events

†**Sunday, Jan. 14:** NCYC Appreciation Brunch, 11:00am, Social Hall

†**Thursday, Jan. 18:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Weekend of Jan. 20/21:** Huxley Food Pantry Collection

†**Sunday, Jan. 21:** *Bridge the Gap* Workshop for Teens and Parents, 11am-12:30pm, Social Hall

†**Weekends of Jan. 20/21 & 27/28:** S.T.O.R.M.'s Sunday Snack Pack sales

†**Tuesday, Jan. 30:** Elkhart Community Meal hosted by our Parish, 5:30-7:00pm, Elkhart Christian Church

†**Thursday, Feb. 1:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith



Jordan Thomas Donegan

Grandson of Scott and Carol Weber

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!

NCYC Appreciation Brunch

We will hold this brunch and presentation on Sunday, January 14 following 10:00am Mass until about Noon. ALL are invited. We will be serving various breakfast casseroles, bagels & cream cheese, fresh fruit, coffee, hot chocolate, and juice. We look forward to sharing our NCYC adventures with you!

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.

Community Dinner

This dinner is being hosted by our Parish on Tuesday, January 30, from 5:30-7:00pm at the Elkhart Christian Church. These dinners are held in conjunction with The Blessings Box Food Pantry and are open and free to the public. We will serve a variety of soups and crackers, cornbread, celery and carrot sticks, cookies and dessert bars. If you haven't previously indicated availability to donate food or help set up, serve and clean up, and wish to do so, please contact Kathy Gass at k.gass@mchsi.com or 515-419-8569. Thank you.

Parish Office Hours

Closed Monday, Jan. 8

Closes at Noon Tues., Wed., & Thurs., Jan. 9, 10 & 11

Closed Friday & Monday, January 12 & 15

Closes at Noon Wednesday & Thursday, Jan. 17 & 18

Youth Tithes

Children are encouraged to take a tithe packet located in the vestibule, and on the paper provided, write their name by the number of the packet they have taken.

Let's Get Together!

Join us for conversation, fellowship, and/or playing games or working on crafts on Thursday, January 18 at 9:30am in the Social Hall.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament



We extend an invitation to all to attend Adoration on Thursday, January 18, 7:00pm at St. Mary. Spend an hour in silent meditation or prayer and experience the peace of Adoration!

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.*

Religious Education

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

Our next class is January 10. During this class, Altar Server training will be given to kids in 4th grade that are interested as well as anyone in 5th or 6th grade who may not have received training previously. Every 10 times that the children serve they receive a \$10 gift card.

The service project for this month will be writing letters to deployed troops. The children will write the cards in class and they will then be sent to Operation Gratitude where they will be distributed. Children's names and addresses will not be shared. The letters are generic but meant to express our gratitude for protecting all of us and our country. We will do this during class on January 17.

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

Upcoming Confirmation Sessions , 6:00 - 7:30pm

Jan. 7: 9th Grade - Lesson 7 — 10th Grade - Lesson 18
Jan. 28: 9th Grade - Lesson 8 — 10th Grade - Lesson 19

Coming Jan. 21; "Bridge The Gap", a teen & parent workshop. Confirmation students can earn a ticket for our drawings for attending. Please see the general area of the bulletin for more information.

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

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

Jan. 10 Session: Joseph- *A Most Beloved Son*
Jan. 17 Session: Moses- *An Unlikely Leader*
Jan. 24 Session: Ruth - *The Buddy System*

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

Jan. 10: *Hot Topic Night*
Jan. 17: *Meditative Prayer- Be still and know that I am God*
Jan. 24 Gathering: *Movie Night*

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of January 20/21; we will also take up a monetary collection. Your donation will assist the Huxley Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity!!

"Bridge The Gap" is Back!



This workshop is a fun way to explore and embrace the differences and similarities between the generations of teens and their parents. It is open to all parents and 9-12th graders. Teens should attend with one or both of their parents. Join us Sunday, January 21 from 11:00am to 12:30pm. The workshop is hosted by Nicole Cory. A light brunch will be provided; you are asked to RSVP to Nicole at 515-313-3014 or ncory@saintmaryhc.org.



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.

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No weekly collection financial update this week.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Finding out you went a little over budget on Christmas gifts? Or just want to reach new financial goals in 2018? Here's your chance to start a new journey! Beginning Tuesday, January 30, parishioners Scott & Lisa Warner will coordinate a 9-week session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University here at St. Mary. Sessions will be Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm. All that is required is the purchase of the course kit for \$129.00 prior to class. This program has been held here before, and many parishioners have participated and benefited greatly from it, including Fr. Dan (who can give you names of parishioners to contact about their experience)! The average family who takes the course pays off \$5,300 in debt in the first 90 days, and saves \$2,700 toward a Family Emergency Fund. If interested, contact Scott at swarner@gdmhabitat.org or 515-971-4320. Find more information at www.daveramsey.com. We hope to see you there!

Sunday Snack Packs

(Formerly known as Super Bowl Snack Packs)

Order forms for these great snack packs will be available the weekends of January 20/21 and 27/28, with pick up on February 3/4. Proceeds to help fund Youth Group activities.

Liturgical Ministers for January 13/14 and 20/21

Saturday, January 13, 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Jack McDermott
Cup Bearers	Mike & Patty Devereux
Host Distributor	JoAnn Meusburger
Altar Servers	Emily, Abigail & Joseph Devereux
Ushers	Mark Lengel, Bill Schmitt, Dawn & Mason Reynolds

Sunday, January 14, 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Mike Phelan, Mike Veasman

Sunday, January 14, 10:00am Mass at St. Mary

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Matt Miller
Host Distributor	Garrett McClain
Altar Servers	Christianne Ledet
Ushers	Andrew, Tom & Jacki Ausman Tammi & Jackson McClain

Saturday, January 20, 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary

Announcer	Sonya Staudt
Lector	Riley Anderson
Cup Bearers	Lisa Jones, Susan Stillmunkes
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Justin Anderson, Hunter Halligan Mary Staudt
Ushers	Doug, Thomas, Patrick Jones, Mike Devereux

Sunday, January 21, 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross

Announcer	Heidi Ackerman
Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Brock Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Bill & Shirley Jorgensen

Sunday, January 21, 10:00am Mass at St. Mary

Announcer	Matt Miller
Lector	Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers	Joe & Lori Dunham
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Cael Tollefson
Ushers	Brian, Will Mya Pottebaum, Jerry McClain, Dave Pottebaum

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Money Counters

Jan. 7: Sharon Morris, Kathy Daup
Jan. 14: Carol Weber, Lisa Kautza
Jan. 21: Sue White, Dawn Reynolds

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Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

All 9th, 10th, and 12th graders, as well as parents of high-schoolers, AND all young adults, are invited to attend one of the upcoming diocesan retreat opportunities in February and March. For more information/sign-up, go to the Diocesan website, click "Faith Formation", and then click "Retreats".

The Gift of Life!

Our blood drive is Thursday, February 1, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Bring your friends!! Please help by making your vital donation of life saving blood! An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net, to make an appointment. Please give your email address as well so a reminder can be sent to you. Let Tim and Lisa know if you are able to assist before, during or after the Drive.

Stop Human Trafficking

Ss. John & Paul Church in Altoona will host an evening conversation on Monday, January 15 at 6:30 in their Parish Hall about the urgent issue of human trafficking happening right here in the Des Moines Metro area. Speaker is Mike Ferjak, former criminal investigator for the Iowa Dept. of Justice and former Director for the Human Trafficking Enforcement and Prosecution Initiative. The evening is free and open to the public. Time will be given for questions and further discussion will follow the presentation.

World Marriage Day!

Join Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) in celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 11, with Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waterloo (627 W. 4th St.) at 2:00pm followed by a reception. WME is the largest pro-marriage organization and promotes Weekend experiences for couple who want to make their good marriage even better. For more information please call 563-608-3305 or email info@iowa-wwme.org.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Epiphany of the Lord, January 7

*Theme: The mystery of the incarnation -
Jesus is a gift to all humanity.*

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6 • Your light has come!

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • We all share the same promise!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 • They opened their coffers and presented him with gifts.

For Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

For Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

For Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14

Theme: God calls us to follow Christ.

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 • Here I am. You called me.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 • You belong to Christ.

Gospel: John 1:35-42 • We have found the Messiah!

For Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

For Youth: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

For Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?