



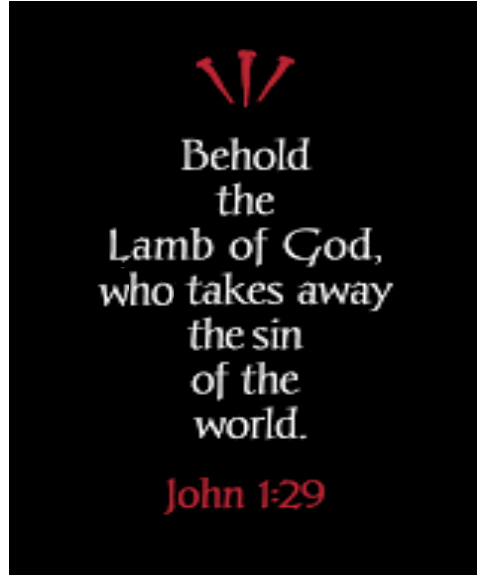
St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

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,

A tradition of the Church on Epiphany, which we celebrated this year on the 5th of January, is to bless homes. If your home is not blessed, it is not too late. Call or send me an e-mail to arrange the blessing.

Despite much of the world having "moved on," the Christmas season ends with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday the 12th. Ordinary time follows, which is not to be confused with boring time. The word 'ordinary' is used to refer to the successive numbered weeks that follow along with Jesus' life, mainly his ministry.
~ Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

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>.

Mass and Adoration

Tuesday, January 14

6:00pm St. Mary †Fr. Gene Koch
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 15

5:30pm Holy Cross †Dorothy Gannon

Thursday, January 16

8:00am St. Mary †Lawrence Hanlon

Saturday, January 18

5:00pm St. Mary †Adam Bamberger

Sunday, January 19

8:00am Holy Cross †Mary and Merrill Schrader
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

5:30pm Holy Cross †Lester & Ina Dittmer

Thursday, January 23

8:00am St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt

Saturday, January 25

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, January 26

8:00am Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter
10:00am St. Mary †Don Murphy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)

Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Mondays, January 13 & February 10,
6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Date to be announced

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sundays, January 19, 7:00pm & February 16,
6:30pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2
Cody Coffelt, Michele Hand, Shanan Roling

The Parish Office will have varied hours through January 22nd. Please call or email to be sure someone is here before stopping by. Fr. Andrew will be available and in the office off and on during this time, (except Mondays the 13th and 20th) so please call or email him first. Always contact him in an emergency – no matter day or time.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 12: NCYC Appreciation Brunch and presentation after 10:00am Mass, Social Hall


†**Thursday, January 16:** Crafts, games and social time, 9:00am, Social Hall

†**Weekend of January 18/19:** Collection for Huxley Food Pantry — Orders for *The Big Game* Snack Packs begin, ends January 26

†**Sunday, January 26:** Coffee & donuts after 8am Mass

†**Thursday, January 30:** Blood Drive 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

 Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith
Camryn Joann
Daughter of Dillon and Amanda Pitts



Christmas Flowers

We received this additional flower memorial:

Pat Cory In memory of Marge Cory

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, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

Crafts, Games and Conversation!!

Join us for this great time of fellowship on Thursday, January 16, 9:30am in the Social Hall!

ALL 10th-12th Graders and Adults!

If you are interested in helping put on a fun filled spiritual retreat for the 8th and 9th Graders this year, please attend a brief meeting on Sunday, January 19 in the Youth Area following 10:00am Mass. We will discuss theme ideas, plan future meeting days and begin to prepare for a wonderful retreat experience for our youth. If you have questions please contact Melissa Kahler or Andrea Fisher.

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. We thank our young people for their support of the parish.

Blood Drive

Our blood drive is Thursday, January 30, 3:00 to 7:00p.m. in the Social Hall. Each blood donation saves up to three lives and more than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly. Will you donate blood? An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 / kautza@netins.net to make an appointment. Please give your email address so a reminder can be sent to you. Please also contact Tim and Lisa if you are able to assist the day of the drive: unloading or loading the van, setting up or assisting at the Drive.

End-of-Year Statements

In order to save on postage, paper and printing expense, we will not be mailing Year End Tithing Statements to everyone. If you would like a Year End Tithing Statement, please call the office, 515-367-2685 or email Sarah, sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org with a request to print and mail (or email) a statement to you. Thank you.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Lyle Carpenter who passed away January 2 and for Jeanne and their family that they find strength and comfort at this most difficult time.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,* ✠
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinators

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We hope everyone had a very enjoyable Holiday Season! We look forward to growing with your children during Ordinary Time! If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at any time!

Regular Sessions: January 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29 and February 4/5, 11/12 and 18/19

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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EDGE, Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Sessions: January 15 & 22 (no session Jan. 29)

Confirmation, Grades 9 & 10

Saturday, Jan. 18: 9th Grade Family Potluck Dinner after 5:00pm Mass. Please RSVP to Nicole and watch for a food sign up.

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Confirmation Session, 6:00-8:00pm in Social Hall — Saint Displays are due for 10th graders.

Saturday Feb. 8: 10th Grade Family Potluck Dinner after 5:00pm Mass. Please RSVP to Nicole and watch for a food sign up. Students will present their Saint Display this evening.

There will be no Confirmation session during February.

S.T.O.R.M., Grades 7-12

Teens grades 8th-12th are invited to gather in the Youth Area on Sunday, January 26 after 10:00am Mass, where we will assemble our snack packs and then head out to the Tiger Bowl in Madrid for bowling and lunch. Bring \$15-\$20 to cover your lunch and bowling. Please contact one of us if you are able to join us so we can reserve lanes and work out transportation.

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of January 18/19; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those using the Huxley Food Pantry.

Big Game Snack Packs

The Super Bowl just wouldn't be the same without our High Schooler's "Big Game Snack Packs!" Order forms will be available at Mass the weekends of January 18/19, and 25/26. Snack Packs will be distributed after Masses on February 1/2. Thank you for supporting our youth!

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PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Seeking a volunteer; contact the Parish Office for more information.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

January 5 Budget Week 27

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$4,653	\$5,730

Year-to-Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$171,834	\$154,710	\$161,186

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$41,015	\$38,686	\$10,111

Second collections will be taken up until paid in full, or donate online at dmidiocese.thankyou4caring.org/, being sure to designate our parish for your donation. Thank you!

Auto Debit for Tithing

If you don't use this type of tithing, please consider using it. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Sarah our parish bookkeeper at sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 18, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Arlene Anderson
Cup Bearers	John Zidon, Patty Devereux
Host Distributor	Mike Devereux
Altar Servers	Kaden Gilligan, Isaac & Jonah Miller
Ushers	Brodie, Angie & Drew Gilligan, Joseph Devereux
Cantor	Keaton Denker
Accompanist	Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, January 19, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Doug Heger
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Mike Phelan, Mike Veasman

Sunday, January 19, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Garrett McClain
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Jacki Ausman, Garrett McClain
Host Distributor	Tom Ausman
Altar Servers	Griffen & Leah Muth
Ushers	Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum, Jerry McClain, Doug Zehr
Cantors	Garrett McClain & Terri Hamm
Accompanist	Mary Ortmann

Saturday, January 25, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Lisa Schoening
Lector	Lisa Jones
Cup Bearers	Cory Schoening, Susan Stillmunkes
Host Distributor	Lisa Schoening
Altar Servers	Bennett Bruns, Daniel Schoening, Jessica Schoening
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Bill Schmitt
Cantor	Drew Hanlon
Accompanist	Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, January 26, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Sheri Fogarty
Lector	Heidi Ackerman
Cup Bearer	Tony Kuehn
Altar Server	Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Mike & Mary Winders

Sunday, January 26, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearers	Mike Nehring, <i>1 volunteer needed</i>
Host Distributor	Kelly Hoffmeier
Altar Servers	Peyton & Justice Loraditch
Ushers	Dennis Schmidt, Thom Hamm, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Merle Olberding
Cantors	Shirley Robertson
Accompanist	Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

- Jan. 12 Sue White, Brenda Nehring
- Jan. 19 Dawn Reynolds, Kathy Daup
- Jan. 26 Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman

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Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil — it has no point.



More than 28 billion glass bottles and jars end up in landfills every year -- that is the equivalent of filling up two Empire State Buildings every three weeks.

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.*

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 - both 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 and WHO radio.

See Diocesan sponsored events and job openings, and parish events at www.dmdiocese.org

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

The Baptism of the Lord, January 12

Theme: We must do what God wants, even when we don't understand it fully.

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 • I, the Lord, have called you.

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

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 • We must do what God wants.

Question for Children: What does God want you to do? To forgive? Be generous? To love?

Question for Youth: As you grow, how do you know what God wants you to do? How do you hear the voice of God saying, "you are one of mine, of my chosen?"

Question for Adults: Today's readings lead to a core question: As you follow God and do what he wants, how do you experience his loving words: "You are my own. My favor is upon you."?

Second Sunday is Ordinary Time, January 19

Theme: God's plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 • I will make you a light to the nations. To the ends of the earth.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 • Grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34 • Now I have seen for myself.

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the Gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?