



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 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,

At Mass on January 6, two people entered into full communion with the Catholic Church and our St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish Community, Ashley Young and Paula Garoutte.

These two ladies had unique faith circumstances which brought about an abbreviated period of RCIA formation for them.

Ashley was baptized and confirmed as an infant into the Russian Orthodox Church. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church has generally taken the approach that the doctrinal teachings of the Eastern Orthodox churches are sound, and that "the vision of the full communion to be sought is that of unity in legitimate diversity."

Paula was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church. While baptism in the Episcopal Church is recognized and accepted by the Roman Catholic Church, Confirmation in that Church is not. Therefore, Paula was Confirmed as a Catholic at the time she made her Catholic Profession of Faith. Her sponsor was her daughter, Beth Hart, who herself was received into the Catholic Church in 2016.

Both ladies made a public Profession of Faith that involves reciting the Nicene Creed and attesting to their acceptance of the teachings of the Catholic Church. They both also received the Eucharist at that Mass, and are now full members of the Roman Catholic Church. As with all of us, they will continue to learn and grow in the faith.

Please welcome Ashley and Paula to our Church Family, and keep them in your prayers. Thanks to all the RCIA team members who helped bring them to this point. 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, January 24

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Michael Carpenter*

Thursday, January 25

8:00am St. Mary †*Bill Roberts*

Saturday, January 27

5:00pm St. Mary †*Jim Campbell*

Sunday, January 28

8:00am Holy Cross †*Harry and Irene Wilson*

10:00am St. Mary *For the 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!

Sunday Snack Packs

Order forms for these great snack packs will be available this weekend and next, with pick up on February 3/4. Proceeds to help fund Youth Group activities.

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.

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! 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!

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.

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.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, January 24 & 31, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturday, January 27, 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, January 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1
Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

Coming Events

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

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

†**Thursday, Jan. 25:** *Hall in use during the day*

†**Sunday, Jan. 28:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass

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

†**Tuesdays, Jan. 30 - March 27:** Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, 6:30-8:00pm, Social Hall

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

Music News

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

Did you know that Ash Wednesday is February 14? That's less than a month away! There are lots of opportunities to help with our music for Easter! We're looking for men to sing on Holy Thursday (March 29) and people of all ages to sing at the Easter Vigil (March 31). We also welcome people who play instruments - Guitar, band/orchestra instruments, or others. Please contact me and I will get a folder ready for you. I can also provide recordings of music if I know ahead of time that you want it. Please consider adding your voice or instrument to our Holy Week liturgies!

Blood Drive

Have you or a loved one ever needed a blood transfusion? What if it wasn't available when needed? We have 27 open times for you to donate blood. Right now with the flu season and colds, the weather and donors not being able to get out, the LifeServe Blood Center is low on every blood type. There is a desperate need for all blood types. **Come donate, Thursday, February 1.** Appointments are at 5 minute increments, best times are 4:30-5:30pm and 6:10-6:50pm. Appointments are strongly suggested (but walk ins are welcomed). Contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net or LifeServe at 1-800-287-4903 to set up an appointment.

Saving Lives By the Numbers

1 = hour it takes to give a whole blood donation
2 = times the average donor gives blood per year
3 = lives saved with one donation
120 = hospital partners LifeServe supports
200,000 = people we need to donate per year

Religious Education

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

The service project for this month involved writing letters to deployed troops. All children participated by signing cards, writing letters and created art work. All cards and letters were sent to Operation Gratitude where the cards and letters will be placed in care kits. The deployed troops have stated their favorite thing received are the letters and artwork. A message was included with each letter that included my email address so we will see if we hear back from anyone. I know the kids would love it if we do!

January 24 - During class we will be covering the meaning of Lent as well as starting our *chain of giving*. During Lent each time a child helps someone or does an act of kindness, they get to add a chain. The children will be challenged to see if we can make a chain go all the way around the gathering space!

January 31 - NO CLASS - We will be having a Catechist Workshop from 6:00-7:00pm in the Ed Center.

February 7 - This class is from 6:00-7:00pm as one group and the children will participate in a Mardi Gras Party.

February 14 - We will not have class as this is Ash Wednesday; we encourage all children to attend Mass at 6:30pm.

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

Sunday Jan. 21 - Bridge The Gap - Teen/Parent Workshop after 10:00am Mass

Sunday Jan. 28 - Confirmation Session 6:00-7:30pm. Saint Displays due for 10th Grade.

Saturday Feb. 10 - Parent & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner following 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary. Please RSVP to Nicole.

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

Gathering for 8th-12th graders in the Youth Room right after the confirmation workshop, 1:15-4:15pm this Sunday. We will watch a movie and then discuss it after.

Would you like to go on a fun retreat with 2,200 other kids (current 8th graders to seniors)? We are planning to attend a Steubenville retreat in St. Paul MN. We will be gone July 27-29. Cost is \$310 with a \$50 required right away. The 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. You may also call Andrea Fisher for more information. We will have an informational meeting Sunday, January 28 after 10:00am Mass.

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

Jan. 24 Session: Ruth - *The Buddy System*

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

Jan. 24 Gathering: *Movie Night*

Dorothy's House Wins Again!

A check for \$38,583.59 was presented to Kelley Markey by the KofC Council at OLIH on January 8. The money was raised through the "KofC Raffle for Life" campaign. Our parish ticket sales raised over \$2,400 for the raffle. The SMHC KofC Council would like to thank everyone who bought a raffle ticket or donated money.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$1,495	\$5,234	Dec. 30/31
Youth/Guests	\$6,249	\$5,234	Jan 6/7
	\$8,648	\$5,234	Jan. 13/14

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$152,150	\$151,776	\$150,386

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to all who have donated to this Appeal!!

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Refund
\$ 56,442	\$ 53,841.64	\$ 57,241.64	\$ 799.64

Project Hope

(Help Our Parents Educate)

Proceeds from this Diocesan collection provide tuition assistance for families in need. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of families who desire a Catholic School education for their children, but are not be able to afford the entire tuition. An envelope for your donation is included in this bulletin; please return it next weekend. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers for January 27/28

Saturday, January 27, 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary
 Announcer Cory Schoening
 Lector Lorrie Hanlon
 Cup Bearers Drew Hanlon, John Zidon
 Host Distributor Jerry Barnwell
 Altar Servers Daniel Schoening, Mason Reynolds
 Ushers Tom Bowman, Mark Birchmier, Jim Hudson, Dawn Reynolds

Sunday, January 28, 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross
 Announcer Kathy Daup
 Lector Anne Davis
 Cup Bearer Tony Kuehn
 Altar Server Isabella Kuehn
 Ushers Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, January 28, 10:00am Mass at St. Mary
 Announcer Kris Sturtz
 Lector Garrett McClain
 Cup Bearers Jacki & Tom Ausman
 Host Distributor Mike Nehring
 Altar Servers Andrew Ausman
 Ushers Tammi & Jackson McClain, Doug Zehr, Dennis Schmidt, Gregg Richwine

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Money Counters

Jan. 21: Sue White, Dawn Reynolds
Jan. 28: Dona Cowman, Kathy Daup

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Friends of St. Francis News

Bishop Pates is in support of Pope Francis' two year initiative called *Share the Journey, Love Your Neighbor*. This initiative is intended to encourage governments and individuals to welcome migrants and refugees fleeing poverty and conflict in search of a better life for their families. We will be offering several activities and informational gatherings during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Join us for a book study for adults on Monday, February 12, 6:30pm in the Social Hall. The book is *Enriques Journey* by Sonia Nazario and we will discuss the first 50 pages. Please obtain a copy of this book from a library or purchase it from Amazon. Contact Robin Olberding at 515-291-4473 if you have any questions or if you would like to join us.

Join us for our next meeting of Friends of St. Francis on Thursday February 15, 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Sol Variso, executive director of Justice for Our Neighbors, will join us after all Masses April 21 & 22 to speak to us and respond to questions about immigration and refugee issues.

***used batteries are still collected in the vestibule storage container. Please tape the ends of the batteries with either duct or masking tape prior to donation. Thanks.*

Take Time for God & You

Is this your year to attend a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)? Join hundreds who have renewed their understanding and passion for their Christian faith. The weekends are January 26-28 for women and February 9-11 for men at OLIH in Ankeny. Brochures and on-line registration are available at <http://olih.org/cew-retreats/>. For questions please contact Maria Schweers, 515-419-2198 / maschweers@mchsi.com; Kevin Bloyer, 515-657-2799 / drbloyer@gmail.com or OLIH parish office, 515-964-3038.



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.*

An Invitation to Help

The Knights of Columbus are looking forward to Lent and the Fish Fry meals they will serve on February 16, March 2, and March 16. They would like to 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. They start prep work around 8:30am and serve food from 5:00 to 7:00pm. You can reply to Jon Hand, 515-460-0050 / jon79hand@gmail.com or just show up. Thanks!

Catholic Youth Camp Registration is Open!

Registration is conducted on a "first come, first serve" basis and is only online at stmcenter.com. Camp is open to 3rd-12th graders. Information cards are in the vestibule. *Our Parish will contribute \$100 of the fee to CYC for each child of our Parish who attends. Please notify Barb in the office when you have registered your child.*



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.

Marriage Encounter

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

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21

Theme: We are called.

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 • They believed in God and proclaimed a fast.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • The time is short.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 • Come, follow me.

For Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

For Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

For Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?